

## Spring Term Newsletter No.9 (15.3.19)

This week we've had a focus on our school value of *respect*. Our Monday assembly followed the story of Julia Donaldson's giant as he donated items of his clothes to different animals in need. We used this to help children think about others' needs and others' points of view. This level of empathy was a useful model for starting class discussions about how *respect* looks in reality around school and out in the community and at home. Teachers then spent time during the week exploring this in class and I've been able to incorporate these into our new and emerging Behaviour Policy.

I have continued to receive useful input and ideas from many of you which I'm also incorporating into the draft policy. One really lovely idea I received was an idea to help children be *responsible*. This idea is for each child in the class to randomly select a child's name. They must then each look out for their selected child over the course of the day or week; taking responsibility for their care and happiness.

I hope you found Parents' Evenings useful this week and had a good chance to see the progress your child is making. Thank you to the teachers for their time. Although it makes for a long day I know they valued the conversations as that partnership with you at home is so crucial. Thank you for the parent questionnaires returned so far. They help us to identify trends and to plan future improvements. If you haven't returned it yet or haven't received one there is still time. You can collect one from the office. Please post them in the red post box once completed.

Thank you to those parents who attended the CAP (Child Assault Prevention) workshop on Thursday. We hope you found it useful. Staff also attended training on Thursday evening to help identify and support vulnerable children.

Have a fantastic weekend.

### Diary Dates

Weeks beginning 18.3.19 and 25.3.19	CAP UK team will be in school delivering workshops to all the children.
Tuesday 26.3.19	PTA Film Night for Reception and KS1 3.10pm
Friday 29.3.19	Closing date for the PTA Easter Egg competition
Monday 1.4.19	PTA Lost Property Sale 3.05pm
Tuesday 2.4.19	PTA Film Night for KS2 3.10pm
Friday 5.4.19	Deadline for returning the 1 litre, 333g plastic bottles filled with clean shredded plastic. These will be used for home insulation in Africa and to create local benches in Torbay. See Mrs Turner for more details.
Friday 5.4.19	Last day of the spring term
Tuesday 23.4.19	First day of the summer term



### Food Critique of School Dinners

Following our invite to sample school lunches, we were very pleased to welcome Fiona Trussel to school this week. Fiona is a parent at school, a former editor of the AA Restaurant Guide and a journalist specialising in writing about food and drink. She commented that our cooks are doing a good job and she is trying to persuade more parents to come and try for themselves.

*“The macaroni in the macaroni cheese was a bit soft but the cheese sauce was good - mild but not too bland. There was a nice mixture of vegetables with it, which weren't too overcooked. It's great that the children can also choose some fresh salad to go with their meal. The garlic bread was cooked well, without being too soggy or too crunchy and it had a good garlic flavour without being too strong. The chocolate surprise cake was moist and you would never have known it had hidden beetroot in it! It wasn't overly sweet which was great. I also tried the coconut and mango cake from the day before and that was extremely good - very coconutty and moist and, again, not too sweet.”*

Many thanks to Fiona for taking the time to come in and a huge thanks to our amazing kitchen staff who always aspire to produce the best food for children and staff.



### School Meals - **BRONZE!** - Invitation to Try

You are cordially invited to taste our super school dinners. If you would like to take advantage of this offer to see what your child experiences, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time. We're confident you will enjoy it.



### Nut Aware!

Please help. We have several children in school with allergies to nuts. Please help us by keeping lunch boxes and snacks nut free. For example, no Nutella or pots of nuts. Seeds, however, are ok. Thank you for your support.

### Fresh Water!

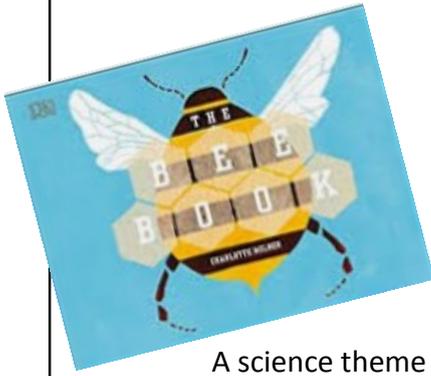
Please can we remind you to only send water in your child's drink bottle for drinking between meals. They can have juice at lunchtime.



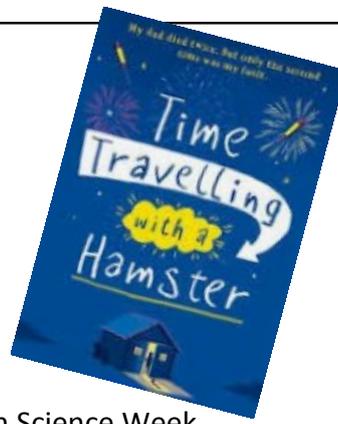
### Year 3 and 4 Fairtrade Café

Year 3 and 4 have been taking part in Fairtrade Fortnight. They have been busy researching and writing about Fairtrade coffee, bananas and chocolate. This week they have also had the opportunity to make homemade lemonade and bake banana muffins / chocolate brownies - all with Fairtrade ingredients. They relished this opportunity and we certainly have some budding young bakers in our midst! Watch out bake-off series in the future! Many thanks to our teaching assistants in Y3 and 4 for assisting with the cooking and also to parents for their donations at the Fairtrade cake sale after school yesterday. We hope you and your children enjoyed them!





**Miss Palfrey  
and the  
Reading  
Ambassadors  
Book Picks  
of the Week**



A science theme in support of British Science Week  
The Bee Book by Charlotte Milner  
Time Travelling with a Hamster

**Weekly Attendance Award**

Congratulations to  
**Hazel Class**  
for winning the School  
Attendance Award with  
**100%** attendance.  
School target: 96%  
The whole school achieved  
**97.4% this week**



**This Week's Star Pupils!**

Ash — Frankie - for being a great 'shareonyx' this week with his friends - making a plan in his imaginative play and building up a super story as a group.

★ Molly- for super talking about her chatter bag this week. She spoke to the group clearly, in detail and with such confidence - we were all very impressed!

Elm — Amelia - For always showing great kindness towards others. A very responsible and caring member of our school community.

Oliver - For showing great concentration and determination to succeed...he has tried so hard with his hand writing this week. What a Stick-o-saurus!

Beech — Pheonix - for trying really hard to improve the presentation of her work - keep it up!

Pine — Quinn- for his super attitude towards his learning which in enabling him to progress so well, especially in maths.

Oak — Evie- for always showing the value Respect and for excellent teamwork and listening during the Science activities this week.

Apple— Bea - for an excellent attitude to learning and effort in Maths.

Birch — Harriet - For being extremely aspirational when writing your non-chronological report about Fairtrade chocolate this week and taking responsibility to ensure that you had all of the toolkit in it!

Rowan — Ben and Floyd - for working so hard at home with their maths and literacy which meant they kept up with the class whilst being off.

Cherry — James - for demonstrating a huge improvement to his learning attitude. Keep up the great determination!

Maple — Logan has taken responsibility for his learning when writing this week. He produced a fantastic non-chronological report about Fairtrade chocolate making sure he takes extra care with his presentation.

Holly — Laila always demonstrates our core values. She is always aspirational in her learning; shows respect to wards her peers and takes responsibility for herself and her learning. We are very proud of her!

Willow — Max Gibson - Max has been fighting a long battle with his presentation skills. He has made real strides this week towards improving his skills and has had a positive attitude throughout. Keep it up Max.

Hazel—Annabelle has shown a consistent and all round effort towards her learning which is shown in all areas of her learning. Keep it up.

Hawthorn—Kelcy- for her aspirational and positive attitude

**Early Help - Supporting families**

Early Help is designed to support families when they first ask for help, in order to minimise adverse experiences for children and families in Torbay. The Early Help process helps families and professionals to identify and access the right help to meet a need. This may be a need around a child's health, additional needs, behaviour, school attendance or may be a need around adult health and wellbeing, the home or financial situation. If you would like to find out more about Torbay's Early Help support, they have a useful website (<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/children-and-families/services-and-support/early-help/>) or do feel free to speak to Mrs Pike.

