

### Head teachers update

The children have had another busy week in school. They have been working on a variety of activities this week and they have been keen to show me and talk about the work they have been undertaking.

It always amazes me at the speed with which the weeks go by (only one week until the half term break). It does not seem that long since we were breaking up for the Christmas holidays!

During next week you will see improvements to the front entrance as the children are designing a season's stained glass window which will be displayed in the front entrance, enhancing the environment and providing links with our Christian roots as a Church of England Primary school. I am sure that you will all enjoy the finished result, which should be in place next week.

The faith team have been busy this week - they have met with myself and Mrs Morris and have been evaluating whole school assemblies and talking about the children's involvement in these. This participation will be key to school improvement and development.

We have introduced our new Code of Conduct (written by the children) and these are now displayed around the school and in classrooms. We have also introduced our new behaviour and well-being policy and each class now displays the rainbow which rewards good behaviour and positive choices. Our 'always' board, for those children who always do their best, will be rewarded and celebrated for this, both on the board and during our celebration assemblies on Fridays.

Mrs Weddephl and I are also looking at developing positive behaviour at lunchtimes - so over the next few weeks there will be lots of new activities being developed which I will keep you informed about through the weekly newsletters - so as always, watch this space!

### Pre-School



Pre-School have had a lovely week learning about Chinese New Year, listening to a story about the celebration of the Chinese New Year, looking at Chinese writing, photos of lanterns and dancing dragons. They have enjoyed exploring how to use chopsticks to pick up cotton wool and rice! And making a lovely rooster and some dragons.

The children have also enjoyed learning music and movement by dancing and moving to the 'Sticky Kids' CD.

Can I just remind you that we have an inset training day next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Have a lovely half-term and a Happy Valentine's Day!

Kristy Carter



## 'Cool School Club'



Cool Club are now fully settled into our lovely new building. We now have the use of an interactive screen and the children have been enjoying producing lovely drawings.

We now have a suggestion box where the children can put their ideas for activities or snacks. Please do contact any staff member if you have any queries. Thank you.

Helen Smith

## Recruiting

**Cool Club Playworker** are looking for help on the following days

- Tuesdays after school 3-6pm
- Every morning 7.45 am - 8.45am

**Cleaner** - flexible working hours

Please do pass the word around if you have any friends or family seeking a part-time paid role.

## Governor's Update

It's been just over two months since the new Governing body took over from the interim governing arrangement (the IEB). We are still looking for more governors to help improve our contribution to the school so please let Mr Wright know if you might consider joining us.

We have already had four Governor/committee meetings and have started attending some governor training. Since our last newsletter update, we have a dedicated governor responsible for safeguarding (Sarah Fryer) and we have reviewed attainment data for each year group. We are contributing a regular update on the school for GAMUT and are now working on other ways to help raise the profile of the school amongst potential future parents.

The governors have also made several visits to observe the day to day activity of the school, including looking at pupil behaviour, engagement with

teaching and the learning environment. We have been doing these 'learning walks' to fully understand the school and help us better understand how we can support Mr Wright.

Further details about our activities and the minutes of the full governing body meetings will soon be added to the school website. In the meantime, or should you have difficulty accessing the current website, please contact the school office to be sent the meeting minutes by email.

Anna Fettiplace

## Breakfast Club Activity

Matt Heneghan from Cambridge United Football Club will hold a 'breakfast' activity session every Wednesday morning **7.45am - 8.45am**. This week they played dodgeball, and next week will be curling. Remember to wear home sports attire with a change into their uniform and a healthy breakfast snack to eat before school.

Enquire through [www.cuyd.co.uk](http://www.cuyd.co.uk) or through the office.

## Book & Toy Sale

We are having a Book & Toy Sale to raise funds towards our Class 3 annual educational field trip. There are a variety of informative and interesting children's books as well as early years / pre-school toys that are surplus to the school needs.

Please come along to the **Hall on Monday (3.15pm)**



## School Disco

The PTFA are organising a DISCO for the children on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.15pm - 5pm at school.

Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance and the additional stalls such as sweets, tattoos and face painting will be at an additional small cost.

Please see the attached flyer and book the date in your diaries now !

### Art Competition (PTFA)

LAST CHANCE for all budding artists!

We still need more designs for a 'thank you' card front cover, for the PTFA'. The brief is completely up to you: use colour pencils, pens, paint, glitter, or even designs done on the computer are welcomed! The only rule is that the design must say 'thank you'.

You may enter as many times as you like, with a small prize for each pupil submitting a design entry.

Deadline: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Please hand your entries to the front office, and we can't wait to see what you come up with.



### AWARDS

This week's **Code of Conduct certificates** went to: William Crankshaw, JJ Datu, Brooke Richards, Johnnie McCulloch. .

Our **Head Teacher Award** went to: Fox & Owl Classes for their tidy cloakrooms.

Well done all of you!

### Thought for the week:

"Unity is strength..... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved

### Christian value:

**'LOVE'**

This will be the last newsletter for this half-term. Remember that the children will not be at school next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, as this is our 'inset' training day.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards,  
*Alan Wright*  
Head teacher

### Diary Updates and Reminders

Non-pupil Day	Friday 10 February
Half Term	13 - 17 February
7 & 8 March	Parent/Teacher Meetings - Booking slots to be arranged nearer the time.
Last day of Term	Friday 31 March
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini-Olympics, years 3&4

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