



Friday, 28 April 2018

Learners of the Week **Head Teacher's Remarks**

Next Week's Reminders

Year 6 River Dart

This week has been so busy in school – I am not sure when we have had one which is not action packed! Despite the unwelcome return to wintery weather, the children have enjoyed their learning and been able to be out and active at break-times. Year R fortunately avoided the hail showers on their visit to College Lake. They had a wonderful visit and the children have been most excited talking about all they did.

On Tuesday we were fortunate to be visited by a Polar Ambassador who worked with Year 6 and Year 5 children. They are visiting again next week in preparation for some special work during STEM week just before half term. On Wednesday evening our boys' football team played at short notice. They sadly lost the match, but played well. Thank you for representing our school.

Yesterday Year 6 were engrossed in learning with staff from Waddesdon Manor about conservation and support for the finch population, which has been decimated over recent years. This project day combined Science and Eco work; and the children completed some excellent work.

It was lovely to welcome Year 3 parents to the meeting about the Year 4 residential visit to Woodrow yesterday evening. I am sorry I was unable to attend personally. This first residential visit is a milestone in the children's development – one they adore but parents can sometimes find difficult! We have reduced the length of this residential opportunity to keep cost down, and we do hope all the children will be able to attend. If you have any concerns or need to discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Office.

Once again parking has caused difficulties for our neighbours this week. Please could everyone who needs to park near to the school do so with due consideration for residents who will need to use their drives. We do have an arrangement with the Village Hall and the recreation ground for parking – both are only a short walk from the school. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Hertfordshire County Show is to be held this year on 26th and 27th May in Redbourn, which takes a little over half an hour to drive to from Cheddington. We have been sent 35 complimentary children's tickets and one family ticket. If you would like a free ticket for your child they are available from the Office on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. If you would like to enter the draw for the complimentary family ticket, please put your name and contact number on a piece of paper and send it to the office via your child (or personally). The draw for this will be made on Friday 11th May. There are leaflets about the show in the entrance hall if you would like one.

I do hope you were all able to find a moment to read the Joinos message sent out on Monday regarding a Governor position to be elected by the parent body. There is information available from the Office if you feel this may be a role in which you may be interested. Our Governors are very supportive of the school and are a critical friend in setting the strategic direction for the school moving forward.

Advance notice for Year 6 parents – the Year 6 leavers photos will now be taken on Tuesday 8th May. The photographer unfortunately had to bring the date forward for personal reasons. The children will need to have their jumpers/cardigans in school please.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special learners this week who are:

- from YR: - The Whole Class for representing the school so impeccably at College Lake
- from Y1: - Beatrice O'Neill and Oliver Spencer
- from Y2: - Ellie O'Dwyer and Archie Sykes
- from Y3: - David Eeley and Poppy Poulson
- from Y4: - Jeremy Birt and Dominic Curtis
- from Y5: - Jacob O'Neill and Arthur Thompson
- from Y6: - Tegan Darvell and Joshua Underwood

We are celebrating our Special Learners this year by each child having a gold star badge to wear during the following week. These badges should be worn with pride, and returned to their class teacher on the Friday morning ready to be given to the next child. Thank you for your help and support with this.

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Tuesday, 1st May - KS1 testing period begins.

Wednesday, 2nd May @ 8.45am - Year R Parents share the learning.

Year 6 River Dart

Today your child will be bringing home a letter and 4 forms for completion. These are all in a named plastic wallet. We would appreciate them being returned in the wallet as it is easier to identify those returned plus the wallets will be used for further River Dart correspondence.

Can you please return the completed forms **via the school office by Friday 4th May** as we need to send the forms back to CRS the following week.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Mrs. Van de Linde