



Welcome back. I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term with the children. February has been another busy month at Egginton both in and out of the classrooms. The annual PTA 'Soup and Pancake Day' was a great success again. It brought the local community together as well as raising vital funds for the school. Some of the PTA funds have been put towards our new school pet tortoise. The tortoise has already caused a stir of excitement with its arrival. A name will be announced very soon! On the 14<sup>th</sup> February we received a short monitoring inspection from Ofsted. The inspection report will be out shortly and we will notify parents and carers as soon as it is available. Thank you for your continued support.

*Mr Kitching*

## School Pet Tortoise

We are delighted to introduce our school pet tortoise. Currently, the tortoise is settling into life in the Derwent classroom. The pupils will be learning all about how to care and look after the tortoise over the next few weeks on their way to becoming tortoise experts! At the moment the tortoise does not have a name but the pupils have been busy making suggestions. We will announce the name in due course!





## Soup and Pancakes

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February Lia Vine and Adam Holloway hosted the annual PTA 'Soup and Pancakes' event. The lunch was well attended by members of the local community and the food received many positive comments from the diners. Thank you to all of the members of the PTA who gave up their own time to help prepare, organise and run this successful event. A special thanks to Adam and Lia for being such wonderful hosts.

Will and Lily (both in Year 6) attended the lunch as pupil representatives. Lily described the pancakes as 'delicious' and Will said they were the 'best in the UK'.



## French update from Madame Elliot

Here's what we have been covering over the last few weeks:-

### Lower KS2 – Mrs Jones's class

#### Les animaux

We finished off our animals topic by listening to the story "On va marcher dans la jungle". We took it in turns to work on our pronunciation and read the story in French, which was great fun! The children then used lots of different adjectives and colours to describe their own animal. They then read out their French clues and we had to guess their jungle/zoo animal, in French.

#### La nourriture

We started learning about "food" (la nourriture) and have been looking at "healthy" foods. We worked on our writing and pronunciation skills as we read some different food words and had to decide which were "Bon pour la santé" (healthy) and which were "mauvais pour la santé" (unhealthy).

Mardi Gras – We started learning about the French celebration – "Mardi Gras" (Shrove Tuesday). We learnt why it's called that and how it's celebrated across many major cities in France. This tied in nicely with our food topic as we discussed some of the yummy foods that are eaten during these festivities.

We summarised our learning by designing a "mardi Gras" poster to invite people to our Mardi Gras celebration.

#### World Book Day

As we celebrate World Book Day this Thursday we covered our own French world Book Day in class on Monday. To coincide well with our food and days of the week theme we read and understood the well-known story "La chenille qui fait des trous" (The very Hungry Caterpillar). We then used a writing template to create our own French versions of the story, using our knowledge of French foods and adjectives.

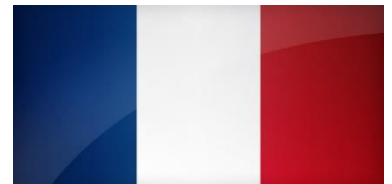
### Upper KS2 - Mrs Holmes's class

We had fun at the end of last term working on the "Quel temps fait-il?" (What's the weather?) topic. Over the topic we have learnt many different weather expressions and started to link the weather to the different seasons of the year – recycling days and months in French too. We studied the map of France and enjoyed choosing some different cities and creating our very own weather forecast in French. We then presented these in small groups to the rest of the class just like the weather forecasters do after the news. It was great fun and Madame Elliott was very impressed with our pronunciation and general understanding of the task. Some children even exceeded what was required and learnt their reports off by heart.

Mardi Gras – we also covered the Mardi Gras celebrations in France – looking at what these represent and how they are celebrated across France. We summarised our learning by designing a Mardi Gras poster.

#### World Book Day

To celebrate this event we read « le petit chaperon rouge » (Little Red Riding Hood). We worked on our vocabulary understanding and pronunciation skills and read the story as a group. We then studied each section of the story and picked out the characters, nouns, adjectives and prepositions.





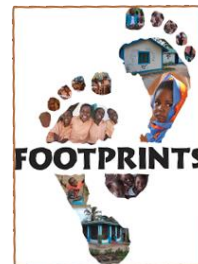
## Maths Parent and Carer Workshop

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that attended the maths addition workshop on 12<sup>th</sup> February. The pupils really enjoyed demonstrating their knowledge of addition methods. We are pleased that the parents and carers that came reported that the morning was useful. We look forward to providing more opportunities to share teaching and learning methods with parents and carers in due course.



## Footprints Bring and Buy Sale

Once again this charity fundraising event was extremely well supported by the families that attend our school. A total of £101 was raised from the 'Bring and Buy Sale' and all proceeds will go to the Footprints Orphanage in Kenya. Thank you to everyone for your donations.



## Easy Fundraising Web Site

The PTA would like to draw our parents and carers attention to the website listed below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

If you shop on line through this website after registering, the funds from the website can be donated to the Egginton PTA.

## Book People Book Fair

As part of our celebrations for World Book Day we will be holding a Book Fair next week provided by the Book People. There will be opportunities to browse throughout the week and the chance to purchase books on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> & Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 3.20pm. Unfortunately The Book People do not accept the world book tokens as payment.



# EGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Green Cross Code Theme Day
6 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Film Night
12 <sup>th</sup> March to 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Theme Week
20 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent and Carer Consultation meetings with Class Teachers – 1.30pm onwards
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Celebration Assembly Pupils Break Up for Easter Break
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to School
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday – School closed
14 <sup>th</sup> May to 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 - Key Stage 2 SATS Week.
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Celebration Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> May to 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5/6 trip to Lea Green Residential Centre
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupils break up for half term