

Praise and Thank You!

Week Beginning 16th October 2017

Sycamore	The adults in year 6 would like to praise Marques for his work in the afternoons. Thanks goes to Victoria, Alfie, Maddi H and Beth for their efforts in the classroom all week. Writer of the week: Johnathan for a passionately written speech about endangered tigers Maths master: Arsenas for his work with a compass and a protractor this week
Birch	Mrs Andrews and Mrs Melrose would like to thank Evie and Scarlett for their fantastic work in keeping the library neat and tidy. Praise goes to Mae for practising the darinet at home so well. Writer of the week: Keane for an excellent letter to Pestilence Maths master: Olivia H for her work on finding the area of compound shapes
Ash	The teachers in Ash class would like to praise Augustas, Graciemae and Charlie for designing some excellent weapons for a Greek god. They would also like to praise Lauren and Maie for being incredibly helpful while Mrs Terry has been away. Writer of the week: Karil for creating some superb pieces of writing during our text based week Maths master: Maie for showing great resilience when converting units of length
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Poseidon and Apollo table for working extremely hard in literacy this week when planning and writing their own myth. Writer of the week: Dominic for a huge improvement in his writing and for sharing some wonderful ideas with his peers Maths master: Elena for applying her knowledge and understanding of missing number patterns to solve some tricky problems throughout the week. She has overcome a huge personal barrier and developed in confidence!
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise Long John Silver table for the efforts they put into their diary entries this week. Writer of the week: Cassielle for the excellent spelling, punctuation and powerful vocabulary she included in her diary entry. Maths master: Lilia for extending her knowledge of 2D shapes by relating them to everyday objects
Willow	The teachers in year 1 would like to praise Bentley, May and Daniel for completing their homework in amazing detail! Writer of the week: George for using beautiful handwriting in all his work this week Maths master: Alex for making such incredible progress with understanding place value!
Oak	The teachers in Reception would like to praise and thank Benjamin, Dre and Wale for their great collaboration when making pumpkin soup this week. Writer of the week: Wilburn for trying hard to form letters correctly in phonics this week Maths Master: Lauren for her enthusiastic counting in maths this week
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry class would like to praise Miles for having a much more settled week in Cherry Class this week! Praise also goes to Demi, Naomi, Sofia and Amelia for being super share-adactyls! Writer of the week: Eliss for trying really hard when writing some letters this week Maths master: Toby for knowing the days of the week and for being able to say which day comes next.

Diary:

Mon 16th -Y5/6 express event (am)

Y3/4 express event (pm)

Weds 18th-Y1/2 express event

Thurs 19th-N/R express event

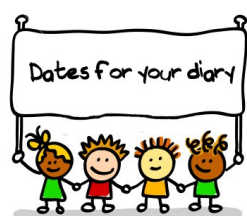
Billy's 1st birthday!!!

Fri 20th-End of term 1

Mon 30th Oct-Start of term 2

Fri 3rd Nov-Closing date-
Parent governor nominations

Fri 1st Dec-Inset day



Messages

-Term 1 has flown by! Every year group has settled brilliantly into their new classes and there has been some amazing work carried out. Please do come along and look at the children's books at our express events if you are able to join us. Have a wonderful half term holiday; we are breaking up this Friday and return back to school for term 2 on Monday 30th October.

-A date for your diaries: parents meetings will be held in term 2 on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December. The first class teacher reports of the year will be sent out shortly before these dates. Further information about reports and the parent meetings will be sent out in the first few weeks of term 2.

-We are holding information events / open meetings this week for parents of children who will be starting school in September 2018 this week. Please do ask at the office if you would like further information.

-As you will hopefully have seen, we have a vacancy for another parent governor. Please do consider standing for this role; the school cannot run without governors and they play an incredibly important role.

-A final word from Billy. It is his 1st birthday this Thursday! He is VERY excited!



Express Events

All year groups have their express events this week; please do come along if you can so we can share the learning that the children have been engaged with this term.

Dates are shown on the diary listing on the left.

E-Safety

As you will know from the newsletter, the NSPCC have been in school recently talking to the children about personal safety. Their website has some fantastic content about online safety including different games and interactive activities to try with your children that will help to provide a framework for discussions about staying safe on the internet.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

News from around the school

Nursery: Our first term of the year has nearly finished!

The children have had a great term and have really enjoyed the topic. To finish our topic we will be basing some of our learning around 'Little Red Hen'. In our PE slot we will be thinking about how to move like the different animals in the story and we will be making our own delicious pizzas!

We will also be using the I-zone to play some counting games; this will help us to develop our mouse skills and our counting skills!

On Thursday morning between 9.15 and 10.15 we will be having our Express Event. We will be sharing stories and showing you how good we are getting at our Helicopter stories. We hope you will be able to join us for this!

Thank you for all your support this term and hope you have a lovely half term.

Star of the week: Regan for always being cheerful and happy and for much improved listening all week!

Year 1: This week we've been planning virtual boat trips around the United Kingdom. We've been looking at Google Earth, discussing packing lists, writing postcards and much more!

On Thursday afternoon we had lots of fun listening to an interactive drama of the life of Grace Darling. The children had lots of opportunity to act parts of the story out and use their imaginations to portray the incredible events of Grace's life. Homework for this week is all about writing a postcard. We have asked that the children imagine that they are visiting somewhere interesting and they want to tell someone at home all about it. We can't wait to read them!

Star of the week: Corey for making a big effort in class this week

Year 3: This week in Beech class we will be learning the story of Hercules. The children will create a storyboard based on the story and, towards the end of the week, they will be writing a letter to Zeus and a newspaper report.

In maths the children will be continuing to develop their knowledge and understanding of area and perimeter through various tasks and activities.

Myself and Mrs Pullen would like to say a massive thank you to you all for your support this term. It has been a challenging term at times although the children are beginning to become aware of the rules and routines within year 3. We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all in term 2.

Star of the week: Ryan for being more confident in class and for asking questions to develop his understanding of a task.

Year 5: For our final week of term 1 we will be looking at something a little different in Literacy. We will be moving away from the Black Death and using a film clip as the basis for writing an extended narrative. We will be focusing on consolidating all of our learning from this term including descriptive writing, varying sentence openers and ensuring that we are editing our writing to ensure it makes sense.

In Maths we will be reviewing our key skills of multiplication to ensure that we are all confident at multiplying using the column method. We will also be taking the opportunity to develop our reasoning skills further through undertaking a 'murder mystery' investigation.

A big thank you to you all for such a great first term; Mrs Melrose and I very much look forward to term 2!

Star of the week: Emma for always trying her best and never giving up!

Reception: As we start the last week of our first term in Oak class we would like to thank all of our families for all the support you have given us and the children this term. We are very proud of how well they have settled into Oak class and they have approached their learning with such enthusiasm.

This week we have been focusing on the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We will be retelling the story with actions and sequencing the instructions for making bread. In snack time we will be trying different types of breads and later in the week we will be trying to make our own bread.

In maths we will be looking at 3D shapes and continuing to develop our number knowledge by identifying one more and one less than a given number.

Don't forget our express event on Thursday morning between 9 and 10am; we are looking forward to sharing our learning with you.

At the end of this week we will be sending home some information about our learning topic for next term with some holiday home learning for you to explore together. We hope you have a very restful half term break.

Star of the week: Dre for his enthusiasm during the Daily Mile.

Year 2: This week in literacy we will be looking at poetry in order for us to write our own pirate poem at the end of the week. During the start of the week we will be generating rhyming words in relation to pirates. We will then use these words to help us write a rhyming pirate poem.

Our focus in maths will be measures. We will be learning how to measure in centimetres using a ruler as well as drawing lines of a given length. We will then move on to look at money. We will be using our knowledge of coins to find monetary values and monetary combinations before moving on to solving word problems involving change.

Wednesday afternoon is our Express Event. Please come and join our treasure hunt on the school field at 1.3.4.5. You will also be given the chance to look through learning that has been completed this term.

Along with 'Dinosaur Planet' home learning, which will follow shortly, we will also be sending home practice reading and maths SATs questions over the half term break. These are for your child to work through at their own pace if they wish.

Star of the week: Adeshina for always displaying excellent behaviour for learning. He is a joy to teach and a fantastic role model to his peers.

Year 4: Last week was Ash Class's text based week. The children wrote some superb pieces based on different Greek myths—well done!

This week in Ash class we will be writing our own poems based on Ancient Greece and using a range of effective language to engage the reader. Then, in Maths we will be collecting and presenting our own data. We will then be applying our knowledge of data handling to answer a range of tricky problems. While in our topic lessons we will be finalising our designs for a new piece of armour for a Greek God.

Please can children have a full PE kit in school every day, including suitable footwear.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Star of the week: Keira-Jane for consistently demonstrating excellent learning behaviour.

Year 6: In the final week of term 1, we are going to be tackling a previous year's SATs exams. The children will sit a reading paper, SPaG paper (including spelling) and 3 maths papers. These are hugely important as they prepare the children for the real thing later in the academic year.

When we aren't sitting SATs papers, we will be finishing off our topic about the Black Death. In maths we will be working out multiples, factors and prime numbers.

Many thanks for this term and have a nice restful week off.

Star of the week: Brooke for always having the right attitude in everything she does.