

Pre-Prep Newsletter 15th February 2008

There has been a distinct feeling of Spring in the air this week. The sunshine has been lovely and the children have enjoyed playing and learning outside. The weather was so nice on Wednesday that Owl Club took place outside.

I hope you all have a lovely Half Term break. We will see you on Monday 25th February.

Emma Sutcliffe

COFFEE MORNING

This will be held on **Thursday 13th March** from 9am.

YEAR ONE ASSEMBLY

The children in Year One performed the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' for their class assembly on Thursday.

It was delightful. Well done everyone!

Thank you to all the parents that came to watch. I know the children really enjoyed having you as their audience.

A QUICK NEWS RELEASE

Reception had a wonderful time on diesel and steam trains yesterday. You will receive a full news report after Half Term!

MERITS

Year Two	Waseem Qureshi
Year One	Izzy Nayler
Reception	Class Merit!

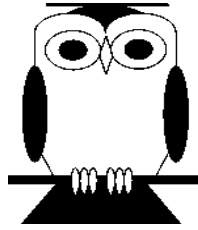
BOOK WEEK

We will be participating in Book Week (3rd - 7th March). We would like to invite you to come in and read a story. There will be a list of times outside each classroom after Half Term. Please feel free to read to more than one class!

Book Character Day

This will be on Thursday 6th March. The theme this year in Pre-Prep is Villains and Hero's. When organising character costumes please could you ensure that characters from films can also be found in a book. It is important for us that the children can refer to the book.

We will be organising a little competition for the children to do during the week. Details of this will be given after half term.



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YEAR ONE AT CASTLE MUSEUM

Year One went to York Castle Museum to look at houses from the past. They saw how people used to live in Victorian times, 1950's and even as long ago as the 1980's! They particularly liked the different toilets!

After lunch in Dick Turpin's cell, the children were able to play out in the old exercise yard. Then they went back in to meet Mrs Dolly White for a Victorian washing day workshop. It was hard work. The children had to make soap flakes, rub clothes against the wash board, put clothes in a barrel and stir with the Dolly before rinsing them with the posser. Finally they put the clothes through the mangle.

The children were very happy to get into the old tin bath and relax after all that hard work! Phew!

Claire Greensmith

OWL CLUB

For the second half of the year we will be splitting the children who stay for Owl Club into groups.

We are going to enjoy a range of outdoor activities. We would like to make the most of our surroundings. On rainy days we will organise indoor activities.

The children will enjoy a combination of the following activities: gardening, den making, tree house imaginary play, woodland games and playground games.

Please ensure that the children have Wellington Boots and an old pair of trousers at school every Wednesday.