



MINERVA NEWSLETTER 11

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IMPORTANT! Please see the back page for Easter holiday travel, new helpline & good hygiene practices.

WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 5th March

Staff and pupils had lots of fun yesterday celebrating their love of books! We dressed up as some of our favourite characters and all classes took part in a book swap. Have a look and some of our costumes below...can you guess the character or book?



EMAIL ADDRESSES REQUIRED

Please ensure the school have an up to date email address for you
From Term 5 all school communication will be sent out to parents by email or text.
Thank you for your co-operation.

NEW SCHOOL MENU

Pick up a copy of the new Spring/Summer school menu from the office foyer.



9th-13th March



Look out for details to follow on how we are taking part in this event!

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Repeated lateness can have a significant impact on your child's learning, so please ensure your children arrive on time for school each day. The school gates to the main playground are open at 8.30am and our expectation is that pupils come into class at 8.45am.



CALLING ALL DAD'S, GRANDPARENT'S & CHILDREN!



Mothering Sunday is fast approaching (22nd March). Friends of Minerva will be selling Mother's Day gifts after school on Thursday 19th & Friday 20th March. For £1 you can help to smile on your Mum's face!

Pick up a copy of the new Friends of Minerva newsletter from the school foyer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2nd April:

Last day of Term 4 for pupils

Friday 3rd April:

INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Monday 20th April:

First day of term 5 for pupils

TRAVELLING IN THE EASTER HOLIDAY?

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel during the forthcoming holiday period. If so, please refer to the following website for the current travel advice www.gov.uk

If you are travelling to any category 1 or 2 countries, **please let school know asap** and follow advice from the Government which is currently as follows:

Category 1 countries/areas	
Wuhan city & Hubei Province	Travellers should self-isolate, even if asymptomatic, and use the 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do next. Go home or to your destination and then self isolate.
Iran	
Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea)	
Any Italian town under containment measures	

Category 2 countries/areas	
Cambodia	Travellers do not need to undertake any special measures, but if they develop symptoms they should self-isolate and call NHS 111. <i>The guidance for Italy, Iran, Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea), Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam applies to individuals who returned from these specific areas on or after 19 February 2020.</i>
China <i>*Except areas of the country specifically referred to in Category 1.</i>	
Hong Kong	
Italy <i>*Except areas of the country specifically referred to in Category 1.</i>	
Japan	
Laos	
Macau	
Malaysia	
Myanmar	
Republic of Korea <i>*Except areas of the country specifically referred to in Category 1.</i>	
Singapore	
Taiwan	
Thailand	
Vietnam	

Please note: This is a fast changing situation.

Information is correct at time of printing, please check websites for current advice before travelling.

COVID 19 EDUCATION HELPLINE

The department for Education launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID 19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

- **Phone 0800 046 8687**
- **Email DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk**
- **Opening hours 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)**

The advice is very clear in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID 19 case that no academies should close unless directed to do so by Public Health England.



TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS IN SCHOOL

We do not want to stop parents/carers from taking photos when you come to assemblies, shows or to see your child in class. We would ask you, however, for safeguarding purposes to crop out any other child in your photos and to not upload any photos to social media.

Thank you for co-operation.