Dear Parents and Carers,

**Science Week Open Afternoon: Friday 12th February; 2.45-3.15pm**

At the end of next week’s exciting Science learning we will be opening our school for family and friends to come along and see the children’s work in their very own classroom exhibitions.

We try to do this whenever we have a whole school learning focus, and for those of you who have not attended one of these events before, the following will hopefully provide a few key pointers about how the afternoon is run.

- The school will be open from 2.45pm, and you are welcome to come along after this time.
- You do not need to sign in at the school office on this occasion, but we do ask that you come through the main school entrances at either end of the building and that you make your child’s class teacher aware that you have arrived.
- Toddlers, babies, etc. are more than welcome – we are very good at accommodating prams and buggies for half an hour. Mrs Stokes is more than happy to even be left with a baby to cuddle, should that be necessary! (Please don’t all take me up on this at once, my arms are only so big.)
- Once you are in school, **your child becomes your responsibility**. The idea is that, together, you start in your own classroom, but are invited to walk around the whole school, looking at the learning that has happened in other classes during the week.
- Should you not be available to attend the exhibition, your child will remain with his/her class teacher and be dismissed at 3.15pm in the usual way.
- Once you have seen the exhibition, you are free to take your child home, even if this is a few minutes before 3.15pm. However, do please work with us about taking home your child’s science creations much before 3.00pm, as this will leave our displays rather barren for other visitors.
- There will be a senior member of staff at the doors at either end of the building to ensure that no child leaves school without their correct adult. Again, in order for this safeguarding measure to be fully effective, we ask that **parents do not leave the building by any other exit**.

I know that many of you have signed up to come and help support the children’s practical science work during week, and I hope that you have the most fantastic time in school with your children.

This is one of our favourite events in the school calendar and we look forward to sharing the children’s learning successes with you all on Friday afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Stokes