



# NEWS LETTER



## 8th March 2018

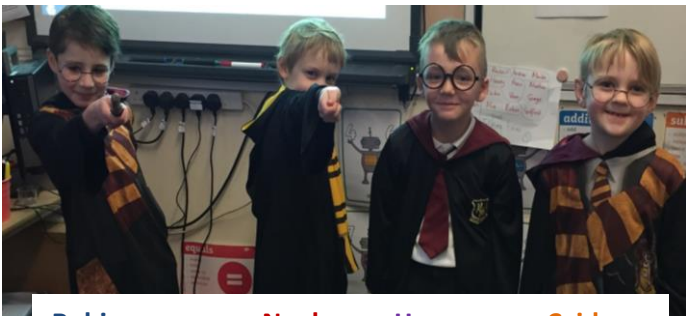


### New Build Update

We will be moving into the new building in September in time for the start of the new school year. To make preparations school will be **closed** to the children on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** and also on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

*This means the last day of school will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July and the children will return to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.*

**World Book Day** - thank you for making such a fantastic effort to dress up despite the snow and cold. The children looked amazing. Well done everyone!



**Robin Noah Harvey Caiden**

*Two pairs of Potters confusing Miss Barlow! ↑*

*Dorothy with her ruby slippers and princesses galore! ↓*



**Vena Ranu Ava Manha**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents evening 1

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** –CLIC & Coffee morning.  
8.35am - all welcome

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** –  
**SMSA Let's Play** - 10–12 midday.  
**Friends of Minerva** meeting 2.30pm, all welcome.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**- Parents evening 2.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**- Sports Relief, 20p donations.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**-  
**Easter Bonnet Competition and Parade** – KS1  
**Miniature Garden Competition for KS2**

**Last day of Term 4. School closed for Easter holiday. Re – opens Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April.**

### CLIC – Children Learning in Class.

#### Focus – Times Tables

Please come into your child's class for half an hour on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8:35 to see how your child is learning their times tables.

The children work very hard and really enjoy having their parents and carers come into class, please pop in if you can.

You are very welcome to join us afterwards for coffee and an opportunity to complete our Parent Voice survey – your chance to leave feedback on what we do at Minerva and make suggestions of ways we could improve.

### Parents Evening.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**  
If you have not made an appointment please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.  
You will also have the opportunity to complete our Parent Voice survey.

### Super Owl changes his cape!

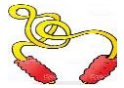
This term Super Owl has a new focus. He will be spotting children who are showing empathy. He even has a new cape, His Empathy Cape- a very special hand crocheted one. Children have been learning about "putting themselves in someone else's shoes" and have been sharing some of their favourite moments throughout the week when they spotted friends using empathy. These included offering some tissues to a teacher with a cold and a hug to friend who needed it.



**Keep up the good work everyone and thank you for looking after your friends so well.**



### SPORTS RELIEF! Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



Wear your sportiest clothes and bring in 20p donation. We will be doing lots of sporty activities at lunch time in the playground including a skipathon, hula hoop competition, beat the goalie and a dance off too!

### Parent Workshops

Upcoming courses in the local area include-

**Incredible Years Parenting Course.**

**Food & Mood.**

Please see Jess Crossley for more details and check the school notice boards to see what else is available.

*A great opportunity to meet others and learn new skills or find new hobbies.*

### EASTER EVENTS FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH.

**KS1 – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.**

**Easter Bonnet Competition** - bring your bonnet into school on Friday 23rd March, the last day of term.

**Easter Bonnet Parade** at 9.00 am parents/carers welcome.

**KS 2 – Year 2, 3, 4 and 5.**

**Miniature Garden Competition** - we can't wait to see your entries for this year. Bring your gardens in on the Friday 23rd March, the last day of term.



### E-SAFETY

To keep one step ahead of what your child is up to on line, check out Net Aware.

This is a really good website that offers advice and guidance about the social network sites and games your kids use on line and much more.

[www.net-aware.org.uk/Online/Safety](http://www.net-aware.org.uk/Online/Safety)

## ATTENDANCE

**KS1** The **TOP CLASS ATTENDANCE** for February is

Lawrence Hill with 99%

**KS2** The **TOP CLASS ATTENDANCE** for February is

St George with 98%

*Well Done!*



**LATENESS** – we are having a big focus on lateness and Vicky Franklin, our Education Welfare Consultant, will be increasing our 'late gates'. All children need to be in school by 8.50. Arriving late is very disruptive for the whole class and can be upsetting for the child arriving late.

*We still need to improve our school attendance. Please remember if you are thinking of booking a term time holiday we do issue Penalty Notices. For a family of 4 that is another £240 on top of the cost of your trip.*

### **Friends of Minerva.**

**World Book day quiz.**

**Congratulations** to Sara, Kayla, Max, Gabe, Reece, Ava, Rayyan, Manha, Megan, Charlie, Alfie, Robin, Ruby, Maisie and James who all won a prize for answering some very tricky book questions.

Well done to all of them!

We meet every Wednesday at 2:30pm, please join us. You can bring pre-school along with you. We are a small, friendly group who organise fun events for the children and raise money. You will be made very welcome.

**Check out our Facebook page.**