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Friday 7th February 2020

Those of you with long memories will recall that last winter, we asked if parents, families and friends of the school could provide any snowdrops for us to plant on the mound in our school grounds. I'm delighted to say that the first flowers have bloomed and we are beginning to see the carpet of snowdrops that will develop over the next few years. As snowdrops multiply by themselves, we are hoping that next year we have even more blooms at this point in the year. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed bulbs and plants last year to us. As ever, if you have any spare bulbs of any sorts of plants, we can always find a use for them!



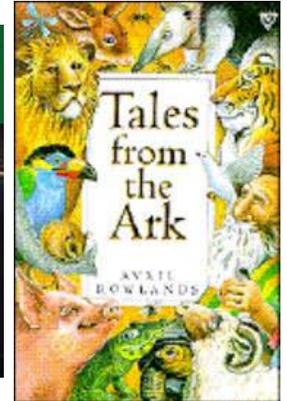
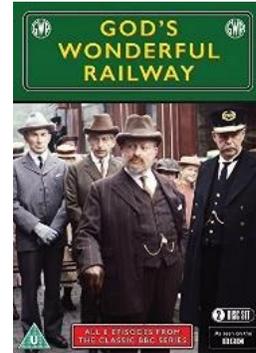
In school last week, we had some visitors from the Challenge Partners organization. This is a national network of schools, which we are a member of, who review schools and evaluate the quality of teaching and learning, leadership and other aspects of a school's provision. We are delighted with the feedback we have received from the review team that has quality assured our own judgements of how well the school is doing and has also suggested ways that we can further improve over the coming year. Additionally, we have been accredited as a school with an Area of Excellence in our provision of Environmental Education as a means to support learning across the curriculum. This is due to the very hard work that Miss Ellis has put in over the course of 12 years to ensure that Environmental Education is not a bolt-on to our curriculum, it is an integral part of it. Well done to Miss Ellis for her hard work during the review. The accreditation is a reflection of her commitment to the school and your children over a substantial period of time. Well done also to the Eco Team and Pupil Parliament who represented the views of the children so effectively and were able to articulate everything they enjoyed here at Bretforton Village School.



Parents Evenings for this term will be on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March. Appointment sheets for this will be available from Wednesday of next week. If you are unable to make it to an appointment on the given days, please speak to the class teacher as we may be able to offer alternative appointments.

Those of you who were present at the evening performance of the Nativity in December will be aware that in the summer of this year, we will be performing a brand new musical based on the book *Tales From The Ark* by Avril Rowlands. We are delighted to have been approached to be the first school to perform the show and we have already started to learn some of the songs with the children. This production will be quite a mammoth project over the course of this year and we are especially delighted that we will be performing the show in the Theatre Barn at the far end of the village. There will be many costumes to prepare and if any parents have any expertise or interest in this area, we would love to know.

The author of the book, Avril Rowlands will be coming in to speak to the Badgers about her writing in March and to prepare for this, they have been reading the book *Tales from the Ark*, as well as watching the television series *God's Wonderful Railway* which Avril also wrote. We are looking forward to learning more about her life and work when she visits us.



A reminder that for Health and Safety reasons, we do not permit dogs anywhere on our school grounds. This includes dogs that are being carried. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 12th February – Year 5 children to Blackminster Middle School – Science Taster Session

Thursday 13th February – Parent Forum meeting 9.15am – after Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March – Parents' Evenings

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March – Walk in session from 3.00pm to 3.30pm

Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th May – PGL Tregoyd