



The Red Squirrel



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Dear Parents and Carers

Value for the term

Our value for this term is 'perseverance' and within our class families and during collective worship this is something we are exploring further. Over the rest of this term it would be great if you could talk to your child/ren about how you and your child/ren shows perseverance. One of my mottos is 'I can because I think I can!' As adults, we know that when some challenges have seemed impossible, with perseverance and determination they can be overcome. I've already had many conversations with children in our school

family about things they find challenging but the delight when they create something they can do now that they've not been able to do before. I look forward to continuing to see how our children continue to learn and grow as they journey through school.

Some quotes below to give you encouragement....

'Edison failed 10000 times before he made the electric light. Do not be discouraged if you fail a few times'.
Napoleon Hill.

'The only failure is not to try'.
George Clooney

'Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained'.
Marie Curie.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Amanda Pritchard

Other News

School timings

A reminder that the school gates open at 8.30am each morning. Please do not arrive before 8.30am, unless your child is attending Breakfast Club, or a learning group before school as there is no access to the school building for pupils and we want to ensure the safety of the children. Thank you for your support.

Parking

May I urge parent/carers to park both safely and considerately when parking or dropping off children outside the school. A reminder that the entrance to Hazelwood Gardens Nursing Home and the school kitchen must remain clear at all times.

Rather than turn around in the road, please carry on down Channells Hill to avoid any congestion or potential danger to children.

Again, I understand that parking can be a bone of contention as it is at most schools, but the children's safety is of paramount importance.

Aviva Community Fund

Great news! We have won a competition and been awarded £1,000 from Aviva. The Aviva Community Fund offers the chance to get funding for an important cause in our community. Thank you to Year 2 parents and families who voted online at Aviva for the Project and filled all the voting slots within 48hrs! Announcement of the £1000

funding was announced on 16th January 2018.

More about where the funds will be used shortly.

For information about the fund, visit the website:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-3183>

'Free' Money!

Did you know that many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise? Some organisations will match fund on a £ for £ basis, others will stipulate what they are

prepared to give. Banks and building societies, insurance companies, supermarkets, utilities providers, phone companies and car manufacturers are known for being able to match fund but if parents could enquire to see if this is something the organisation they work for is prepared to do, the PTA could bring in a lot more funds relatively easily, for the benefit of our children. Have a chat with your boss and let us know if they're able to match fund. It really is money for nothing!!

Health and Safety Governor vacancy

Are you an expert, knowledgeable or just interested in Health and Safety? Please give your name to the School office or to any Governor as a first stage to possibly becoming the designated health and Safety Governor. Thank you.

Message from Mr Pat

Does anyone have a broken toaster? Instead of throwing away, could you let

Mr Pat have it? He has a project he needs the parts for!

SATs dates

Advanced notice for the parents/carers of children in Year 6: The children will be sitting Statutory Assessment Tests from 14th—17th May 2018. All Yr 6 children MUST be in school during that week.

Gala Report

Well done to the gala swimming team who won the Percy Smith Gala last night. Another great result. This result takes them to top of the League table, with three more to go. A special well done to Edward B and Hannah Y who swam in their first gala. Thank you so much to Helen, Annie and all the other parents who help run our successful group. Thank you too to those who came to support.

Mobile phones

We understand the need for some children have a mobile phone to help get in contact with family members for safety

reasons. If your child does bring a mobile phone to school, they MUST hand their phone to the school office on arrival at school and collect it at the end of the day.

Reminder for Yr 5 & 6

A reminder for those taking part in the 'Bake-off' next week: please take cakes to Chew room on Wednesday morning, making sure the cakes are labelled with your name and the 2 extra ingredients you have used, (no nuts to be used). There will be a cake sale at break time on the pergola and proceeds will go towards buying equipment for Chew room—our cookery room. Cakes will be priced between 10p and 50p.

School lunches

Given the great food we have at lunch times, some children are getting to the serving hatch and changing their minds, choosing something else. Could you please remind your child to order the correct option in the mornings as the Catering staff cook the food to order. Thank you.

PTA news



Film Night

We are looking forward to the PTA film night which is fast approaching on **Friday 26th January**. The film chosen is Despicable me 3, certificate U. Doors will open at 6:15, for the film to start at 6:30. For those who have not been to film night before, you do not need to stay with your child during the film, as there will be a number of PTA volunteers as well as at least 2 Teachers. However, we would appreciate a prompt collection at 8pm. **Tickets are £3 and include a drink and small bag of popcorn, and will be on sale from the PTA kiosk in the playground from Monday 22nd January**, both before and after school all week. When buying your tickets, please put a telephone number on our emergency contact list.

Great Westbury Bake off

Following on from the success of last years Bake off, we are delighted to announce dates for this year. Who will win the much coveted Golden Whisk?! Each of the dates is for a particular group of years, and if it is not 'your year group', you do not need to bake! More details to follow nearer the time.

Friday 9th March - Years 5,6 and Teachers

Friday 20th April - Years 3&4

Friday 4th May - KS1

Dates for your diary

◆ Spring Disco - **Friday 18th May**

◆ Red Squirrel Day - **Saturday 30th June**

Dates for your diary

Term 3

Tues 30th Jan 9.30am
Candlemas

Mon 5th Feb 1.30pm
Pre-school group

Term dates 2017/18

Term 3 Break up Friday 9th Feb

Term 4 Mon 19th Feb to Fri 23rd Mar 18

Term 5 Mon 9th Apr to Fri 25th May 18

(Mon 7th May-Bank Holiday)

Term 6 Mon 4th Jun to Tues 24th Jul 18

Remaining INSET dates 2018

Fri 25th May 2018

Mon 23rd Jul and Tues 24th Jul 2018