

15th January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Class Awards

Awards were given to the following children this week:

Butterflies – Evie and Alfie for working really hard in literacy this week, reading CVC words. Liam and Edward for super work this week in numeracy, recognising and ordering numbers 0-15. Well done!

Owls – Martha for always working hard, completing her work carefully and being helpful to others. Archie R for showing good organisational skills and great team work, making a collage from natural materials.

Dragons – Tom and Connie for using lots of lovely adjectives within their witch story.

Rabbits – Matilda-May for consistently challenging herself in all lessons. William K for super reading with Miss Grout.

Hedgehogs – Cate and Reece for great listening and brilliant questions at our Roman talk.

Foxes & Eagles – Edward for being enthusiastic all week, engaging, smiling and being a great member of the class. Phoebe for completing an excellent story map of our chosen short story, keeping it simple while adding lots of detail, which will turn into an excellent story of her own.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Collective Worship

This half-term the core value that we are covering is ‘Courage’. Each class will lead one Collective Worship per term and these will take place on Friday mornings at 9am. You are invited to attend your child’s class Collective Worship on the date below. These dates are subject to change but we will endeavour to keep to them. If it is necessary to change we will try to give good notice.

Friday 29th January – Foxes and Eagles

Friday 5th February – Butterflies

Friday 12th February – Owls

Friday 26th February - Dragons

Friday 4th March - Rabbits

Friday 18th March – Hedgehogs

Roman Visit - Hedgehog Class

On Tuesday a Roman soldier came to talk to our class. We all found it interesting listening to his brilliant facts and doing the activities. We all really liked making our own coins that had Roman patterns on them. We all really enjoyed it.

Max S and the Hedgehog Class



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Bad Weather Procedures

This term brings with it a variety of different types of weather, including ice and snow. Should we need to close the school due to adverse weather conditions the procedure is as follows.

If there is bad weather overnight which makes it necessary to close the school, Mrs Hickey in consultation with our Chair of Governors, will have made the decision by 7am. Mrs Jhutti will then send out a ParentMail and put a statement on our school website. In addition, Mrs Hickey will inform Bucks County Council which will trigger a message on their website.

If bad weather occurs during the school day which is deemed serious enough to warrant closure of the school, to ensure the children's safety on their journey home, parents will be contacted by ParentMail, email or telephone. A statement will also be posted on our website. The children will be supervised until they are collected.

Celebrating Cultures Week

On the week beginning February 8th we are having a 'Celebrating Cultures Week'. We have many families in school with links to other countries and we want to value this. If you have a link to another country we would like to invite you in to your child's class to share something about the country. Ideas might include sharing stories or customs; finding the country on a world map; traditional foods or cooking; or some basic phrases. If you are able to do this then please speak to the class teacher and arrange a suitable time. The Worship group are planning a 'Prayer Space' for this week.

PTA Update

New Textile Recycling Bank

We will shortly receive a new textile recycling bank which will be located by the gate into the playground. We have joined forces with the Salvation Army and their "Recycle with Michael" textile scheme. Recycling bags are being sent out in children's book bags today. Please fill the bags with unwanted clothing and shoes and place this in the bank when it arrives. The school and the Salvation Army will split the proceeds of textiles collected on a 50/50 basis.

In the future, you may put your unwanted textiles in any plastic bag before placing them in the recycling bank. Please do not put in loose textiles.

This is a simple way for the PTA to raise essential funds for the school while supporting a national charity at the same time. Please do support us, clear out your wardrobes and bring the filled bags back to school.

Attendance

As we celebrated last week our figures for attendance have improved, please avoid booking holidays during term time and continue this trend. Under no circumstances should holidays be booked during May, when statutory assessments take place.

Calendar Dates:

Wednesday 13th January – Butterflies Outdoor Learning
Wednesday 27th January – Owls Outdoor Learning
Wednesday 3rd February – Dragons Outdoor Learning
8th – 12th February – Celebrating Cultures Week
Wednesday 10th February – Rabbits Outdoor Learning
Thursday 11th February – Fox/Eagle - Science Museum
Friday 12th February – Official New Classrooms Opening 2pm
Friday 12th February - Last Day of Term

Monday 22nd February – Return to School
Wednesday 24th February – Hedgehogs Outdoor Learning
Wednesday 2nd March – Fox/Eagle Outdoor Learning
Wednesday 2nd & 9th March – Parents Evenings