



# Spring Newsletter

## February 2024





DEAR PARENTS/CARERS,

WELCOME TO OUR UPDATED DIGITAL NEWSLETTER!

DON'T FORGET, DAY-TO-DAY YOU CAN KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR NEWS AND CELEBRATIONS VIA THE PARENT'S ARBOR APP, TAPESTRY AND FACEBOOK, AS WELL AS MY BRIEFING EACH FRIDAY AND THEN EVERY HALF TERM, WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A COLOURFUL AND INFORMATIVE SUMMARY OF KEY INFORMATION AND TEXTS VIA BOOK CREATOR.

WE HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY 'TURNING THE PAGES' OF OUR BOOK TO READ ALL ABOUT WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS.



# Term Dates 2023/24

Summer Term:

Term starts: Monday 15th April 2024 – Wednesday 24th July 2024

Half-term: 27th May – 31st May – return to school on Tuesday 4th June

NOTE: We have an inset day on Monday 3rd June.

**Story Time dates for the Spring Term**

Parents are invited into school at 3pm to read with their child in their classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Helford Class  
Year 3  
27th February

Lynher Class  
Year 4/5  
12th March



# Rainbow Day



THE CHILDREN HAD A  
GREAT DAY  
EXPERIENCING CIRCUS  
SKILLS ON RAINBOW DAY



# We celebrate our differences!



As a whole school we created this beautiful collaborative display to show that we can be kind, we can "Fill people's buckets up" and we can celebrate our differences. As young as nursery, we instil in the children the importance of being unique, we are all special and we are all loved.

# It's Snowing!





# School Trips

This half term some of the classes are looking forward to visiting Nancarrow Farm. Thank you to Mrs Chamberlain for making this happen. More information coming out in the next few days.



## *JUST SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF SCHOOL TRIPS FOR YOUR CHILDREN...*

- They increase independence and confidence.
- They take your child out of their comfort zone.
- They contribute to a wider world perspective.
- They are a great way to learn and remember information.
- They make a classroom topic feel new and exciting.

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This half term Kenwyn and Fal are going to the Hall for Cornwall to watch the Gruffalo's Child. Another partial contribution from FOSS. Thank you so much! More details to follow.

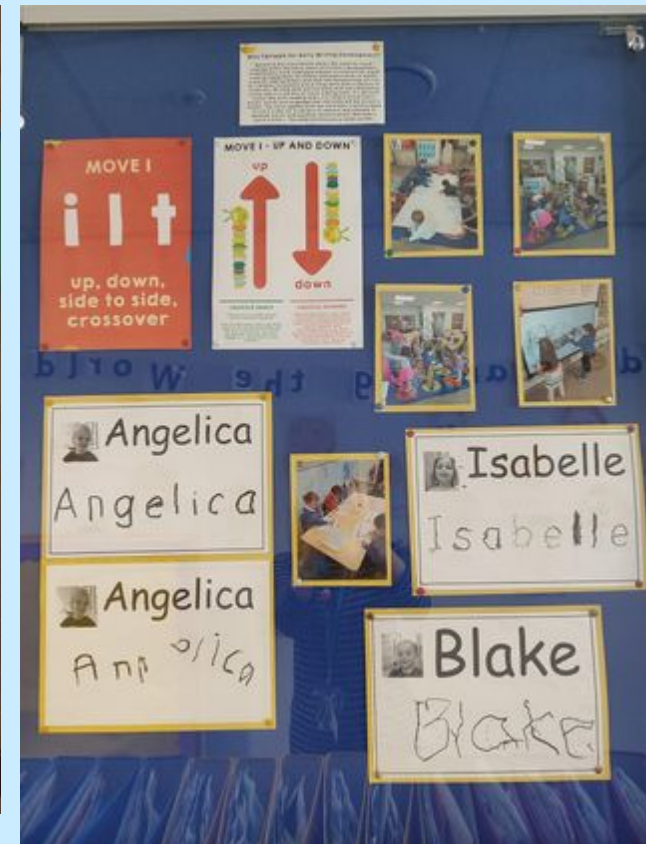




# Beautiful writing from around our school

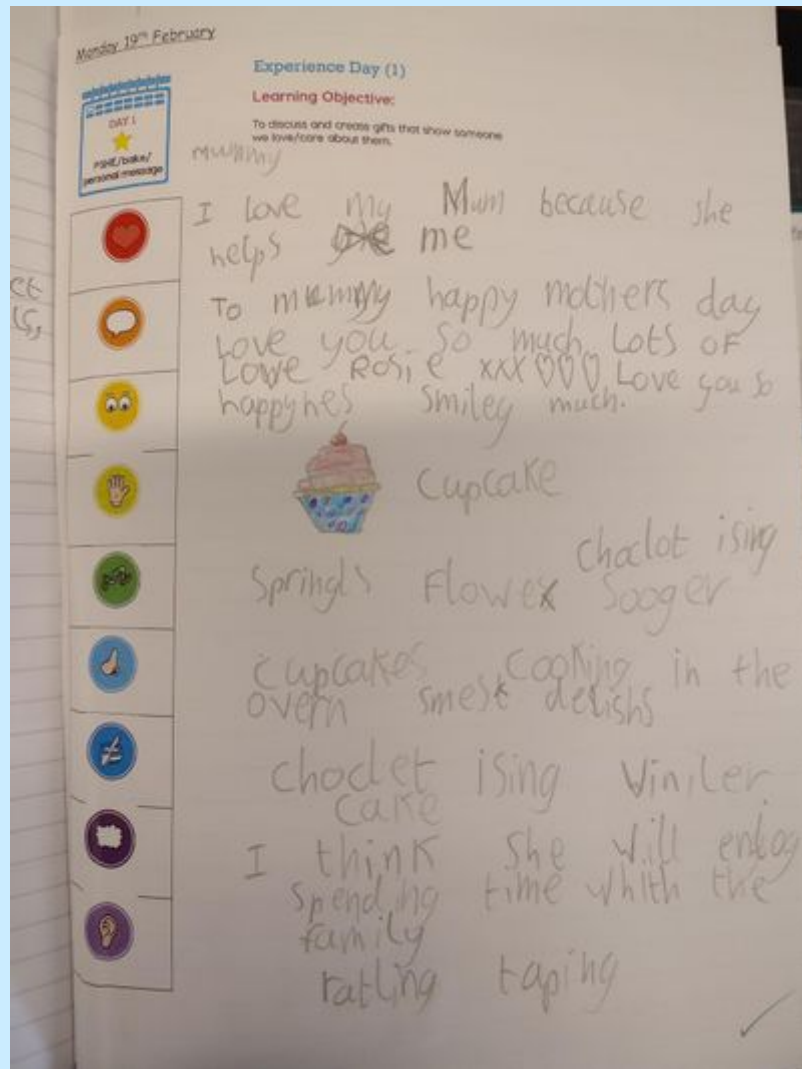


LETTER FORMATION,  
NUMBER FORMATION,  
DRAWING CLUB WRITING AND  
INDEPENDENT SENTENCES  
FROM TAMAR CLASS.



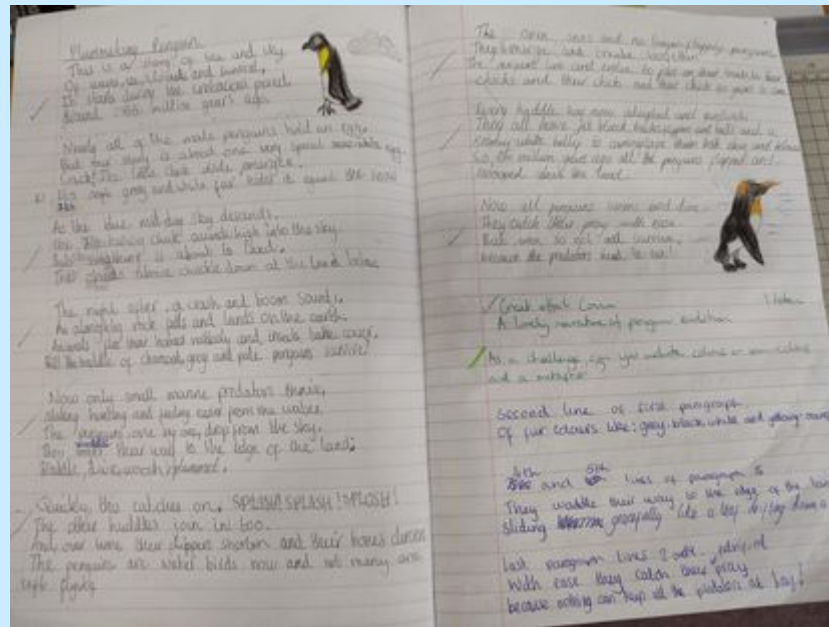
NURSERY CHILDREN  
PRACTISE THEIR NAME  
WRITING EVERY  
MORNING

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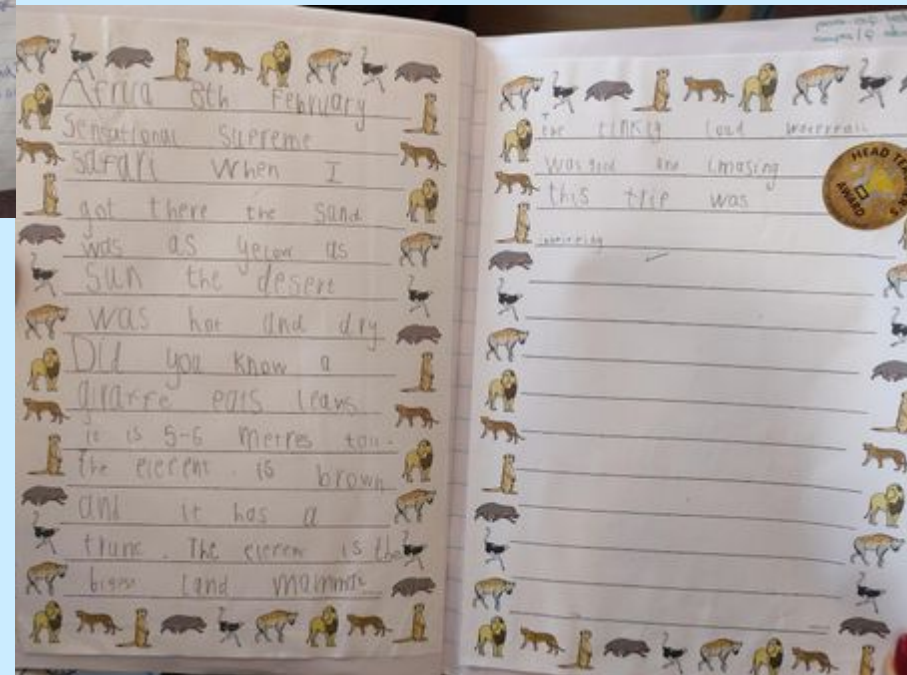
A THOUGHTFUL PIECE OF WRITING BY  
ROSIE CHAMBERLAIN - FAL CLASS.

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Connie in Gannel class, has produced this eye catching report on penguins.

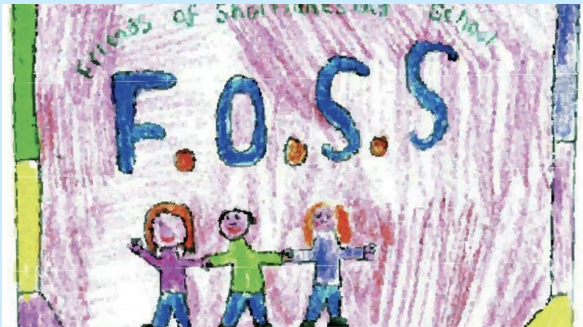
Some amazing adjectives and facts in this piece of writing! Harry - Kenwyn Class.







# Friends of Shortlanesend School (FOSS)



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME  
ALONG TO THE NEXT FOSS  
MEETING, KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR  
A DATE IN JANUARY FOR THE  
NEXT ONE. (THERE'S ALWAYS  
BISCUITS)!!

Our amazing Parent Teacher Association, work really hard for our school. We are so fortunate for the events that they put on for us each year but also for the resources that they provide for us. Here is a non-exhaustive list of just some of the things that they have helped us with so far this year:

- School Disco
- End of Year BBQ
- Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies
- Outdoor Resources for the EYFS Classes
- A school trip for each class, including nursery.

And much much more.

FOSS are always on the lookout for new parent helpers for fundraising ideas, supporting with events and generally having an input on what support can be provided.

# WE ARE MAD ABOUT READING!!



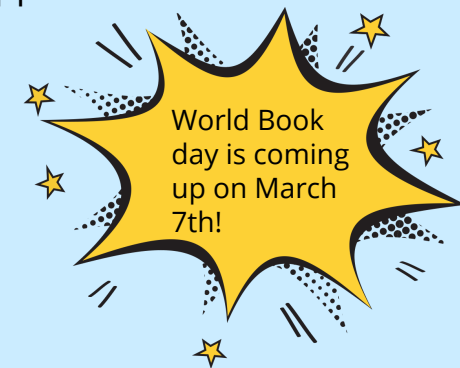
EACH WEEK ON A FRIDAY, TAMAR CLASS GET TO TAKE HOME A READING BUDDY, A BOOK FROM THE CLASSROOM AND A HOT CHOCOLATE TO SHARE AT HOME.



"I LOVE WALKING PAST THIS TREE IN OUR LIBRARY AREA. IT REMINDS ME OF READING ENID BLYTON'S FARAWAY TREE AND DIVING IN TO A NEW LAND." - MISS IRWIN



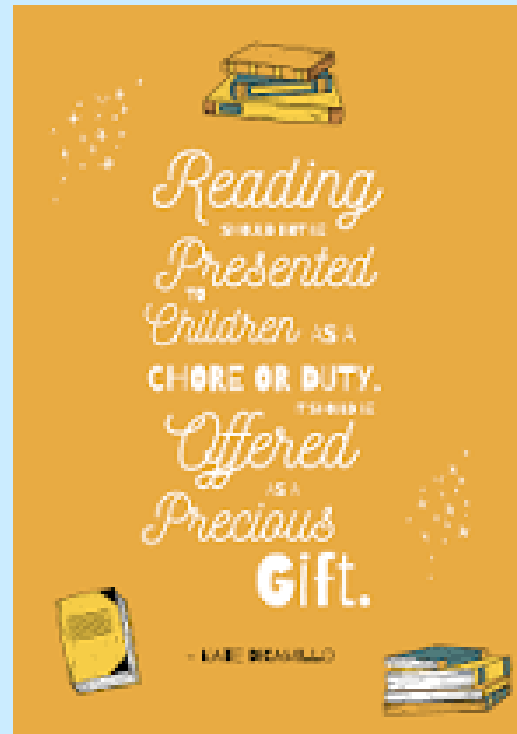
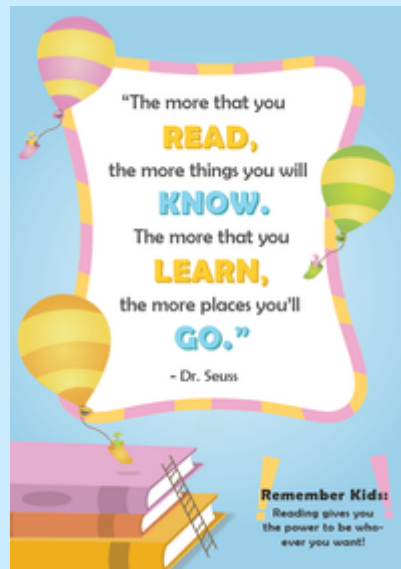
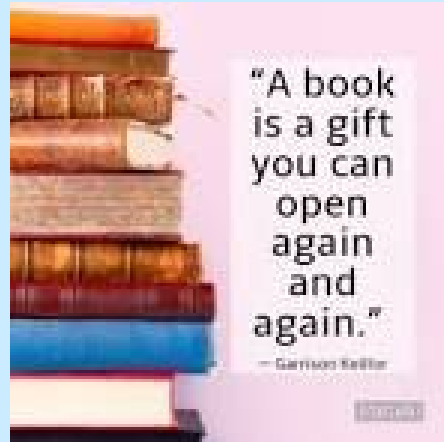
Manu shared this lovely photo of him reading a book on the last day of term in St Ives. Where's the most unusual place you've stopped to read a story?



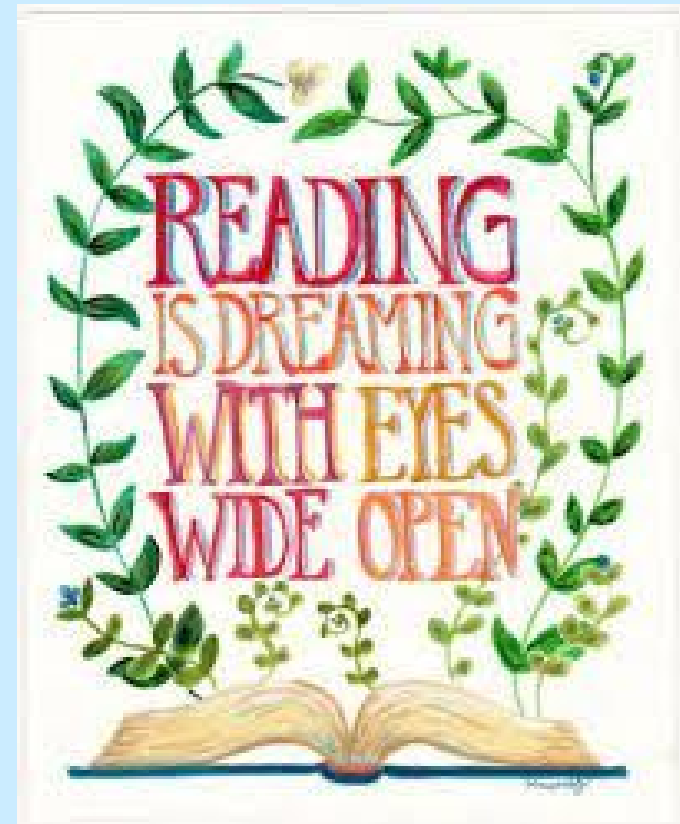
World Book day is coming up on March 7th!



# We LOVE reading at Shortlanesend



Thank you that those of you that join us every half term for story time in your child's classroom. It is a special time seeing you bonding and sharing a good story together. Look at the beginning of our pages for future dates for your child.



# School Dinners

We have seen an increase in snacks that children are arriving in to school with, especially in Reception, Year 1 & 2. Please be assured that your child receives a fresh piece of fruit every day as well as universally free milk from our providers 'Cool Milk' until they turn 5. (You will be sent a link to opt in after your child's 5th birthday if you would still like your child to receive milk. (Payable).



School dinners are available to book daily, weekly or termly on Parent pay and cost £2.65. Reception and KSI children are **all entitled to universal free school meals**. Each day, there is a choice of meat or vegetarian hot meals or picnic plates. However, if you would prefer to provide your own packed lunch please ensure that it is in a clearly labelled lunchbox. Please ensure that packed lunches are healthy and balanced. If you think you may be entitled to a FREE school meal, please click below to check your eligibility and apply.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/#Apply>



MRS MITCHELL AND MRS SELLERS IN OUR KITCHEN PROVIDE THE CHILDREN WITH SUCH A SCRUMPTIOUS CHOICE OF FOOD EVERY DAY. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH SMILEY, FRIENDLY COOKS.

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH VIA PARENT PAY.



Chartwells



# Wraparound Care and Clubs

## Times and Prices - Early Birds

Early birds club is open from 7.50am each morning and costs £1.50. The children have a selection of activities to do in our school hall before going to their class at 8.35.

**Please note that this club does not provide Breakfast.**

**Please ensure that your child is pre-booked on Parent Pay, this is statutory due to safeguarding.**

## Times and Prices - After school club

After school club starts at the end of the school day at 3.15 until 5.15. The children are collected from their classrooms and go to the hall where there are different activities on offer. These include crafts, games and film night on a Friday. The price of this club is £4 an hour.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

We also provide clubs each term both at lunch time and after school. This term, these have included:

- Multi Sports
- Football
- Choir
- Art
- Recorders
- Chess Club

**Please note that Art Club will be finishing after this half term. The last session will be Wednesday 27th March.**



# Attendance

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### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

#### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below  
Drastic effect on  
academic achievement

95%-90%  
Cause for  
concern

100%-96%  
Excellent



### Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, then please inform the office before 9am in the morning, and let us know why your child is going to be absent, and when you expect them to return.

You may phone the office on 01872 276372 and leave a message or alternatively e-mail us on [hello@shortlanesend.org.uk](mailto:hello@shortlanesend.org.uk)

When reporting an absence, please leave a message on each day of your child's absence, telling us:

- Your child's name
- Class name/Year group
- Why they are absent (Type of illness e.g. sickness, migraine)
- When you expect them to return



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Just a reminder....

If your child is not going to be in school, it is very important that you let the school know as soon as possible. If you do not contact the school then your child's absence will be logged as unauthorised.

Unauthorised absence can lead to legal proceedings being taken against you for non-attendance, therefore it is really important that you contact school to make them aware of reasons for absence.



**Remember!**



# Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the physical or mental welfare of a child or young person and you wish to speak to someone about it, you can contact the MARU (Multi-agency Referral Unit) on the following numbers:

Monday to Friday, 9am - 6pm: 0300 123 1116  
Evenings & weekends: 01208 251300

Police (Non-emergency): 101

## Internet Safety

If you are searching for support and are worried about this being tracked by an abuser in the home, please use a **private** or **incognito** tab when browsing as this will not save on your search history.

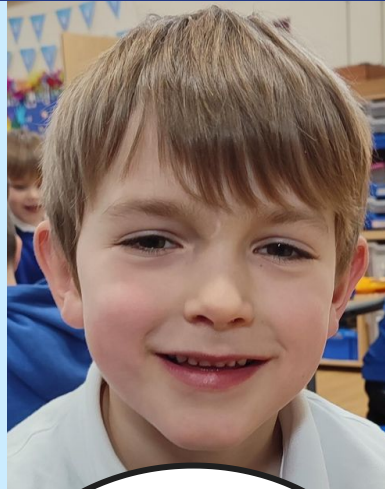
Domestic Abuse advise - First Light: 0300 777 4777

## Support in your area

You can walk into a local BOOTS pharmacy and ask for '**ANI**' ( Say, "I'm asking for Annie") or ask to access their '**Safe Spaces**' where you will get support with domestic abuse. There will be a trained member of staff.  
You can also download and access the Bright Sky app safely. This will give you access to a directory of support agencies and help lines.



# This half term I have loved...



Because I've worked so hard in my phonics, I have now joined free reading accelerated reader books.

I really love playing with the dollies in the home corner.



I had fun doing watercolour painting

# Read Write Inc Phonics Tasks at Home



Every week, check  
Tapestry for new RWI  
videos that will be sent for  
your child to practise.



FOR MORE INFO ON RWI GO TO OUR WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.SHORTLANESEND.ORG.UK/WEB/TAMAR\\_CLASS/659897](https://www.shortlanesend.org.uk/web/tamar_class/659897)



# Staying in Touch

For further information please visit our website:



Social Media, School Comms & Payments



CLICK  
ICONS FOR  
MORE INFO



Thank you for reading our Spring newsletter.  
We hope to see you soon!