

## Summer Term Newsletter No.5 (24.5.19)

Today we very sadly say goodbye to Becky Seal. Becky has been a valued member of staff with her enthusiasm and calm manner working as one of our Deaf Inclusion Workers for the past two years. Colleagues comment that working with her has been a huge pleasure and that she has made a significant positive impact on the team and children. We wish her the best of luck in her new role and future.

We have been reflecting on our Nurture provision this week. The Treehouse was a new initiative started in September 2018 and we are very pleased with how it is progressing. If you would like to know a bit more about the Treehouse, then please have a look at our website [here](#). Download the pdf document at the bottom of the page to find out more. Many thanks to Mrs Essam and Mrs Lewis who do a remarkable job with our wonderful children.

There is lots of other news on our website this week. Visit our History Blog to find out how Year 3 and Year 4 children have been getting creative with the Ancient Egyptians again. There's [pottery](#) in Year 3 and [tomb paintings](#) in Year 4. Check out the [Sports Blog](#) to find out how our Y3/4 Quaddkids team qualified for the Torbay finals recently! Have a look on the Maths Blog to see our Year 1s finding [fractions outside](#) and check out the Science Blog to see their [investigation into snails](#). This week, the new chicks met the old chicks. Check out the pictures of their [meeting](#).

Well done to our Reception children who performed their *Jack and the Bean Stalk* production to families on Tuesday. They were all amazing little stars!

Teachers have been working on their school improvement subject plans this week. We're making sure we have a clear idea of where we're all heading and what we're focussing on over the coming months. There are some very exciting ideas around curriculum development (supported closely by governors), collaborative learning, use of feedback and well-being & mental health in particular.

To keep the school moving forward, staff training and a focus on the quality of teaching and learning is always a priority. This week I worked with Mrs Lowry, the Head at The Priory next door, to review standards in pupils' books in both schools. On Thursday, Mr Marchant and I attended an excellent school leaders' conference which has generated lots of constructive ideas for us to take to our next Senior Leadership Meeting. On Wednesday, Miss Palfrey and Miss Pritchard (who both work with Mr Marchant to lead on English) went to a 'Talk for Reading' course. You can find out more about the reading training on Miss Palfrey's [reading blog](#).

The morning bagels are continuing to be very popular. Thank you very much to Mr Gill and the staff who give up their time each day to butter them hot from the kitchen ovens. We're also very grateful to the amazing kitchen staff who accommodate this morning extra.

Every day, I'm impressed with the high quality, nutritious and tasty food that our super kitchen staff produce. Talking to the children and staff, they clearly enjoy their school dinners. With a great selection and an accompanying salad bar, it's more like a 4star hotel here at lunchtimes.

With the weather moving inexorably towards full summer, please remember to send your little ones in with sun cream already applied, sun hat and plenty of water to drink after the half term.

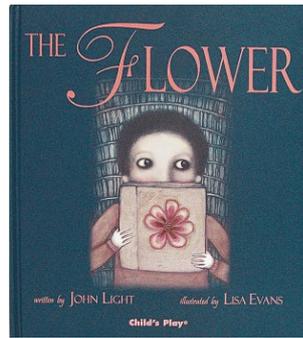
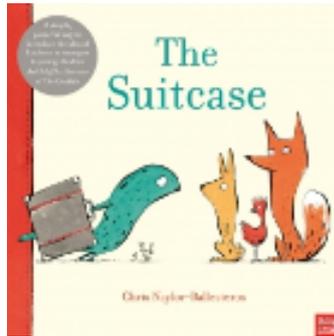


Please can I remind parents and visitors that the school site is a non-smoking, non-vaping site.

Finally, good luck to Mr Tullier for tomorrow who is running a 100km challenge from London to Brighton. Phenomenal! Extra bagels for him after the half term break.

## Miss Palfey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices

The Suitcase is a lovely, simple picture book about animals responding to the arrival of a strange creature. It provides a succinct and powerful lesson in empathy towards outsiders.



The Flower is a very simple text with haunting yet mesmerising illustrations for all ages.

### Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Hawthorn and Holly Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **100%** attendance. School target: 96% The whole school achieved **97% this week**



## This Week's Star Pupils!

- Ash — Well done to our brilliant Reception children - you gave a wonderful performance of Jack and the Beanstalk using your 'big voices' and remembering your role. Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum, we say well done!
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- Beech — Toby Cooper- for making such an effort towards being responsible every day. It has been amazing to watch you grow and develop over the last term!
- Pine — Bella- for showing such enthusiasm towards our science this week!
- Oak — Benjamin- for a fantastic growth mindset when catching up with work this week and for showing great map skills in Geography. Well done Ben!
- Apple— Nate - for working through tasks even when they seem a little tricky to begin with.
- Birch — Keira - For always going above and beyond! She is extremely motivated, aspirational and challenges herself in every task.
- Rowan — Jameson for a fantastic attitude to learning and good progress this year throughout the curriculum.
- Cherry — Daisy for aspiring to improve her times table recall accuracy and as a result, achieving 100% in her online homework over the past few weeks - superb effort!
- Maple — Emily for showing aspiration and producing an amazing Egyptian god using watercolours.
- Holly — Athena for being very responsible and helpful in the Arts Garden during break and lunch times.
- Willow — Tommy-Jack gave up some of his playtime just to be helpful and re-pack the laptops away safely. A very thoughtful and kind thing to do.
- Hazel— Fearne - for excellence in art. She demonstrates creativity and incredible attention to detail, producing outstanding work.
- Hawthorn— Layton- for brilliantly representing the school in rounders and showing great aspiration in his writing

## Diary Dates

Mon 3.6.19	First day back at school for the children
Mon & Tue 3-4.6.19	School group and class photos taking place in school
Thursday 13.6.19	6.00pm—meeting for new parents
Wednesday 26.6.19	Foundation Stage Sports Day 1.30-3.00
Thursday 27.6.19	Key Stage 2 Sports Day 9.30-11.30 track events, 1.15-3.00 carousel
Friday 28.6.19	Key Stage 1 Sports Day 1.15-3.00
Saturday 29.6.19	PTA Summer Fair 10-2

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION