



Opportunities for all; Foundations for life

Marsh Gibbon Church of England School

Headteacher: Mrs Julie Hickey

16th September 2014

Dear Parents

Class Awards

Awards were given to the following children last week:

Ryan Nolan, for working really hard with Mrs Hickey last Friday.

Butterflies – Ava Smith has shown great carpet manners. Lucas Purvis has worked well with friends, sharing and taking turns independently. Well done Ava and Lucas.

Owls – Abigail Abraham for always sitting beautifully on the carpet. Ruby Barber for writing a great sentence in literacy.

Dragons – Well done Tereza Scotton for being the first Dragon above the star. Finley Kelly has worked really hard in all lessons, a great start.

Rabbits – Ollie Angus and Rhianne Pullen have both worked hard all week. They have settled well into the routine of a new class and are always ready for each lesson without being reminded.

Hedgehogs – Thomas Prowton, for having a great attitude to learning in the first week of school. Also to Isobel Evans for trying really hard and achieving in maths.

Eagles – Oliver Jones has settled in really well to his new class. Edward Mills for putting his hand up frequently during class discussions and working really hard.

Ofsted Data Dashboard

We are extremely proud of our excellent attainment. If you look on the Ofsted Data Dashboard we are in the top quartile for our Reading and Mathematics results. That indicates that our results are among the best in the whole country. For writing we are in the second quartile, so that is an area that we are working on, hence the Big Write, daily phonics sessions and our work on developing neat cursive handwriting. One area we need your co-operation with is attendance, which is in the bottom quartile. You will have seen on the news that many schools are taking steps, including fining parents quite large sums of money, if their child's attendance falls below a certain level or they take their child out of school for a holiday, (schools do not receive any money from fines). Please support our school in trying to improve this statistic and ensure that your child/ren are in school unless they are ill or have a medical appointment. Governors need to discuss this issue and may need to consider options, such as fines. This is a measure we may need but don't want to take, if this statistic doesn't improve.

The Learning Pod

Our Learning Pod is being built off-site. I have heard from the company today that they plan to start work on-site on Monday 22nd September.

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All Weather Pitch

We have heard from Sport England and. the plan is to install the All Weather Pitch over the Easter Holiday 2015.

Play Equipment

Can I remind everyone that our insurance and Health and Safety insists that children do not use the play equipment in the playground at the end of the day. This includes pre-school children. We have strict regulations to follow regarding supervision and number of children that can use the equipment at any one time. Please support us in adhering to these regulations.

Uniform

Our children came back to school last week looking extremely smart in their uniforms and I would like us to work together to ensure this continues. When out and about children are representing our school and it gives a really good impression if they look smart and are wearing the correct uniform, with their shirt tucked in. It also helps to support a good attitude to school if they wear the correct uniform. If you are not sure about the exact uniform please ask for a list from the office. The uniform does include wearing black school shoes. Eagles do look very smart in their ties – well done to them!

Clubs for this Term

Breakfast Club is available every morning from 8am. The cost is £3.00 per session and this includes cereal, drink and toast. Miss Kardasinski is organising the club from this term.

After School Clubs have now started - please note that our ICT Club on a Tuesday is now full. Also, we have only one more space for our Arts & Crafts club on Mondays.

Road Safety Around the School

Zig-zag lines - The yellow zig-zag markings on the road outside of school are there to allow easy and clear access should an emergency vehicle need to enter the premises. At no time should any vehicles stop or park on the zig-zags. Never use the school driveway to turn around.

One-way system - We remind all parents & carers that we operate a (voluntary) one-way system to ease congestion outside the school. When approaching the school at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, where possible, please approach the school from The Plough end (Church Street & Castle Street), with the school on your left. When leaving the school continue in the same direction and if necessary, travel up Swan Lane, along Millfield Avenue & down Station Road.

Parking - Please be considerate to all our neighbours when you park and never block their access. They and their visitors must be able to safely drive in/out of their driveways at all times. Also please do not park on road bends in our village, this is hazardous to you and other road users.

Thank you for your co-operation in all these matters.

Dates for Next Term:

Friday 3rd October – individual school photos

Thursday 16th October – open afternoon for new parents

Friday 24th October – break up for Half Term