



# THIS WEEK'S ASPIRE AWARD WINNERS:



# ASPIRE POINT TOTALS:

<b>Bluebell</b>	<b>Buttercup</b>
<b>376</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Rose</b>	<b>Thistle</b>
<b>403</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Whole School Total</b>	
<b>1539</b>	



## NEWSLETTER: 18/19



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### Carols at Kingsholm

On Monday, we were honoured to take the stage at Kingsholm for the switching on of the Christmas lights. Children from years 4 to 6 represented the school as a choir and performed brilliantly! They were very excited to get up close to the players from the first team and even brought home a special Gloucester Rugby Santa hat! We would like to say an extra special thank you to everyone who came along to support us!

### Beech Class Trip

Beech Class spent a wondercrump day at the Roald Dahl museum in Great Missenden on Tuesday! The children had a jam-packed day full of exploring the museum and finding out about Roald Dahl's life, as well as some exciting hands-on activities involving our writing and editing skills. Our favourite parts of the day were getting to see inside the writing hut in which he wrote his most famous books, as well as getting to dress up in various character costumes! As always, the children behaved beautifully and were an asset to the school.

### Stay and Read

In January we will be holding some sessions for parents to stay and take part in a reading session with their child. Our reading session is first thing in the morning and we would love for parents to stay after drop off to find out what is happening in class. Parents are very welcome to join us until 9:30. It is a great opportunity to see what your child gets up to in class. Check the 'Dates for the Diary' to see when the session is being held for your child's class. We hope to see you there!

### Christmas Lunch

Please note the sittings for Christmas Lunch on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be 2 sittings by House, Thistle and Buttercup will be first at 12 noon followed by Bluebell and Rose at 12:30. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

### School Funding

Despite Government claims that school funding has been increased, budgets have been increasingly tight over the recent years. GAPH, who are the association for Gloucestershire Primary Heads, have been investigating this issue please see their letter linked [HERE](#) to the website for additional information and ways that you can help.

### On Line Gaming

It has been brought to our attention that Primary age children have been playing in particular a game called "Fortnite". An area of the game is where they are forced to remove their clothing. We would urge you to be vigilant if your child is playing this or any other on line games. For extra e-safety advice please go to our school on-line safety page by following the link [HERE](#).

### Cake Tin Found in Beech Class

If this is yours please collect from the office

**Afterschool Clubs finish at the end of next week. Apart from rugby which has already finished.**

### Gloucestershire County Council Emergency Closure Website

Gloucestershire CC have introduced a new Emergency School Closure procedure and their new website this year can be found at <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>

### Children's Christmas Cards

Santa is very busy at present and needs your help, when sending the cards in please can you remember to add the Year Group to the front, as cards posted in the letterbox addressed to a child by first name only causes confusion when we have several children with the same first name. Thank you.

### Playpod Opening

We have been delighted to be able to open the Playpod this week. The children have absolutely loved the new addition to the playground and some ingenious uses have even found for the 'scrap'. This week we have worked with the mentors to develop staff training and get the children used to the new resource. So far it has been amazing! You may have heard about some of the creative things that they children have been up to: zip wires, dens, canoes, tyre swings to name but a few! We hope that you will join us on the 12th December after school for the stay and play session with parents - you can have a chance to explore too! For more information please visit [Playpods by Childrens Scrapstore](#)

### Homework Showcase

On Wednesday afternoon we opened the doors to Willow and Beech Class and welcomed parents to the first Homework Showcase of the year. We were overwhelmed to see so many parents who visited to share in the children's successes. On display there were stories, drawings, musical instruments, clay models, food projects - just about everything that you can imagine. Well done to all the children who contributed across the term and I cannot wait to find out what they will achieve next.

### Mystery Reader

The mystery reader this week was chosen by Jenson. The book chosen is Don't wake the Yeti and has been donated to Ash Class.

### Upcoming Dates for the Diary December

- 12th Playpod parent session at 3:10
- 13th Rugby team tournament
- 17th Christmas Service at 3:30
- 18th Christmas Lunch: parents invited
- 18th Christmas Service at 6:00
- 18th Carols & Mince Pies at 7:00
- 21st Term Ends at 2:00pm

