



## Spring Term Newsletter No.5

We started the week with an assembly about Chinese New Year and it was great to hear the children talking the next day about which year they were born in and the related animal from the Chinese zodiac— good to know they follow up the assemblies with their own research!

We also had a visit from the Firefighters on Wednesday to talk to some of the year groups about fire safety. The children always love these visits, especially when a teacher has to dress up in all the uniform! Lucky Mrs Turner had that pleasure this time!

Thank you for signing up for the parents' meetings next week. If you have not yet signed up please call in to school tonight to book an appointment to find out how your child is progressing. This is a particularly important meeting for Y6 as it is their last formal meeting before moving on to Secondary School and you'll be able to find out how you can support them at home in readiness for this move.



Today we raised £253 for the NSPCC—thank you. Number Day was fun with the children rotating around different classes completing maths activities. We think the staff enjoyed the chance to dress up, too!

Next week we have many things happening. It is Children's Mental Health Week and schools are being encouraged to 'Spread a Little Kindness'. On Tuesday we will be participating in Internet Safety Day. This will be a great opportunity for you to talk to your child about their internet behaviour too. On Thursday we will be signing and singing to see if we can beat the current world record. If you check on our website or follow our twitter account you will be able to see more about this through the week so you can discuss these important topics with your children.

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



- Beech — Avalon has been brave and has been trying lots of new things this week.
- Pine — Karolina always tries her best and even does extra writing during her spare time.
- Apple — Alfie W has a great attitude to learning and is very responsible and aspirational!
- Oak — Logan's dedication to improving his handwriting had paid off! Well done!
- Birch — Ryan H completed some excellent persuasive writing this week.
- Rowan — Amara has shown great responsibility in her learning all week. Well done!
- Cherry — Riley has persevered to complete tasks to the best of his ability and helps others too.
- Maple — Kelcy is a fantastic learner and tries hard in all she does, all the time.
- Holly — Chayden can always be relied on to be organised and he shows great listening skills.
- Willow — Ethem has been willing to put himself forward for a challenge—great aspiration!
- Hawthorn — Rhys has been trying tricky challenges and pushing himself to succeed.
- Hazel — Jasmine gives excellent support to her peers in lessons!

### Diary Date Reminders:

Parents' Meetings taking place next week from Monday to Thursday  
Tuesday 7th February—Y5 and 6 Netball Tournament.  
Late finish at 5pm.  
Thursday 9th February—Parent Drop In at 3:30pm.  
Come and share your child's work.  
Friday 10th February—last day of half term  
Monday 20th February—first day back in school.



### Attendance Award

Congratulations  
to Maple Class for winning the  
School Attendance Award with 99.3%  
attendance.

The whole school achieved 94.8%  
attendance overall which is below our  
target. Let's hope next week is better!

## Sports Round Up



B Team

A Team

### Netball News

On Thursday 26th January, St. Margaret's netball team travelled to White Rock Primary School. Our team included Natasha (Captain), Scarlett, Cindy, Laila, Peter, Lewis and Toby. We give our thanks to Mrs Broom and Mrs Price for bringing us to all of these events. It was a close match; the scores ended 12-11 to St. Margaret's Academy. We are now through to the semi-finals. We are all so proud. Thank you netballers!  
By Natasha and Scarlett (Y6)



### Y5-Y6 Basketball Tournament

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January the A and B Basketball teams went to St Cuthbert Mayne to play in a Basketball Tournament. The top 2 teams from the A group would go through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. We got underway and both teams pretty much demolished Queensway in the first match. We then played Home-lands and we beat them to. They were the first team to get a basket against us. Finally we played St Marychurch, it was very close. The A team lost by one basket 13 - 11 and the B team won in the last few seconds. The A team came second overall and qualify for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and the B team won their group. Overall we had a great time and it was an absolute honour to play basketball at St Cuthbert Mayne.  
By Taylor Y6 & Alfie Y6

**Headlice**—It seems to be the time of year when parents are reporting cases of headlice to us. Please check your child's hair this weekend. Regular checks are the only way to avoid an infestation on your child's head. Please also make sure your child has their hair tied up if they have hair longer than shoulder length. (Hairbands should be small and discreet and where possible, in our school colours)

**School Uniform**—please make sure your child wears black school shoes. There are lots of children wearing coloured trainers who claim they don't have any other shoes—we are sure they do!

**School Clubs**— there will be no Spanish Club on Monday due to the parents' meetings and no Basketball Club on Thursday due to a match taking place. All other clubs should be running as usual unless cancelled because of the weather.

*Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.*