



Making Links

**Newsletter 24 – 23 March 2018**

*‘We take responsibility for ourselves and do the right thing,  
 even when it’s difficult.’*

**Diary Dates**

<p><b>Y1 &amp; 2 Trip to SS Great Britain</b>          Class Photo's  <b>Y4 Trip to Wessex Water</b>          KS2 SATs Week  <b>Sports Day</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>          Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April  <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>          w/beg 14<sup>th</sup> May  <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>
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**Holidays:** Mon 26 March – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April; Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June; Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

**Headteacher’s News**

What a very short but busy term we’ve had with only five weeks to pack all of that learning in! It has been lovely to see so many of you at the range of events we have had from the choir to the special Reading workshop run by Mrs Matthews. The WOW events have, as always, been well-attended. After making curry with their child in Maple class, some adults discovered that potato peeling was a task which could be shared from now on! And after experiencing a full-on Science investigation led by Mrs Parker in Cedar class (the children didn’t always let their adults do the fun parts), her passion for the subject was clearly infectious. I hope that after seeing all of your child’s work at Parents’/Carers’ Evening this week, you appreciate just what a great team we have at Courtney, every member of staff working hard and going that extra mile so each child can succeed. Two weeks off now. Enjoy the holiday and fingers crossed for some good weather. **Deborah Wood**

**This week’s Crown Values Certificates awarded to:**

- Year R Cherry: Lillia
- Year 1 Oak: Millie
- Year 2 Ash: Laila
- Year 3 Lime: Oscar
- Year 4 Maple: Oliver
- Year 5 Sycamore: Julian
- Year 6 Cedar: Freya



**Attendance Total 96.4%**

- YR Cherry 96.0%
- Y1 Oak 94.9%
- Y2 Ash 98.2%
- Y3 Lime 97.5%
- Y4 Maple 94.7%
- Y5 Sycamore 96.7%
- Y6 Cedar 97.4%



**Reading Certificates**

**These children have reached their next Reading 25s Certificate:**

Carson Hill, Kamil, Lily-Mae, Archie, Finley, Tommy, Ben, Dylan, Aiden, Carmen, Kyle, Dominik, Zaila, Logan, Dean



**Multiplication Masters**

Lily-Mae, Emily, Isaac, Eleanor, Dylan, Jack



**Year 6 Topic – Term 5**

Next term our topic will be Evolution and Inheritance. On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April** please could the children bring in a picture of either one of their parents or grandparent (no aunties or uncles) at the age of 10 to 12 years old. Please don’t let your child share their photographs with their classmates as the purpose of the exercise is to see if they can guess whos parents/grandparents they are.

### **Guinea Pigs**

Please can parents make sure their children don't enter the greenhouse where the guinea pigs live. The cage door has been opened on a number of occasions. Luckily they didn't escape.

### **The Book Fair**

Thank you so much to all the families who came and bought books at the book fair. We do hope that your children are enjoying their new reading material. As a result of your support, the school has received a fantastic **£199.98** to spend on books for the school. We will be using these to fill our fantastic new library which should begin to take shape over the coming months....

### **Payments to School**

As a school, we are constantly looking at ways we can simplify our processes and save time and money. One new way we can do this is to stop taking cheques. This will significantly reduce the number of visits that we make to the bank and save the office valuable time. Consequently, from now, please can we ask that all payments to school are by cash or, ideally, via our online payment system **School Money**. If you cannot access School Money you can still pay by card by ringing the office or coming to the office with your card. Thank you so much for your support of this initiative!