



# FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Y4 - A FOOTPRINT INTO EUROPE

Year 4 have become the great European explorers this half term. As part of our geography driver, 'A Footprint into Europe', we have begun exploring a range of European countries. Starting off with very little knowledge of the locations of European countries, the children in year 4 have already gained an impressive knowledge, being able to pin point locations on a map.

The children are currently working in pairs to become experts of a particular European country. Our mission is to travel through 15 different countries on a European 'coach tour' where children will teach each other about the country which they have been learning about. To help explore more closely, we have used websites such as Google Earth as well as the impressive

<https://www.360cities.net> which allows users to view panoramic views of the major European cities. It has saved us a fortune on a school trip! Already the level of enthusiasm shown for our topic has been clear to see. We now look forward to exploring and comparing geographical features more closely.

## RSPB YEAR 1,4,6

On Wednesday afternoon, the children of Years 1, 4 and 6 were visited by Steph from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). The workshops they were part of looked at how we can protect the species in our local area and ensure that we create habitats for the wildlife around us. The children took part in fieldwork and classroom studies which included generating data that will be fed into a national database, helping inform

the RSPB on bird species throughout the country. The children were really engaged in investigating habitats and spotting species they had not seen, or noticed, before. Even the robin popped up to see what they were up to.

**Imogen Butterworth Y1:** I liked it when we were listening for birds.

**Mason Holland Y1:** We were looking for birds and animals that live near our school.

**Charlotte Smith Y4:** We were allowed on the muddy grass to look for habitats. It was great fun!

**Daniel Simmons Y4:** I enjoyed walking round the field looking for habitats. I found two different species of slugs.

**Luca Gill Y6:** It was fun using binoculars to spot birds. We saw some black headed gulls fly overhead.

**Katie Scott Y6:** We spotted lots of birds and we turned it into a competition to see who could spot the most!

## Y5 VISIT TO JODRELL BANK

On Tuesday, Year 5 had a great day at Jodrell Bank. Whilst there, we explored the outdoor exhibitions, the star pavilion and the planet pavilion. We learnt about the planets and stars in our solar system and got to explore the exhibits. As well as that, we took part in two workshops to improve our skills to work scientifically.

One workshop involved a carousel of experiments, allowing the children to test whether rocks were meteorites; learn about how craters are formed and explore how much we would weigh on different planets. It was an amazing day and a great learning experience for everyone!

**Jack Herbert:** I liked taking part in the Mars Rover Challenge. It was great fun and we worked well as a team.

**Nel Hill:** It was great exploring the exhibits. It was an interesting and fun way to learn.

**Charlie Johnson:** My favourite part was using the whispering dishes.

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If you have any concerns about Child Protection or Health and Safety,  
Please contact school

**FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT  
FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
6-8PM IN SCHOOL HALL**

Tickets on the door  
£1 children: £2 adults  
Licensed bar and hot pot on sale.

## ALTERNATIVE PARKING AND MORE POLICE ADVICE

The police advise **you not to park on the footpaths** around school when dropping off or picking up. This could cause an obstruction for pedestrians.

The PCSOs have contacted the CPS landlord who has kindly agreed that parents can use their car park during picking up and drop off times without any repercussions. Please can parents make use of this kind offer and keep the local streets clear.

Thank you for your support.

## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

25.1.17	Y4 Gospel Concert 9.15am for Y4 parents
26.1.17	Year 4 Cake Sale
27.1.17	Family Quiz Night
10.2.17	Young Voices
13.2.17	Healthy Lifestyles Week
16.2.17	Valentine's Disco
17.3.17	Dress down day for Easter egg donations
23.3.17	Year 5 Cake Sale
23.3.17	PTA meeting
24.3.17	Thank you service (9:15am)
31.3.17	Easter Bingo
27.4.17	Year 6 Cake Sale
8.5.17	SATs Week (KS2)
19.5.17	Summer Disco
22.6.17	Year 1 Cake Sale
11-12.7.17	Y4 Beeston
13.7.17	Y6 LEAVERS
14.7.17	Year 6 Prom
20.7.17	Reception Cake Sale
To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 6 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July 2017.	

**Attendance  
w/c 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Our whole target is 97.5%**



**Y6 97.7%**

**Y1 and REC  
97.3%**

**Y3 95.5%**

**Y2 95.3%**

**Y5 95%**

Please remember to telephone school if your child is unwell so that such absences can be recorded as authorised. If permission is not given for a holiday or we are not informed of the reason for an absence, it will have to be recorded as unauthorised.  
Thank you.

## THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 YEAR 4 CAKE SALE

### READING LADDER w/e 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

	<b>Y2 93%</b>	-
	<b>Y4 87%</b>	+
	<b>Rec 80%</b>	-
	<b>Y5 76%</b>	=
	<b>Y6 63%</b>	+
	<b>Y3 57%</b>	+
	<b>Y1 50%</b>	=

**Please look at our School Blogs on the front page of our website this weekend for the latest class news.**

**THIS WEEK IT IS THE TURN OF:**

NEWCHURCH BLOG  
MATHEMATICS  
READING BLOG

Y2  
EYFS  
Y5

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Lawrenson