



Spring 1

Tuesday, 22nd January 2019

Message from the Head

The children have started the Spring term with enthusiasm and have made a great start to their new learning this term. We welcome Mrs Chloe Benson to our EYFS team. The children have already made her feel very at home. Last week, they were very keen to share their learning based on The Three Little Pigs, that included making puppets, singing, writing activities and number work. This week, our new guitar teacher joins us and the children have the timetable on display in their classrooms, showing the times of their lessons which are rotated each week.

Please find diary dates for this term included on the back of this Newsletter. The events are also shown on our website calendar.

So far this year, we have been fortunate to not have any adverse weather conditions. However, in the event of snow, if it is safe for the children and staff, we will endeavour to keep the school open. The Adverse Weather procedure is on our website, under 'Parents'. Please ensure that we have your updated phone number and email address. We will text all parents in the event of snow to share information and decisions.



Monthly Value:

Ambition



Mylo's handprint has started off our tree of

ambition as he set the example of always trying to be ambitious with his work. Well done, Mylo.

IALAC

Aaron and William led the first IALAC talks of the term, sharing their talents and gifts with us. Mrs Waites was awarded a very special IALAC badge, by the children, to mark her birthday. Her 'likeable and capable' examples included her gifts of cooking, her ability to make our learning exciting and her Forest Schools activities.

HOUSE POINTS AWARDS

10 House point certificate :
Evan

20 House point certificate:
Hannah B

SKIPPING CHALLENGE

Last term, Year 3-4 took part in a 'Skip 2 b Fit' virtual activity with other schools in the area. Over a 10 week period the children skipped for 2 minutes with a partner, counting how many times they could skip. The average was 46 times in the first week. By the end of the 10 weeks, the average had improved to an amazing 109. A fabulous improvement, in the children's fitness levels. Fantastic result. Well done Year 3-4!



DRAMA WORKSHOP

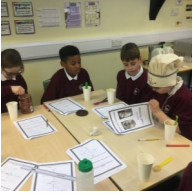
On Tuesday, our EYFS and Y1/2 had a Superhero drama workshop. This was led by a drama specialist company called 'Perform 4 Schools'. The children had a fantastic time and responded to the activities with great enthusiasm.

Further information giving details of a free trial session that the company run, can be found on their website at www.perform.org. The following code activates a £25 discount for any course that you may book in the future: GCEP050219.

Prayer of Ambition

Dear Lord, Give us the ambition to try new things and not be afraid . Help us to be ambitious for ourselves but always remember others.

CHOCOLATE DAY IN YEAR 5/6



On Friday, Year 6 started their Ancient Maya topic with a hot chocolate day! They made a Maya drink using cacao nibs, honey, vanilla and chilli (which wasn't very popular at all !)

Then the children created their own chocolate drink by tasting and reviewing three different brands.

The final challenge was to design their own chocolate drink, with decorations. The children had great fun with their learning, experimenting and discussing different aspects of their investigation with each other.

NEW MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Please find attached a flier giving details of musical opportunities that are available for KS1 and KS2 children within Dacorum. The choirs are both free and are run by specialist music teachers. These are certainly worth considering. The benefits of music for children are numerous and include development of confidence, social skills, brain power and patience.



INTERNET SAFETY TALK FOR PARENTS

It is vitally important that our children know how to keep themselves safe in all ways, including when using the internet. In order to support this, I have invited Lisa McGovern, our family support worker from Dacorum Family Services to visit our school to give a talk on "Keeping Your Children Safe Online".

The details are as follows: -

Date: **Wednesday 30th January 2019**

Time: **3:15-4:45 pm**

Venue: **Great Gaddesden School**

To book a place: please leave your name and number for Lisa MacGovern at 0778 0114079 no later than the 29th January.

A confirmation reply will be sent to your contact details.

Lisa MacGovern will share some important information and will be available to answer any questions that you may have.



SPRING TERM DATES 2019

Spring 1

Monday, 21st January

- NSPCC Assembly EYFS/KS1 + KS2

Wednesday, 23rd January

- NSPCC workshop : Y5/6

Wednesday, 30th January

- 3:15— 4:45
Internet Safety talk for parents

Tuesday, 5th February

- Chinese New Year

HALF TERM :

**Monday, 18th February -
Friday, 22nd February**

Spring 2

Thursday, 7th March

- World Book Day
- Wow Forest School Day

Friday, 8th March

- Wow Forest School Day

Monday, 11st March

- Science Day

Thursday, 21st March

- 9:00 Y5/6 Sharing Assembly

Monday, 25th March

- Waste Aware Assembly
- Workshop Y5/6

Tuesday, 26th March

- 9:00 Y1/2 Sharing Assembly
- 3:30—5:00pm
Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday, 27th March

- 5:30—7:30pm
Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday, 28th March

- 9:00 Y3/4 Sharing Assembly

Wednesday, 3rd April

- EYFS Sharing Assembly

Thursday, 4th April

- 9:00 Easter church service
- 10:30 Egg rolling competition

Friday, 5th April

- 1:30 End of term.

Prayer of Ambition

Dear Lord, Thank you for the potential that lies within each one of us. Remind us of all our gifts and help us to be imaginative with our ambitions.