

Spring Term Newsletter No.11 (29.3.19)

Thank you to all of you who have made suggestions for our new Behaviour Policy. We have had input also from governors, pupils and all members of staff. We have now finalised it and added the forth value: **kindness**. After Easter we will launch it properly with the children and publish it on the website for you to view. It is a working document to help staff and children behave in a consistent manner that always reflects our four school values: *kindness, respect, responsibility* and *aspiration*. At its very heart is a recognition that good behaviour is about having strong positive relationships.

On Tuesday we interviewed for an Apprentice Administrator to take the place of Mrs Fitzgerald who retires at the end of next week. The candidates had to take part in various tasks across the day, including a grilling by the Student Council. Although it was a challenging day for the candidates, they expressed how much they liked the school. Thank you to them for putting themselves forward. I am very pleased to announce that Samantha Newman will be joining our team after the Easter break.

The Student Council also debated what our forth school value could be this week. To find out more about their work click [here](#).

Senior school leaders have been busy this week planning for future school improvement. The design of our school curriculum and how we implement it and evaluate children's progress is a big focus for us. While schools are still externally judged on the core subjects of Reading, Writing, Maths and Science, we will be looking at how we can best raise the profile of all subjects. This project is being led by Mr Robinson with support and oversight by a working group of school governors. If you have any suggestions we would love to hear them. For example, you might know a local historian or artist who would love to get involved with the school.

The Devon CAP has team finished their two-week work in school. The team lead informed me that it had been a real pleasure working in St Margaret's. The children engaged really well with all the workshops and her team was very impressed with school staff who got fully involved with their class. Click [here](#) to find out more.

If you are interested in your child playing netball, please follow the link for more details. Many thanks to Mrs Price and Mrs Broom for providing the opportunities. [Netball News](#)

The website is continuing to develop as a tool to help celebrate our achievements and communicate with you. Here are some of the latest updates from school life:

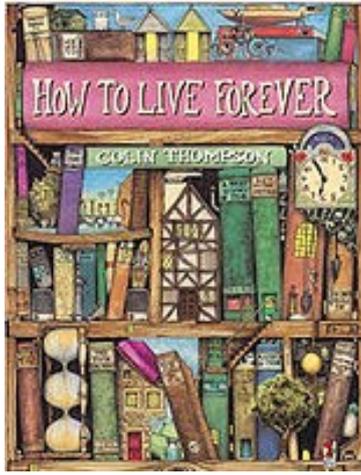
[Y5/6 boys' football update](#) [Free family play activities for the Easter holidays](#) [Maths in Year 3](#)
[School Festival of Performing Arts](#) [Tracking the Chicks](#) [Learning Outdoors in Rowan Class](#)

On 4th May there will be a table-top sale in Kingskerswell to raise funds for Frazer. If you would like to contribute and to find out more, please follow this link to the page on our website. [Funds for Frazer](#)

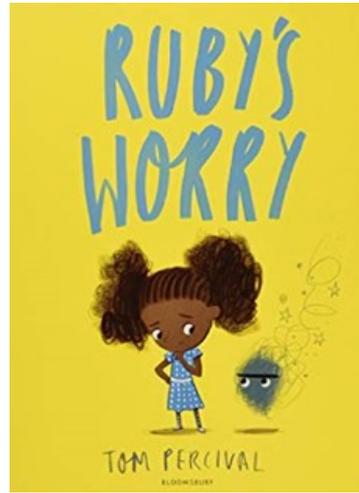
Enjoy the sunshine.

Diary Dates

Friday 29.3.19	Closing date for the PTA Easter Egg competition
Monday 1.4.19	PTA Lost Property Sale 3.05pm
Tuesday 2.4.19	PTA Film Night for KS2 3.10pm
Friday 5.4.19	Deadline for returning the 1 litre, 333g plastic bottles filled with clean plastic. See Mrs Turner.
Friday 5.4.19	Last day of the spring term
Tuesday 23.4.19	First day of the summer term



**Miss Palfrey
and the
Reading
Ambassadors
Book Picks
of the Week**



Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to
Maple Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
97.7% attendance.
School target: 96%
The whole school achieved
94.1% this week



This Week's Star Pupils!



Ash — Harry - for showing such kindness and respect to our chicks this week and sharing lots of knowledge about animals.

Archie - for being a super 'shareonyx' and sharing lots of imaginative ideas with his friends. You have inspired lots of us.

Elm — Kaja and Maisie- For being real try-a-tops and independently applying their letter sounds to write words. We are so proud of you Kaja and Maisie!

Beech — Lökklyn-for trying really hard to improve his handwriting. Also for being such an honest and friendly member of the class.

Pine — Wictor- for his incredible effort with his home learning. Also for his excellent effort in class.

Oak — Miah- for showing aspiration in her writing by improving her concentration, handwriting and presentation. Excellent effort Miah!

Apple— Aiden-Lee- for amazing effort to stay focused and try his best and for not giving up in PE until he was able to do a forward roll. Well done!

Birch — Logan - For your impeccable behaviour this week. You have been so motivated and independent in lessons and a good friend to all. Well done!

Rowan — Grace - for accelerated progress in all core subjects, especially maths!

Cherry — Lola has settled brilliantly and is always determined to be the best she can possibly be. We love your positive attitude - well done!

Maple — Emily for being extremely kind, polite and welcoming towards a visitor. Well done, Emily!

Holly — Ryan B - for always trying his best and being an excellent friend and member of our community. Well done.

Willow — Kayden has tried really hard at some of the things that he finds challenging in class. He is an excellent learning partner and has a great attitude towards his work.

Hazel— Oliver - for such a fantastic improvement in his concentration and effort in arithmetic. You have made incredible progress this week!

Hawthorn— Aiden- for his aspirational attitude and for presenting an excellent and informative assembly to the whole school!

Staying Safe

CASE Consultants who occupy the premises at Moose Hall in Barewell Road are concerned that a number of school children (& their siblings) have been using their car park as a play ground while their parents have been dropping them off at the school. This has become extremely dangerous their members of staff and the children. They report that a number of staff members have almost collided with children who are running around the car park. **Please ensure your children don't enter their car park.** Thank you for your understanding and support.

Please also remind your children about the importance of staying with an adult while walking home. If you have an older child please remind them to walk home with a friend, to be vigilant for traffic and to make good decisions e.g. to not accept lifts from people they don't know.

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION