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Learners of the Week

Head Lice

JRSO Competition

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**Head Teacher's Remarks**

This week has been a wonderful week for the children. They have completed an amazing variety of activities focused around Keeping Safe – physically, mentally and virtually! The children have produced some lovely creative work and I do hope they have shared with you some of their learning from this week. One of the important lessons about Keeping Safe which we have re-enforced with the children is telling an adult in school if you have any worries or if something happens which makes you feel unhappy or uncomfortable. If the children share their worries then they can be addressed – the children need to remember that the staff are not telepathic! We are so pleased that so many of you have been able to pop into school today to see what the children have produced to celebrate their learning on these very important areas.

I thought you may be interested to know that over this half term 94% of the children have attained a certificate for good behaviour. We are very proud of the children who consistently make good choices around their behaviour, and are understanding that telling the truth and being kind are valuable attributes to take forward in life.

At this mid-point in the school year all our Houses have attained more than 5000 team points. Currently Orchard are just in the lead, though it is very close! Congratulations to all the children in all houses who work hard to earn points. The JRSO competition will also earn points for all entrants as well as the winners – see later in the newsletter for details of this.

Please could I ask all families to check their children's hair over the half term break and take any advised action should it be required. We have an epidemic of head lice at present, which is proving very difficult to bring to an end. We enclose Nation Health Service information later in the newsletter for your information. Hopefully if everyone could take action we could progress without itching! Thank you.

As you know, we are always keen to celebrate the achievements of the children out of school as well as those within the school activities. Therefore we are pleased to invite all our children who are part of the Scouting and Guiding movement to wear their uniforms to school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for Thinking Day.

We are delighted that 94% of families have now booked their appointment times for Parent Consultation Meetings. We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks' time. Please note that the teachers are not able to arrange meetings outside of the allocated times, as they have other commitments. They will make every effort to speak with you briefly by telephone if there are any concerns. We appreciate your understanding on this matter.

The Governor Parent Survey will go live after half term – details to follow.

May I wish the children a lovely break over half term – I am sure they are ready to enjoy some down time. We look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs K. Tamlyn  
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special learners this week who are:

from YR: - Hugo Pickles and Alex Tierney  
from Y1: - Devon Heath and Fleur Nathan  
from Y2: - Alistair Curtis and Archie Sykes  
from Y3: - Lily Davies and Georgie Long  
from Y4: - Pippa Coulston and Oliver Ruck  
from Y5: - Daniel Cheasley and Alice Holder  
from Y6: - Amelie Barnes and Charlie Hazelden

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.

As we are experiencing a problem with head lice, please read the advice from the National Health Service.



### **How to get rid of head lice**

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day if they have head lice.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

### **Use lotion or spray to treat head lice**

You can use medicated lotions and sprays that kill head lice in all types of hair. You can buy these from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see whether they're OK for you or your child to use and how long they should be left in the hair.

If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments aren't recommended because they're unlikely to work:

products containing permethrin

head lice "repellents"

electric combs for head lice

tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

### **If you don't want to use chemicals**

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There will be instructions on the pack to follow, but typically you:

use the comb on wet or dry hair – although it usually works best on wet hair with conditioner

comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

repeat every few days for 2 weeks.

### **Competition Time!**

The JRSO's are running a competition about road safety. For Reception and Key Stage 1 we have a "Be Bright to be Seen" colouring competition. For Key Stage 2 we will be doing a "Spot the Hazards" competition. Everybody that enters gets 1 house point and the top 3 get 5 house points. Support your House by doing this competition! Sheets can be found on the school website [www.cheddingtonschool.org](http://www.cheddingtonschool.org).

Hand your completed sheets to your teacher. The deadline is the Wednesday after half term (21 February).

From your JRSO's, Sam, Jacob, Marlon and Lucia



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School re-opens for the second half of term on Monday, 19th February