



Summer Term Newsletter No.3

THANK YOU! In the last week of the Spring Term we invited families in to school for Grandparent Gardening Week and submitted photos of all the hard work to get our Orchard and school garden back into action. We have been selected as one of three winners nationally for all we achieved in that week—they loved our sunflower circle! We will be given a selection of edible plants from "Garden On a Roll" which will form part of a sensory border. Involving children in the process of planting, tending, harvesting and eating food is very important to us and it's lovely that our commitment to this is recognised.

Year 6

If you are a parent of a Y6 child you cannot have failed to notice how hard they have been working at the moment! Next week is an important week for them—it seems a shame that one set of tests taken in one week is given such weighting when we know that your child is so much more than a set of exam results... but that is the system we have currently in education and we want them to do their best and show the world how fabulous they are! To help them achieve this, please make sure they get lots of rest this weekend and have a good night's sleep each night before the tests. We would love them to join us for SATs breakfast too—this is a time to chat to friends and chill out a bit (no time for nerves!) before heading up to their class for the tests. If they are not joining us for breakfast please make sure they are in school on time. **If your child is ill please call the school as early as you can to notify us as we have to make other arrangements for them to take the tests.** We will make sure the children have time to unwind after each test (before preparing them for the following day!) and look forward to Friday when it is all over! (The timetable is Reading on Monday, Grammar and Spelling on Tuesday, Maths on Wednesday and Thursday). We are proud of how they have tackled the run up to SATS—they are well prepared and up for the challenge!

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



Ash — Charlie for his enthusiasm in his learning this week!

- Miah for being respectful & showing kindness to her friends with their learning

Elm — Maya is a super star! She has a good attitude to learning, always keen to challenge herself.

- Aiden-Lee has shown wonderful respect this week with fantastic manners.

Beech — Skye has been moving her learning on, applying the feedback and learning from mistakes.

Pine — Tyler has been aspirational, especially with his writing.

Apple — Kelis is ticking up those miles and challenging herself with the Golden Mile running!

Oak — Alayah has stuck at her number work this week and made great progress.

Birch — Hedley has made outstanding progress in maths when learning to add fractions.

Rowan — Lauren has shown great aspiration in her writing about Romans this term.

Cherry — George B has shown great effort and perseverance, particularly with his handwriting.

Maple — Alan has an excellent work ethic and never puts less than 100% into everything.

Holly — Caitlin is an excellent role model for learning attitude and behaviour.

Willow — Caitlin for contributing more in class and working hard to be a better 'learning partner'.

Hawthorn — Preston has shown fantastic focus and made excellent contributions in class.

Hazel — Ella has shown great determination and resilience in all aspects of learning.

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 8th May - Y6 SATS week. Breakfast from 8:00am Monday—Thursday.

Monday 8th May - Rowan Class swimming

Thursday 18th May - PTA film night, 3:05pm to 5:00pm. More details coming soon!



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Hawthorn Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 97.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.8% attendance overall which is just below our target.

Bikeability - Level 1

Pupils from Y4 have been awarded the nationally recognised and certificated qualification - Bikeability Level 1. Bikeability is the new cycle training scheme for the 21st century designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. Level 1 taught the children basic bike handling skills to build their confidence in a controlled environment on the large playground away from roads with qualified instructors. This will equip them for the more intensive Bikeability Level 2 course, which will be available to them in Year 5.

"I enjoyed doing Bikeability because I think I improved my balance and speed. I now feel safer and more confident when crossing roads. My favourite part was when we went under a stick and then we went through the cones which got narrower and narrower." Liam Y4 Cherry

"I enjoyed Bikeability because I think I improved and I liked it a lot. Thank you for letting me do it, I had lots of fun!" Amelia Y4 Cherry



Football Finals

We wish our football team the best of luck in the Bewley Cup final next week! They are off to play at the grounds of Torquay United FC which will be an amazing experience for them. We have emailed out the poster with all the information you need, and it would be great to see you there, supporting the team on the night.

Adult Running Club

You may remember that we discussed organising a running club for adults? We are now in a position where the staff are trained and ready to start a club after half term. The aim of the club is to get parents together in a social and supportive way— if you have never run before but fancy giving it a go, or you used to run but have given up, or you are a beginner runner who needs a little more motivation then this would be a great club for you! It will be a little like the Couch to 5K programme where you build up over time. Mr Mayling will be sending out more information soon but the club will be timed to run from 2pm to 3pm, probably on a Friday, so that you are in school in time to collect your children. It would be fantastic to make this a success so please talk to your friends and see if you fancy joining in with this—the more the merrier!

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.