



### Head teachers update

#### School Plan focus.

This week we have been talking about the way we use Power Maths. As you know, this is a new scheme for us. The plans and resources are of a very high quality. The teachers have been sharing the ways that they manage the different year groups within their class and sharing strategies that are enabling the children to maximise the progress they make. We will be evaluating the progress each child makes and the impact of this scheme on their learning. We continue to have a focus on learning times tables and would like to thank the parents that have been encouraging and assisting their children to work on their knowledge of the tables. This link is to a free website with an online resource for times tables.

[www.mathschase.com/](http://www.mathschase.com/)

In addition, our Safeguarding Governor, Sarah Fryer and myself have attended the final part of the DEMAT safeguarding training for headteachers and governors in Ely this week. Our systems are all up-to-date and we will continue to do all that we can to ensure that we have a school culture, ethos and procedures that are highly effective in keeping all of the children safe.

#### Attendance

This week's school attendance is **93.34%**. Please do all you can to help your child have a high attendance as this does have a significant impact on their learning.

Jeremy Fisher

### Cool School Club



This week the children have been enjoying making fantastic structures for the marble run, some have decorated biscuits and have also done a Zumba/yoga class in the session. Next week, we will 'design a room'. Please can children bring in any shoe or cereal boxes to enable us to do this.

With thanks from Helen and all the Club staff.

### PRESCHOOL

#### Promotion of 'Funded 2s'

Cambridgeshire County Council are promoting the free 15 hours early learning and childcare for two-year-olds, an encourage families who are potentially eligible to apply at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/free2s](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/free2s).

If your child has just turned two, you may be entitled to free early learning and childcare for the next school term and until they reach compulsory school age. For more information on the 'funded 2s' entitlement scheme and eligibility criteria check: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/free2s](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/free2s) or the facebook page.



#### Outdoor Boots

As the playing field is very muddy, it would be very beneficial if your child keeps a pair of wellington boots at school for outdoor play. We want to give them access to the field at play and lunchtime but not to track mud through the school. We would like all the children to leave them for the week and take them home at weekends so that they can be cleaned and returned on Mondays. We have been letting children go onto the field wearing a spare pair of trainers but have found that these are less suitable than wellington boots.

#### RSPB Bird Watch

There were 70 sightings of birds recorded this year and 12 different species, according to the attached pie chart. Last year there were 103 birds sighted.

#### Dress Down Day

The children will be permitted to wear non-uniform clothes on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, in return we shall be collecting £1 donation towards the local charity 'Home Start' who support local families.

#### ParentPay

Kindly settle any outstanding payments for last term.



P.T.F.A.

Forthcoming events to be advised soon.

### Collective Worship Theme for the week

Together we work to succeed.

Mark 2: 1-12

### Thought for the week

"The strength of the team is each individual member.  
The strength of each member is the team."

*Phil Jackson*

### Classroom Awards: Stars of the week



	Progress	Conduct & Values
PreSchool	Eve	Connor
Class 1	Ophelia & Amy	Ophelia & Daniel
Class 2	JJ & Leighton	Scott & Leo
Class 3	Fred & Ben	Ephram & Hannah

### Diary Updates and Reminders

15 February (Friday)	'Home Start' charity dress down day
18 - 26 February	Half-Term Break
25 February (Monday)	School Closed - Staff Inset
5 April (Friday)	End of Term - 1.45pm
23 April (Tuesday)	Summer Term Begins
27 May - 4 June (Tues)	Half-Term Break
3 June (Monday)	School Closed - Staff Inset
24 July (Wed)	End of Term - 1.45pm



### Sports - Star of the Week

Our P.E. teacher, awards have been presented to:-

Class 1	Noah
Class 2	Andrew
Class 3	Emma

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