



Spring Term Newsletter No.8



What a fun week of learning in school—it has been busy! World Book Day was enjoyed by all, with the children spending time discussing books and sharing their favourites, sometimes in the most peculiar places! Thank you for your donations which will go to Book Aid International to buy books for schools and libraries in Africa.



Apple Class had an outdoor learning day on Thursday and it was lovely to see the Cob Oven alight. The children made bread which they cooked in the oven and also toasted mallows over the fire pit. Play Torbay were here supporting with some of the activities and there was great excitement in the afternoon when they made a large water rocket blast off into the air. The children also had a go at making extra-large bubbles. Don't forget to check our website or twitter feed to see photos of the week's events. You can use the links at the top of this newsletter to access these. (The other classes in KS1 will have an opportunity to do these activities over the next few weeks.)

Eschools

If you have a smart phone can we please encourage you to download the eSchools app from your mobile phone's app store as this will ensure you receive immediate notifications from the school rather than having to log in to the school website or to your emails to find out if we have sent you a message. This will also save the school money so please support us in improving the communication between home and school. If you have lost your log in details we will be able to help!



We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils:



Beech — Elsie has shown improved concentration and contribution in class discussions.
Pine — Tamsin is aspirational with her learning and contributes more in discussions.
Apple — James is sensible in every aspect; trying hard and showing good team skills.
Oak — Leo has shown great commitment and progress in his writing.
Birch — Ryan B has improved his writing skills and shares wonderful ideas in the lessons.
Rowan — Gracie has put in a brilliant effort and taken responsibility for her learning.
Cherry — Hannah P is a pleasure to have in the class, always kind, caring and helpful.
Maple — George contributes excellently in class and always puts his hand up to answer questions.
Holly — Nesta has a fantastic attitude to learning and has been a great member of the class. We shall miss her but wish her well in her new school.
Willow — Alfie has taken more responsibility for his learning and gets on independently with tasks.
Hawthorn — Solomon is a responsible learner who pushes himself to achieve in maths and English.
Hazel — Jordan has shown an excellent attitude to his learning all week. Well done!

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 6th March—Y6 Residential and Activities Week
Monday 6th March— Maple Class Swimming lessons
Thursday 9th March until Tuesday 14th March—Book Fair from 3:05pm
Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March—Jack's Zoo in school (Permission slips required for this event please)



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Cherry Class for winning
the School Attendance Award
with 98.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.1% attendance overall which is below our target of 96% again.

Phonic Workshops for Parents

We are offering a short phonics session for parents. In the session we will teach you the phonemes in each Phase that the children learn and are expected to apply in their reading and writing from Reception to Year 6 and beyond. We will provide you with phonics resources as well as give advice on how to best support your child to apply their phonics knowledge for reading and writing at home. We are offering this to parents with children in Year 1 to Year 6.

We are offering three dates to provide you with as much opportunity to attend as possible. We will be doing the same in each of the three sessions so you will only need to attend one of them - one of which will be after school and your child would be welcome to attend. There is a letter coming home with more information and a reply slip if you wish to attend one of the sessions.



Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair is returning on Thursday 9th March until Tuesday 14th March and will be open after school from 3:05pm. Every book bought makes a difference as Scholastic Books give the school a percentage of the takings and last term we received more than £500 worth of books for our school library.

Football News

The football team travelled to Plymouth this week to compete in the county finals. Playing against the other three top sides in the county the boys won, lost and drew, eventually finishing second in the whole of Devon. This is a great achievement for the boys and for the school and both Mr Robinson and Mr Roberts are very proud of the way the children performed against some very competitive teams.



PTA

Many thanks to the PTA for organising the film night on Thursday. There was a packed out hall and the children loved sitting by their friends, munching on hot dogs and sweets! The PTA are doing a great job of organising events to raise money to spend on equipment for the children. The next meeting is Friday 10th March straight after school if you would like to come along.

Parking

Please can we remind you that you should not be parking on the zigzags outside school as they are there to help keep your children safe as they cross the road at the beginning and end of the day. Please also avoid parking on the drop down crossing point at the junction of Barewell Road and Shelley Avenue as this restricts the children's visibility and puts them at risk.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.