

## Praise and Thank You!

Week Beginning 9th October 2017

<b>Sycamore</b>	The adults would like to praise Christopher and Casper for their work in Maths this week. They would also like to praise Arsenas for his semi-colons in writing and Johnathan for his behaviour this week. <b>Maths Master:</b> Emily for her work converting measures <b>Writer of the week:</b> Mitchell for an amazing setting description
<b>Birch</b>	Praise goes to Lucy E for her fantastic commitment to learning her times-tables and spellings. Well done also to Olivia H and Olivia K for their commitment to learning their spellings. <b>Maths Master:</b> Luke U for resilience when calculating missing angles on a straight line. <b>Writer of the Weeks:</b> Elizabeth for an excellent inspirational speech—it was fantastic!
<b>Ash</b>	Well done to Augustas, Auchan and Natalya for their fantastic Pandora box designs. Praise goes to Amelia Rose for demonstrating excellent techniques during our fencing lesson. <b>Maths Master:</b> Liam for rising to, and overcoming, challenges in Maths this week <b>Writer of the Weeks:</b> Mark for his amazing effective language suggestions during our class discussions this week
<b>Beech</b>	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the WHOLE class for their amazing behaviour throughout the week; you are <u>all</u> superstars!! <b>Maths Master:</b> Toby for applying his knowledge and understanding of fractions to solve a very tricky word problem <b>Writer of the Weeks:</b> Rhys for becoming more confident with his ideas and for being able to retell a famous myth
<b>Maple</b>	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise Summer for improving her attitude to learning. They would also like to praise Marina and Ronnie J for their improved listening skills his week. <b>Maths Master:</b> Ronnie H for being the first member of Maple class to reach his 3x tables <b>Writer of the Weeks:</b> Jasmine for independently using her phonics to spell unfamiliar words in her setting description
<b>Willow</b>	The teachers in Willow class would like to praise Baylee D for being so kind and patient. Baylee has spent time helping other children in Willow Class this week. <b>Maths Masters:</b> Emily, Lottie, Dexter, Chloe and Anaiah for independently creating the most incredible 2D shape monster! <b>Writer of the Weeks:</b> Bailey H for writing a full page of news for the news tree
<b>Oak</b>	Thank you to Aesel for always being cheerful and for putting a smile on all our faces. <b>Maths Master:</b> Oliver D for his imaginative shape picture <b>Writer of the Weeks:</b> Dolly for trying hard with her letter formation.
<b>Cherry</b>	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise Regan for a fantastic week (and fantastic singing!). Praise also goes to Eliss, Amelia, Naomi and Timi for great work during our story time session with good recall of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. <b>Maths Master:</b> Poppy for fabulous counting to 10! <b>Writer of the Weeks:</b> Darcy for great listening during our phonics games!

### Diary:

Fri 13th—NSPCC thank you assembly

Mon 16th —Y5/6 express event (am)

Y3/4 express event (pm)

Weds 18th—Y1/2 express event

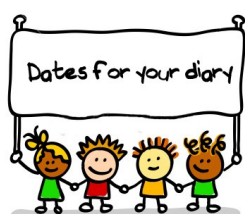
Thurs 19th—N/R express event

Billy's 1st birthday!!!

Fri 20th—End of term 1

Mon 30th Oct—Start of term 2

Fri 1st Dec—Inset day



### Messages

-A huge thank you for all your contributions for our Harvest Festival. The PTA very kindly collated everything you donated and made class boxes to take to the Family Food Bank. The whole school enjoyed a celebration assembly that included singing, a Harvest poem and a visit from the Rev. George.

-Incredibly, we are already starting to approach the end of term!! Please look out for information regarding Express Events for each of the classes; it would be lovely to see you if you are able to join us. The children have been working incredibly hard all term. Curriculum books will be available for you to see at the events so you can chat to your child about their learning.

-Billy would like everyone to know that he will be 1 year old on the 19th October! He is very excited about officially not being a puppy any more... We will have had Billy with us in school for a whole year in December. He has definitely become a key member of the school team; thank you to everyone for welcoming him so warmly.



### Macmillan

We counted all of the money collected and we have a contribution of over £250 for Macmillan.

Thank you to everybody who supported the event through contributing cakes and/or buying some!

### Attendance

Our attendance has dropped this week; whole school attendance is now at 97.6%. We know that children get poorly and need to stay at home sometimes but please do try and book routine appointments (eg dentist etc) outside school hours if possible.

This week's highest attenders were years 3 and 4 with attendance of 98.7% in both classes. Well done Beech and Ash classes; enjoy taking care of Reggie!



# News from around the school

**Nursery:** This week we will be focusing our learning around 'Jack and the Bean-stalk'. We will be receiving a surprise letter from a mystery character who has lost a few belongings...I wonder whether the children will be able to help out?

We will also be comparing different lengths, learning 'shortest' and 'longest'.

In our PE we will be playing a favourite game—the Bean Game! We will be pretending to be different types of beans and moving our bodies in different ways.

We will be using the Izone to practise our mouse operating skills; an activity the children really enjoy!

**Star of the Week:** Miley for always being happy, for being a super friendly member of Cherry class and for looking after one of our new friends this week.

**Reception:** This week we will be looking at the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will be using the text to explore the direction of print and using our developing phonic knowledge to find letters and words that are familiar to us.

We will be continuing to develop our number knowledge by ordering numbers to 10 to create number lines and then using them to play number games.

In phonics we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of sounds and alongside this, we will be exploring rhyme and rhythm in words.

If you haven't had a chance yet, please log in to your Tapestry account so that you can see what we have been learning about at school.

**Star of the Week:** Holly for always being polite and friendly.

**Year 1:** Willow class have been investigating shapes and their properties in maths this week. This was the perfect opportunity to create our 'giant shape aliens' out of 2D shapes. This required a lot of team work and trial and error. The results were some fantastically weird looking shape aliens! They are now proudly displayed in our classroom.

A big thank you to all the parents who brought in a charity food donation for our harvest festival assembly on Friday. We were also very grateful to parents who have been practising the 'Harvest Samba' with their children at home; it has really paid off!

Homework books went home with your children on Friday. We will be grateful if homework could be completed by the following Wednesday so that we have time to have a look before we give the next homework out. Thank you.

**Star of the Week:** Leia for making incredible comparisons between the past and present in Literacy.

**Year 2:** This week in literacy we will be watching the opening of a pirate film clip. We will be predicting what will happen next in the film and writing a narrative from this point. We will then be writing a pirate 'message in a bottle'. Towards the end of the week we will be using adjectives to write a wanted poster.

Our focus in maths this week will be 2D and 3D shapes. We will be learning the names of more complex shapes and we will be exploring how many faces, vertices and edges each shape has.

In topic this week we will be learning compass points; playing a range of games to support our learning.

Thank you to all those that sent in food for our harvest basket; all contributions were greatly received and appreciated.

**Star of the Week:** Morgan for the excellent efforts and achievements she has made in her learning in all areas of the curriculum so far in year 2.

**Year 3:** This week in Beech class we will be focusing on 2D and 3D shapes. The children will begin the week by identifying different shapes in the environment and towards the end of the week the children will be learning about parallel and perpendicular lines.

In Literacy the children will be creating their own mythical creature and setting. The children will then create their own myth based on their creature and imagination.

Spellings: as stated on this week's home learning sheet, we will be starting term 2 with a spelling book for each child. This will just be a 'folder' whereby spellings will be kept for each individual as it is becoming confusing for the children as well as the adults about when they can/not take their home learning books home.

If you have any questions or queries, please just ask myself or Mrs Pullen.

**Star of the Week:** Roxi for her improved attitude and behaviour towards her learning and peers.

**Year 4:** It is text based week in Ash class. We will be reading a different Greek myth every day and then completing a range of extended writing activities using different genres. Then, in Maths, we will be learning how to multiply and divide by multiples of ten. We will then apply this knowledge to answer a range of problems involving measurement. While in our topic lessons we will be designing and creating a piece of armour for a Greek god.

We have our fencing lesson on Monday. Please can children ensure that they have a full PE kit and that children have their earrings taken out if they cannot do this themselves?

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

**Star of the Week:** Autumn for her superb learning behaviour and enthusiasm in all lessons.

**Year 5:** A huge well done to everyone in Year 5 for a fantastic week last week. We worked really hard on some tricky maths and English work and the children were resilient and focused. Well done superstars! We were also really, really impressed with the class' approach to the Daily Mile. We are working very hard to get to a point where every member of our class can complete a mile in 15 minutes. We are very nearly there! A huge well done as well to those children who are working so hard on spellings and times tables— your hard work is definitely paying off!

This week we will be changing our focus in Maths away from angles and looking instead at perimeter and area. By the end of the week we will be challenging ourselves to look at compound shapes and thinking about strategies for working out perimeter and area of shapes where we might not have been given all the measurements we need... In English we will be thinking about letter writing and aspects of Standard English.

Please note that as Express Events etc start, the hall gets very busy and our PE times and days may change. Please could we ask that children have full PE kits in school every day so that nobody misses out on PE. Thank you.

**Star of the week:** Alex for his resilience and determination when completing the daily mile. Keep up the great work Alex.

**Year 6:** This week in Sycamore we are looking at speech and the punctuation that goes with it. We will be looking at some famous speeches, discussing why they are so famous and then planning our own speech to perform. Can we get our speech marks in the right place? Is our punctuation correct? These are some of the things that we will be looking at.

In Maths we are using a protractor to measure and draw angles. We will also be looking at the different features of a circle. Do we know the difference between a circumference and a diameter?

PE will be on Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that your kit is in school. Many thanks.

**Star of the week:** Nicholas for his amazing attitude and behaviour at the Tag Rugby tournament.