

11th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Collective Worship

This term our Collective Worship theme is '**integrity**'. Our bible verse for the term is:

"Lord, tell me your ways. Show me how to live. ⁵ Guide me in your truth. Teach me, my God, my Saviour. I trust in you all day long." Psalm 25 verses 4&5 (International Children's Bible)

You are welcome to attend your child's class Collective Worship at 9am on the date(s) below.

EYFS (Butterflies) 15th June

Y1 (Owls) 8th June

Y2 (Dragons) 6th July

Y3 (Rabbits) 18th May

Y4 (Hedgehogs) 25th May

Y5 (Foxes) 22nd June

Y6 (Eagles) 29th June

Class Awards

Butterflies – Alfie for always making the right choices and for being a great example to others. Jemima for being a kind friend to others in the class.

Owls – Luke for following instructions well this week and being helpful. Brooke and Poppy R for not giving up in PE and challenging themselves.

Dragons – Ella for working hard on our planets topic and using the iPad sensibly to find lots of interesting facts. Max for drawing a detailed picture of our plants in Science and then labelling the parts accurately and carefully.

Rabbits – Oscar for working really hard and independently with his maths all week. Gemma for excellent teamwork in English this week. Handwriting Hero of the Week is George.

Hedgehogs – Alexa for creating a wonderful nonsense poem, keeping up a great rhythm and making it rhyme. Jorgia for working hard in maths, carefully thinking about the layout of her graph and the scale in which it goes up.

Foxes – Joel and Charlie for hugely improved focus and concentration in class – well done and keep it up. Jonas for a great pen pal letter, it was well laid out and your pen pal will be very happy to receive it.

Eagles – All of the Eagles for a fantastic month of revision. You have all pushed yourselves and tried your best. Well done!

We would like to wish all of our Year 6 children all the best with their SATs assessment next week. We know you have worked very hard toward this and will do your best.

School Trips

School trips are a really important part of the school curriculum. They provide opportunities to experience things to enhance the subjects they are currently studying. Although payment towards trips is voluntary, there is no spare money in the school budget to subsidise costs and if we do not get enough funds we will unfortunately need to cancel these exciting opportunities. This week alone we have had permission slips returned without a donation or short of the amount we have budgeted to cover costs. These trips are in danger of being cancelled. We accept payments via ParentMail or a cheque sent in to school. Please send your donations promptly so that a decision can be made as to whether planned trips can go ahead.

Please see a list attached with dates for your calendar.

All dates are subject to change

Transfer Evening

I would like to invite our Y5 (Foxes) parents to a Transfer Evening on Tuesday 5th June at 7pm. During the evening information will be available about Secondary School Open Days/Evenings, transfer arrangements and the transfer test which will take place in September. The Admissions Team from Buckingham Secondary School will be available on the evening and the new Head Teacher Paul Alford has expressed a wish to attend. Mr Owens will also be available as the Y6 teacher.

Maintenance Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who turned up and helped on Maintenance Morning. Peter Ferens (Governor) has said that you all worked very hard in very average weather conditions! Your efforts will have saved our school hundreds of pounds and this money can now be spent on your children. Terry Healy (Site Manager) wishes to express his thanks to everyone also, but especially to his "shed movers". He would not have been able to do it on his own. Now the new PE Shed can be delivered once the base has been prepared.

As always the hedge trimmers did a great job and cleaned up all the clippings. Then we have the window cleaners, the painters, the ivy removers and the gardeners. I certainly have noticed how clean and pristine everywhere is, particularly the sparkly windows!

Thank you also to Adrian Lambourne, farmer at Townsend Farm, for allowing us to fill his trailer up with all the spoil from our efforts. I also thank the PTA for providing cakes and scones for elevenses. They were much enjoyed.

Great job everyone!

Fresh Start Theme Day Lunch

Fresh Start are having a theme lunch - "Royal Picnic" on Friday 18th May. We would like to invite your child/ren to join us for lunch on this fun day. You can order online through Fresh Start's website - the menu is attached for your information.

Plans for our Playground Improvements

The playground equipment for our younger children is broken and can no longer be used. We decided to use some of our spare PE money to buy some new equipment. Miss Fitzpatrick gave us some catalogues with playground equipment in. We highlighted stuff we thought would be good and we asked a few children from each class to vote for their favourite things. This is what the classes voted for.



A rope tunnel



Climbing poles



A twist net



This is the plan – the white building is the Resource Room.

We are very excited and can't wait to see the children playing on it.
The equipment is due to be installed on 24th May.

- **Max, Cate and Charlie (Sports Leaders)**