



## Autumn Term Newsletter No.9

Another busy week! Looking at our calendar it only gets busier from now until Christmas so please make sure you check the newsletter dates and calendars regularly. After requiring our Parents' Meetings to be booked through eSchools we can see that many, many more parents have now begun using the App. If you still have not managed to get this working for you please call the office for some help.

We have analysed the attendance at the recent parents' meeting and found that there is a dropping off of attendance by parents as their child progresses through the school. 90% of Y1 parents attended compared to 66% of Y6 parents. Every stage of your child's education is important and we would encourage you to attend the next meetings in the Spring Term.



This week we were delighted to hear about Caitlin's amazing success at the International Championships of Martial Arts held in Swindon last weekend. In the Korean Form she competed against 15 others to take the gold medal and against 23 others in Extreme Kicking to take the silver medal. Caitlin was competing against young people from all over Britain and Australia! What a fantastic achievement—we are very proud of her!

Next week the photographer is in school on Wednesday and Thursday and we will try and ensure your child still looks (reasonably) presentable by the time it is their turn! We will also organise sibling photographs. If you would like a preschool child included in a photograph then please come along after school on Wednesday and queue in the main corridor.

We started this week with an Assembly about Remembrance Day. Our Rights Respecting Councillors will be attending the Remembrance Service by the memorial at St Mary the Virgin Church, St. Marychurch on Saturday at 11:00am to lay a wreath. We hope you might be able to join us there.

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



- Beech — Evie is always ready to learn. She tries her hardest with everything! Well done!
- Pine — Oliver showed brilliant dancing skills this week when practising for the Christmas concert.
- Apple — Justin always contributes in lessons and is aspirational in his independent tasks.
- Oak — Caterina shows respect through listening well and making a great effort to join in with lessons.
- Birch — Olivia is always kind, caring and a lovely friend to everyone in the class. Friendship Friday every day!
- Rowan — Jacob sets an example to the whole class through his work ethic and his fantastic behaviour.
- Cherry — Finley has been showing greater confidence and independence, particularly in maths.
- Maple — Aliyah takes responsibility for her own learning in school and out of school!
- Holly — Jessica always includes every element of our Toolkit in her learning and has an aspirational approach.
- Willow — Luke is a star for his persistence and resilience in developing his multiplication skills this week!
- Hawthorn — Tilly has shown great aspiration throughout the week through her enthusiasm and effort.
- Hazel — Courtney's improvement in participation has resulted in an improvement in her work, especially in maths!

### Diary Date Reminders:

Friday 10th November—PTA meeting 2pm. All welcome!  
Saturday 11th November—Remembrance Service at 11:00am at St Mary the Virgin Church, St Marychurch  
Monday 13th November—Cherry Class Swimming  
Monday 13th November—Anti Bullying week. Odd Socks day (suggested donations of £1)  
Friday 17th November—Children in Need Day. Non uniform Day or Rock the 80s costumes with a donation to the charity.



Attendance Award  
Congratulations to  
Oak Class  
for winning the School  
Attendance Award with  
**100%** attendance.

The whole school achieved 96.9% attendance. Let's keep this up all year!

Just a reminder that Anti-bullying Week's theme next week is '**All different, all equal**' and we are wearing our odd socks to school on Monday to show that we are all unique! (Although Mr Robinson wears odd socks every day so he needs to wear a matching pair for a change!) Please remember that donations sent in today will support the Anti-Bullying Alliance and Kidscape who do important work educating and supporting children and their families.

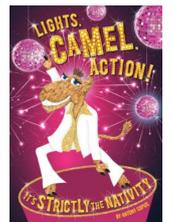


### Children In Need Day— Friday 17th November

Whilst the staff will be "Rocking the 80s" look the children are welcome to come in their normal every day clothes! All donations will go to Children in Need.

Dare we mention Christmas yet?

KS1 have begun their rehearsals for our production of Lights! Camel! Action! They will be appearing on the stage of the Princess Theatre on Thursday 30th November. Tickets are not restricted and this is an incredible experience for the children so please feel free to buy as many tickets for your family as you would like—all now available to preorder on School Gateway.

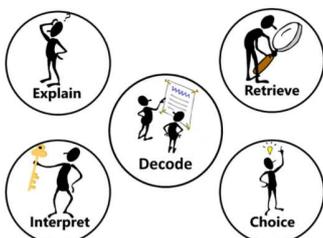


KS2 children should be bringing home the words to learn for the Christmas Service in Upton Vale Baptist Church on 12th December at 6pm. Rehearsals have begun so Christmas music is ringing out already.

Reception children will be heading to Pennywell Farm to take part in a special nativity with the animals. Please watch out for information coming home about this.

Christmas Dinner Day will be on Thursday 14th December. This is a fun way for all the children to join in with the Christmas celebrations and they can wear their Christmas jumpers if they wish—or just decorate their uniform. Please remember to return the Christmas Dinner slip even if your child does not require a school dinner on that day so the kitchen staff can plan ahead. Payment for Junior Children is through School Gateway as usual unless your child has packed lunch on every other day of the year, in which case we can accept cash on this occasion. Free School Meals apply as usual too. Thank you.

### Reading with ERIC AND DERIC



You may have heard your children talking about ERIC or DERIC. These are acronyms that help the children learn the skills to be an effective reader: **D**ecode, **E**xplain, **R**etrieve, **I**nterpret and **C**hoice. Mr Marchant has written an information sheet for parents which will be coming home today but just in case it never makes it home to you we will send an electronic version home too. Reading opens the door to so many more things that it is really important that children love reading and can read well.

*Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.*