

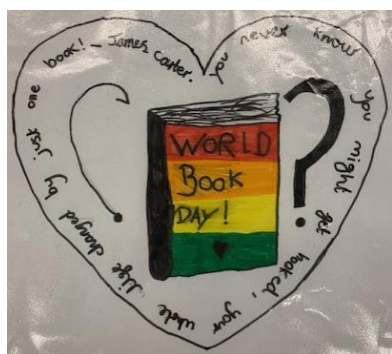
Newsletter 9 – Tuesday 18th March 2024

World Book Day 2024

Well done to all the children once again who made a fantastic effort with their World Book Day outfits and a big thank you to all the parents who worked so hard to help create these.

Our best dressed book worms for this year were Ivar in Key Stage 1 and Lena in Key Stage 2. I am sure you would agree that their shark (from The Bad Guys) and Queen of Hearts (from Alice in Wonderland) outfits were absolutely fantastic!

Congratulations to Bella in Year 3 who designed the winning entry in our 'World Book Day logo' competition. Hers included an inspirational quote from James Carter, the poet who visited us a few weeks ago: "You never know, you might be hooked, your whole life changed by just one book". This will

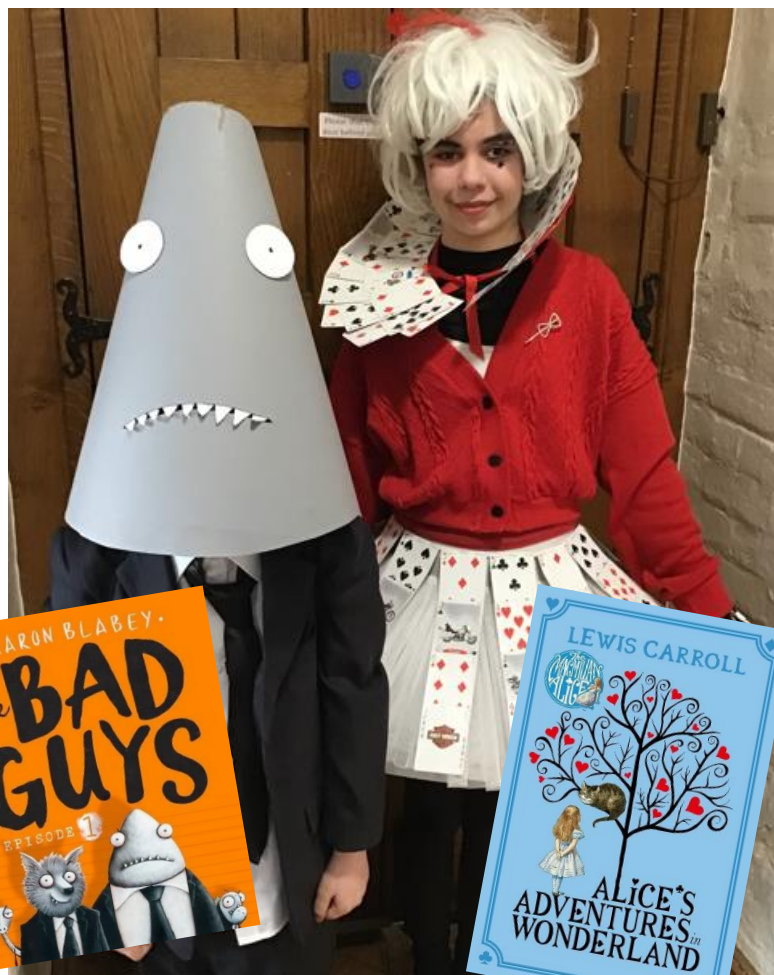


be used

in the future by the school when promoting or celebrating World Book Day.

All the winners mentioned above were presented with book tokens in our special celebratory assembly.

A big thank you also to Mrs Smith for all her hard work in preparing for the day.



Red Nose Day

Thank you to all the children and families who threw themselves into our 'The Redder the Better' day on Red Nose Day. The school was a sea of red, including red clothes, red shoes, red faces, red hair and even red underwear! Don't forget, if you've not yet had the chance, please donate to Comic Relief via:

<https://tinyurl.com/32pfp878>



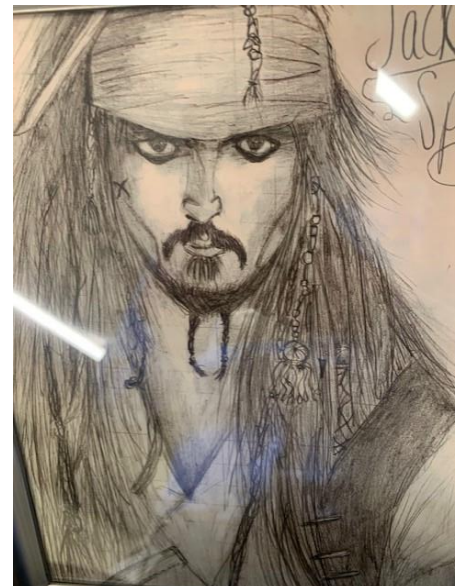
OxTrail

Art sales – School Hall – 3.30pm Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd

Contributions for the OxTrail art sale continue to arrive in school. Many thanks to everyone who has created paintings, drawings, collages, photos and many other pieces. As you can see from the photos below, showing a small sample of the art works that will be available, the standard is very high.

The sales will take place straight after school on Thursday and Friday this week (21st and 22nd March). Some items will be available to purchase and take away on the day, other items will be part of a 'silent auction', with the winning bidder contacted at the start of next week. Remember all proceeds will be donated to Sobell House through the OxTrail project.

Work will also start before the Easter holidays on the decoration of our ox sculpture with ideas contributed by the children used to inspire the final design.



Year 6 trip to Junior Citizens

Year 6 attended Junior Citizens at Oxford Fire Station recently to learn more about staying safe in the world around them. They were presented with a variety of scenarios, had their reactions observed and were then given advice about how best to respond to the various incidents and emergencies they encountered. The children have been sworn to secrecy regarding the exact details of the scenarios so as not to spoil it for future classes who visit but learnt a lot from the trip and will go out into the world better prepared as a result.



Emilia in Y6 said, "The information is very useful and for the future it will be good to know what to do."

Dates of Easter events

Monday 25th March: 10.15am - Reception Easter Bonnet parade on the playground. Reception parents/carers invited to come and watch.

Wednesday 26th March: 9.05am – Easter Experience church service, all parents/carers invited.



Thursday 28th March: School finishes for the Easter holidays at 12.15pm.

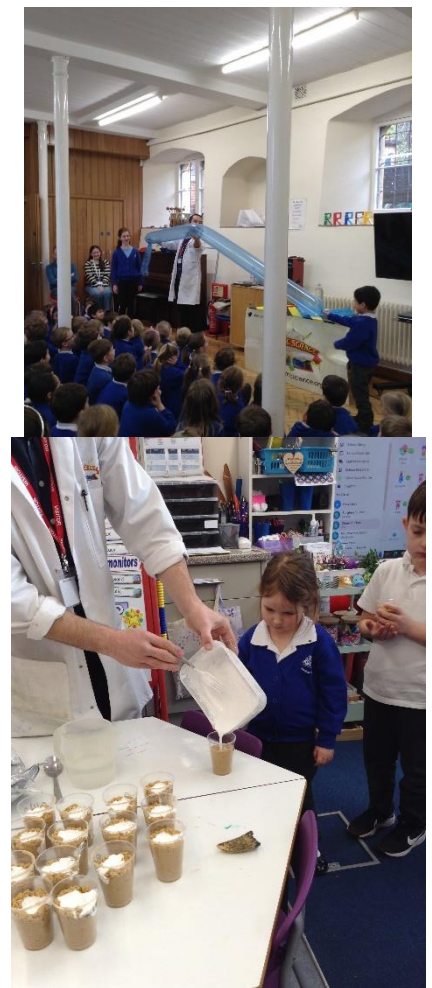
Atomic Tom workshops and Science Week

We once again marked Science Week with a range of exciting activities, including workshops run by Atomic Tom and a special assembly where each class presented to the school information about important or inspirational scientists.

Chaucer class learnt about Mary Anning, best known for her discoveries of dinosaur fossils in the 1800s. Roet class told everyone about George Washington Carver, a biologist who invented a range of new uses and practical applications for different plants, including peanuts. Burghersh class learnt about the ophthalmologist Patricia Bath who carried out pioneering research in the USA in the 1960s and 70s into the prevalence of eye conditions in different social groups and the importance of community ophthalmology. De La Pole meanwhile, presented information about Edwin Hubble, the astrologer who first theorised about solar systems beyond our own.

Atomic Tom started the day with a whole-school assembly and then ran a

palaeontology workshop in Chaucer, showed Year 2 ingenious ways of measuring the height and age of trees, dissected a eye ball with Year 3 and 4 and helped Year 5 and 6 discover the stars and constellations.



Thank you once again to Miss Lea, our science curriculum leader, for her hard work in arranging these activities and events.

Parking around school

Unfortunately, we continue to experience issues with congestion and blocked roads around school at the start and end of the school day. We understand that there is limited parking available in the immediate vicinity of our site but please make use of the Cow Common car park and Parsons Lane (running behind the church) if there are no suitable or safe places outside school. We have received a number of complaints from local residents and parents/carers about cars stopped on the 'Keep Clear' area at the bottom of the Alms House driveway and in areas that block the road for other cars.

Please do not, under any circumstances, park or stop in the areas shown in red on these photographs:

1. Close to the corner of High Street and Days Lane
2. On the yellow 'Keep Clear' zigzags
3. Too far along The Street towards Cow Common

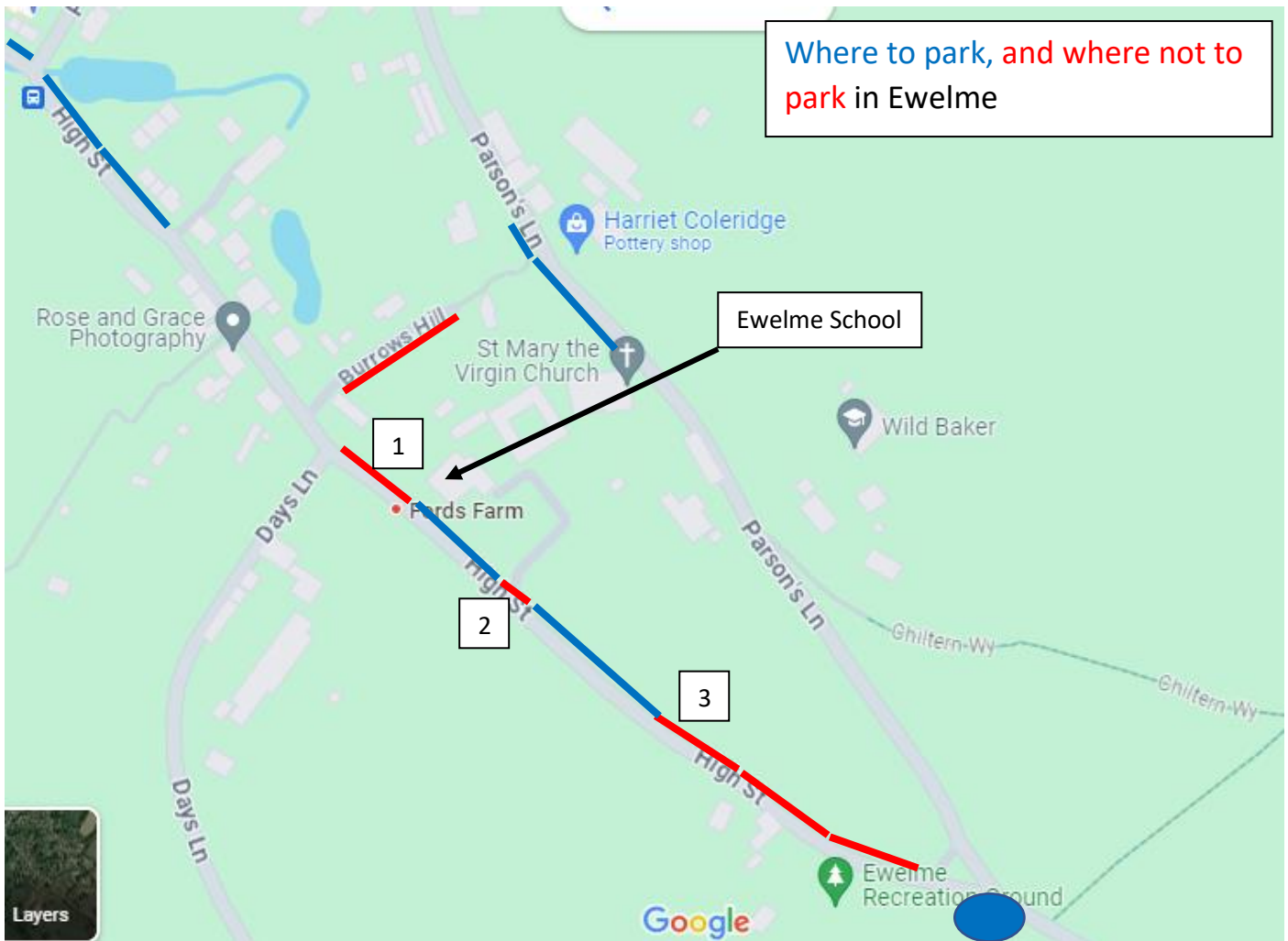
Parking in these areas either presents a risk to children entering or leaving the school site (due to reducing their visibility of the road and oncoming traffic and reducing the visibility of motorists) or risks blocking other vehicles because the roads are too narrow.



The locations in the photos above are also marked on the map below. The map shows areas where you **should not** park in **red** and areas where **parking spaces are available** in **blue**.

Parking spaces are available:

- At Cow Common car park
- On Parson's Lane
- On the High Street immediately outside of school and further along before the road narrows
- On the High Street through the village in front of the village hall and pre-school and King's Pool



Dates for the diary:

Click here to see the school's online calendar: <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/calendar/>

Thursday 21st March and Friday 22nd March – Art sales in school for OxTrail 2024 (in aid of Sobell House)

Saturday 23rd March – Oratory Prep Winter Dash 10am

Monday 25th March – Reception Easter Bonnet Parade

w/c Monday 25th March – ‘Easter Experience’ service in church and FOES Easter Egg hunt – exact dates and timings TBC ASAP

Wednesday 27th March – Height and Weight survey of Reception and Y6

Thursday 28th March – 12.15pm: End of term 4

Friday 29th March-Monday 15th April – Easter holidays

Monday 15th April – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 16th April – 8.45am: Start of term 5 for pupils

Tuesday 16th April – First Forest School session for Year 1

Sunday 21st April – Rupert House Cross Country at Stonor Park, Yr 1-6

Monday 29th April – School Council meeting

Thursday 2nd May – Whole-school photograph

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

w/c 13th May – Y6 SATs assessments

Monday 20th May – Y5/6 visit to IMPS

Friday 24th May – 3:15pm: End of term 5

w/c Monday 27th May – Half term holidays

Monday 3rd June – 8.45am: Start of term 6

Tuesday 4th June – First Forest School session for Year 5/6

w/c 10th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Checks

Friday 21st June – Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey

Tuesday 2nd July – Chaucer trip to Odds Farm

Wednesday 24th July – 12.15pm: End of term 6

Please visit the school website to view full term dates for 2023/24: <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Ewelme-Primary-School-term-dates-2023-24.pdf>