

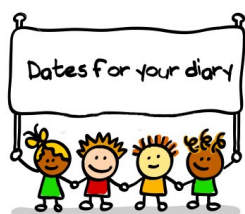
## Praise and Thank You!

Week Beginning 20th November 2017

<b>Sycamore</b>	The adults in year 6 would like to praise Alfie and Chris for their work in Maths this week. They would also like to praise Ryan's and Keira's group for their gymnastic routine this week. <b>Maths Master:</b> Casper for his work with BODMAS and balancing equations this week <b>Writers of the Week:</b> Kayla for her superb letter home from the moon
<b>Birch</b>	Mrs Andrews and Mrs Melrose would like to praise Alex for his resilience in achieving the daily mile! Well done to James, Elizabeth and Mae for their excellent progress in clarinets. A big thank you to Chelsey and Skye for their help in the dinner hall. <b>Maths Master:</b> Triston for his excellent knowledge of converting fractions to decimals <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Lucy S for an outstanding piece of descriptive writing
<b>Ash</b>	The teachers in Ash class would like to praise Alfie B, Liam and Graciamae for creating fantastic percussions instruments. Well done to Pentagons, Hexagons and Octagons for showing great resilience when tackling a new method in Maths. <b>Maths Master:</b> Dominion for successfully using long multiplication to answer two step word problems <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Ellie for writing an excellent non-chronological report on James Lind
<b>Beech</b>	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Jelly Tots for their fantastic group work when creating their own nonsense poem based on the Ning Nang Nong. <b>Maths Master:</b> Rhys for his application of the column method when subtracting <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Nathan for his fantastic nonsense poem and to create his own nonsense poem at home
<b>Maple</b>	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise Carys, Morgan and Rosie for always being helpful around the classroom. They would also like to praise Diplodocus table for working together when using a hundred square to solve addition calculations <b>Maths Master:</b> Bradley for applying his knowledge of multiples to estimate and solve a 'tricky' addition calculation <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Zuzanna for using rhyming couplets in her dinosaur poem
<b>Willow</b>	The teachers in Willow class would like to praise and thank May and Honey for being so willing to help their friends in Willow Class <b>Maths Master:</b> Thomas K for working so hard at learning his number bonds this week <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Chloe for applying herself in literacy and thinking of imaginative ways to extend her writing
<b>Oak</b>	The teachers in Oak class would like to praise Orla and Dre for their resilience during the daily mile <b>Maths Master:</b> Wilburn for his super counting <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Paige for her enthusiasm when creating Christmas lists
<b>Cherry</b>	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise all the children this week for working really hard during their adult led activities; they have listened well to the book of the week, remembering the plot and naming the characters. <b>Maths Master:</b> Kara for counting the correct amount of milles during snack time <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Miles for showing good pencil control and trying really hard to draw a ball

### Diary:

- Tuesday 21st Nov-Phonics presentation for parents (9am)
- Weds 22nd Nov-Family Trust Assemblies
- Thurs 23rd Nov- Girls' football match vs Greenfields (home)
- Fri 24th Nov-Football team at Greenfields (pm)
- Weds 29th Nov-Years R-4 flu vaccine
- Fri 1st Dec-inset day-children not in school
- Tues 5th Dec-Reports out to parents
- Thurs 7th Dec-Year 5/6 Astronomy dome in school
- Girls football team playing at Greenfields (3pm kick off)
- Friday 8th Dec-9.15am Nursery express event



### Messages

- Please don't forget that we have an inset day booked for Friday 1st December. School will be closed to children that day. School is open as usual on Monday 4th December
- As you may be aware, thoughts and preparations for the Christmas productions are beginning. Thank you so much to you all for your support in helping the children learn lines and find costumes where needed. Your help and support is hugely appreciated.
- Mrs Bond is holding a phonics presentation for parents at 9am this Tuesday (in the school hall). This is aimed at KS1 children (particularly those in year 1) but all parents are welcome to attend.
- Just a reminder that the flu vaccinations for years R-4 will be taking place in school on Wednesday 29th November. If your child is in one of the year groups and you haven't received a letter from the NHS regarding the vaccinations, please do let us know.

### Children in Need



Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone for their contributions on Friday; we raised a fantastic £206.71 for Children in Need. It was certainly a different day in school with so many children (and adults) wearing PJ's, onesies, slippers etc!

### Attendance

Whole school attendance for year to date has remained at 97.3% - well done everyone-this is great work!  
Reggie is heading to year 4 this week. Well done Ash class for excellent attendance of 99.3% last week. Keep up the great work!



# News from around the school

**Nursery:** The children produced some fantastic work last week, they all worked really hard and listened very carefully. They also all looked fantastic on Friday and helped raise money towards 'Children in Need'. Thank you for your generous donations.

This week is another busy one. The children will be taking part in Road Safety week. We will be practising our skills and remembering the rules for when we are out walking with our grown ups. It is also Switch off fortnight! The Eco-council have teamed up with EDF energy to help us learn about Energy saving. We will be looking at objects which use Electricity and making sure we are switching them off when we are not using them. We will also be learning about 2D shapes and creating dragon pictures with them. We will be using our describing words to label the dragon pictures.

\*\*\*There are some lovely Christmas cards on sale in Cherry Class cloakroom; all proceeds will be going to the sensory garden.

\*\*\*Can I just give a reminder that our Express Event is on Friday 8th December from 9.15 to 10.15am. Thank you for all your support

**Stars:** Lauren for a lovely first Helicopter story!

**Year 1:** This week Willow Class have been investigating dinosaurs using i-pads to build up a bank of facts to include in their non-chronological reports. I was amazed at how sensible and grown up they have been about using technology to aid their investigation. We will definitely be doing this more often! The children discovered some really interesting facts to include in their reports.

In maths we have been building on our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20. By the end of the week we were looking at using this knowledge to help us with addition number sentences; the children were amazing at this!

Thank you to all of you who donated and helped your children to dress up on Friday. We all had a great day raising money for Children in Need.

**Stars:** Lacie for trying really hard with learning her lines for the school play and supporting her friends to do the same.

**Year 3:** This week in Beech class the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of narratives. The children will begin the week by focusing on specific vocabulary which they can use to up-level their writing eg personification, similes, metaphors and alliteration. Towards the end of the week the children will be using all their skills to write a narrative based on our key text, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

In maths the children will be developing their knowledge of money. The children will begin the week by looking at specific coins and working out how much money is in the purse picture and towards the end of the week the children will be solving tricky money word problems.

PE—please make sure your child has their PE kit in school; our PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

If you have any queries or questions please speak to myself or Mrs Pullen. Thank you.

**Stars:** Elena for her phenomenal problem solving this week and for being resilient

**Year 5:** This week in literacy we will be writing our own narratives based on the Pixar clip, 'La Luna'. Children will be writing in character taking on the role of the young boy who is in charge of arranging the phases of the moon! Our focus will be on finding and using, in context, ambitious vocabulary. The children will be spending lots of time using a thesaurus to help them uplevel the words that they are choosing.

In Maths we will be spending some more time looking at time, calculating journey times and interpreting timetables. We started this work last week but will be investing a little more time on the topic to ensure that we are all confident in what we are doing.

Science will take us to the work of Isaac Newton and how his findings help us to understand why it is difficult to walk on the moon!

PE will be on Monday and Thursday this week as we are back to normal. Please make sure that children have their PE kits in school.

Finally we will be letting children know their parts for the Christmas performance this week and letters will be heading home regarding costumes.

**Stars:** Rosie for her excellent attitude to all aspects of her work and her growing confidence

**Reception:** This week we will continue to explore stories around our dragon theme and we will be focusing on creating our own dragon stories to create a class story book.

In phonics we have come to the end of phase 2 and we will be spending the week consolidating our knowledge of all the phase 2 sounds and using them to blend and segment simple words in isolation and also in sentences.

In maths we will be extending our knowledge of number by finding one less than a given number; we will also be practising counting actions rather than objects.

As this week is road safety week we will be exploring how we can stay safe when we are walking near, and crossing, roads.

Don't forget this week will be our last phonics sharing session on Tuesday. This session may be a little longer as we will be sharing some information about how phonics progresses as the children move through the school. Next term we will be inviting families to come in and join us for a session to keep fit and eat healthily! Look out for a letter coming home soon.

**Stars:** Jacob for initiating our fantastic beauty salon role play!

**Year 2:** This week in literacy all our work will be focusing on the storybook, 'The Dinosaur that pooped a planet' by Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter. At the beginning of the week we will be reading the story and generating a word bank of vocabulary from the book. We will then use this vocabulary in a range of genres. We will be writing a letter, a character description, a setting description, a diary entry and a narrative.

Within maths our focus will be subtraction. We will start the week off practising and embedding our subtraction skills using blank number lines and hundred squares. We will then be learning how to solve subtraction calculations using the column method.

Our topic lessons this week will be history and we will focus on the story of the Dodo. We will be researching why the Dodo became extinct. We will then be writing a letter, as if we are a Dodo, expressing how we are feeling about becoming extinct.

Thank you to all those parents and carers for the 'junk' you have sent in; please keep it coming!

**Stars:** Lexie for excellent listening and concentration this week

**Year 4:** This term our key text is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. This week we will be writing our own narrative based on this book. We will be creating our own character who visits a chocolate factory. Then, in Maths we will be investigating different types of angles and identifying the properties of 2D shapes. While in our topic lessons we will be exploring how bananas are grown and transported around the world.

During term 2 our PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. However, can you please ensure children have a full PE kit in school every day, including suitable footwear.

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

**Stars:** Augustas for always demonstrating superb behaviour for learning

**Year 6:** This week in Sycamore Class we will be having a debate about whether there is any other life forms in the universe, other than humans! We will be planning our arguments, discussing how, and practising how, to counter argue and then having a debate in class. Once the debate is over we will be writing a discussion text which formulates both sides of the arguments and allows the children to finish by expressing their own opinion with justifications.

In Maths we are spending the week exploring shapes. We will start the week by identifying and classifying 2D and 3D shapes. Have they got perpendicular lines? Parallel lines? Is there a relationship between the angles of the shape? Towards the end of the week, we will be looking at triangles and the nets of 3D shapes.

In the afternoons we will be researching different planets in the solar system—the children will have the option of choosing which one they want to research about and then producing a non-chronological report.

**Stars:** Keira for her continued effort always to produce the best work possible