

8th December 2017

Celebration Newsletter



Star of the Week



Willow Class - Connor Dancer (Year 1)



Beech Class – Charlie Swain (Year 4)



Oak Class – Chloe Edwards (Year 6)

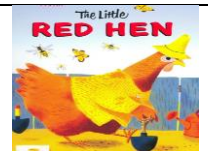
Promoting Positive Behaviour

The School Council now have an important responsibility of helping other children with friendships and disagreements. This week in assembly Mrs Lovis explained to all the children that if they have any friendship worries they can talk to a member of the School Council who have systems in place to help them with their concerns. Their efforts will be helping others to follow our school rules, which are: be kind, be helpful and be respectful and our school values:

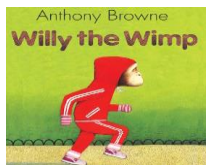
Be Curious like
Curious George



Be Industrious like the
Little Red Hen



Stick with it like
Willy the Wimp



Be Resourceful like the
mouse from The Gruffalo



Aim for the top like the Paralympians. We say Yes I Can! To every challenge.



Mr Cole is Leaving

Mr Ricky Cole who teaches PE and runs the Real PE afterschool club on Friday will be running his last session on Friday 15th December. In the new year he will be teaching in an International School in Uzbekistan! Mr Cole will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best!

After School Care - Greatworth Pre-School.

Greatworth Pre-School are now offering after school care to Reception and Year 1 children. If you are interested in your child attending this after school care provision please contact them directly on 01295 713514.

School Dinners – Cancel or Pay

Dolce, our school dinner provider, have informed us that in this financial year alone, over three hundred thousand of their meals were ordered, prepared in the kitchen and binned countrywide because the pupil for whom it was ordered did not cancel the order or attend the hotplate. They are looking to improve this situation. **Therefore as of January 2018, all school meals ordered and not cancelled by 9.30am will be charged. If your child is absent please ensure you remember to cancel their dinner to avoid being charged.**

Terry Goode's Multi-Skills Sports – Next Term Sign Up and Christmas Party Sports Day.

If you would like your child to be signed up to Terry Goode's Multi-Skills Sports after school club next term please ask a member of Office Staff for a sign-up sheet.

Also, Mr Goode is holding a Christmas Party Sports Day at Greatworth School on Friday 22nd December from 10am-4pm at the price of £20 per child (10% discount for 2 or more siblings). If you are interested in your child attending this day please ask the Office Staff for a sign-up sheet.

Reminders...

Swimming

Monday 11th December will be the last swimming session for this term. Next term Years 5, 4 and 3 will start swimming on Monday 8th January. A separate letter with further details will be sent out via ParentMail next week.

Christmas Dinner

If you have not already done so, please can you order your child's Christmas Dinner as soon as possible via the Live Kitchen Website. We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Monday, 18th December.

Upcoming Festive Events.

- **Advent, The Arts and Advocaat** (Performing Arts Evening), on Wednesday 13th December, will be a delightful evening with Oak, Beech and Willow Class show-casing some exciting performances as well as the pupils from the music school performing some Christmas favourites. There will be a fully licensed bar hosted by the PTA. They will also delight with homemade mulled wine, festive nibbles and an array of raffles throughout the evening. The doors open at 6.00pm and the first performance is 6.30pm.
Please ensure you respond to the ParentMail message to receive your tickets by Monday 11th December. We do have some spare tickets available if you wish for additional family members to attend. Please speak to the Office Staff to request additional tickets – they will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.
- Our **Christmas Dinner** for the pupils, staff and governors is Monday 18th December. Please ensure you book your child's meal on LiveKitchen so they don't miss out. Please can the children also wear a **Christmas jumper or accessories** and donate £1 on this day to get into the Christmas spirit and raise funds for the school PTA.
- Willow Class will be performing two performances of '**The Nativity**' for parents on Tuesday 19th December, 9.30am and 3pm. The PTA will be selling festive refreshments at both performances.
- On the last day of term, Wednesday 20th December, we would be delighted to welcome parents and members of the community to Greatworth Church, at 10.45am, where the whole school will be performing **Christmas Carols**. The children will then return to school to have their **Christmas Party**. Please ensure your child brings party clothes to school to change into. There will be no school dinners on this day. A ParentMail message has been sent this week asking each parent to make/buy a specific party food for the event.
- **PTA Surprise Room** - From Monday 11th to Friday 16th December the PTA will provide a little shop at school where the children (who have been signed up by their parents), can come and pick out presents for their Parents or Grandparents. They have a good selection of gifts and they help them choose, wrap and write a tag for you.
Surprise Room is a brilliant way of your little ones giving you a totally secret present and is one of the highlights of the PTA's year; it is a lovely opportunity to see the children doing something so very special.

Other Achievements

Luca Fox – Proficiency in Gymnastics Level 7

George Norton - Hotshots Player of the Month

Isabel Walsh – Pen Licence Award

Grace Froom – Music Award

Harry Swain – Art Award

Zak Hayes – Resilience Award

Swimming

- 5 metres in backstroke award – Adam Lake
- 10 metres award – Millie Dawkins, Keira Thomson, Rosie Thomson
- 25 metres award – Keira Thomson, Rosie Thomson, Alex Griffith
- 50 metres - Keira Thomson, Rosie Thomson, Ruan Kiernan, Isabel Walsh, Maddison Woolley
- Fish Level 3 award – Adam Lake
- Passed the Key Stage 2 National Requirements – Lilli Thomas, Harry Swain, Jamie Wallis, Isabel Walsh and Holly Tappenden
- Green Star award – Lilli Thomas, Charlie Swain, Grace Froom, Isabel Walsh, Ewan Ellis, Theo Hook and Megan Winch
- Red Star award – Harry Swain, Chloe Edwards and Harriet Froom
- Most Improved Swimmer this Term – Adam Lake

Thank you to Alex Griffith, Alex Winch, George Norton, Harley Kuhn and Alycia Fleet-Chapman for tidying up the playground this week.

Weekly Class Attendance

Willow – 92.86%

Beech – 100% WINNERS!

Oak – 98.15%

Homework Completion

	Spelling & Timetables (%)	Weekly Task (%)	Reading 3 Times a Week (%)
Willow	79	82	59
Beech	76	86	76
Oak	94	89	50

Reading Champions of the Week

25 Reads

Isla Lake Stevens, Lauren Bullen and Gabriel Fox

50 Reads

Lily Edwards, Chloe Edwards, Maddy Brown and Neve Fishwick



DOJOS

Willow = 1749

Beech = 2376

Oak = 1434

Grand Total = 5559

100 Dojo Award

Lilli Thomas, Harriet Froom and Tom Norton

Next Term - Mind, Body and Soul

January is the month we are going to focus on the mind, body and soul.

So far we have planned:

- Parents to talk about how they look after their mind body and soul by doing yoga, cheer-leading, aromatherapy, reflexology and mindfulness.
- A Commonwealth athlete to visit to motivate the children to complete a sponsored sporting activity
- A sponsored run
- A winter sports day
- A Bush-tucker Smoothie challenge (School Council)
- A 30 day plan – the plank, sit-ups
- A daily Joe Wicks or a Minute Mile

Do you have a hobby or job that promotes well-being and would like to share your experience and knowledge with the children? If so, please let a member of staff know, so we can arrange a time for you to come in and inspire!

Clubs – week commencing 11th December 2017

All clubs, except Breakfast Club, will finish on Friday 15th December and resume back to normal on Monday 8th January.

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Before School	The Great Grub Breakfast Club 7.45 – 8.45am	The Great Grub Breakfast Club 7.45 – 8.45am	The Great Grub Breakfast Club 7.45 – 8.45am Hot Shots Basketball Club 8 – 8.45am	The Great Grub Breakfast Club 7.45 – 8.45am	The Great Grub Breakfast Club 7.45 – 8.45am
After School	Smarty Arty Club Years 2-6 3.30 - 4.20pm Mrs Lutas-Brown.	Drama Club Years 2-6 3.30 - 4.20pm Mrs Lutas-Brown.			Real PE Club Years 1 – 6 3.30-4.30pm Ricky Cole.

Dates for the diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Week commencing 11 th December	Surprise Room
Wednesday 13 th December	PM – Dress Rehearsal for Advent, The Arts and Advocaat
Wednesday 13 th December	Advent, The Arts and Advocaat. Doors open at 6pm and the first performance is 6.30pm
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper/Accessories Day (PTA fund raising event, £1 a child) Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 th December	9.30am Dress rehearsal for Willow Class's performance of The Nativity.
Tuesday 19 th December	The Nativity performed by Willow Class, 9.30am and 3pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Carols performed by the whole school at the Church, 10.45am – 11.30am.
Wednesday 20 th December	12pm Whole School Christmas Party. (No school dinners).
Wednesday 3 rd January	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 4 th January	Children return to school
January	Mind, Body and Soul Month
Friday 2 nd February	Laura Samuel (British triple jump athlete) to visit school. Children participate in a sponsored sport event.