

1st December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Collective Worship

Our theme for this term is faith. Children will also be covering this in class as part of their PSHE, RE or Class Collective Worship. Our bible verse is: *'Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ' Galatians 2:16*

Class Awards

Butterflies – Emily-Rose and Lolita for working hard to write their letters to Santa. They wrote the sounds they could hear carefully. Well done girls!

Owls – Alex for trying his best across all subjects. Well done. Kaitlyn for pushing herself with her writing this week. You are making super progress, keep it up!

Dragons – Freddie for working hard in our RE lessons and remembering lots of our religious symbols. Darcie for challenging herself in maths and working with a positive attitude.

Rabbits – Lily for excellent ideas for writing her list poem about Christmas. Gemma for brilliant use of fronted adverbials in English this week. Handwriting star of the week is Harley.

Hedgehogs – Elodie for producing a fantastic comic book strip, explaining the digestive system. Lola for coming up with some really lovely extended noun phrases in her poems.

Foxes – Jonas for some great responding in a comprehension piece. Well done Jonas. Zac for focusing really hard on his writing this week. Well done Zac.

Eagles – Dorina for excellent writing in this week's newspapers topic. Ben for showing perseverance when converting fractions, decimals and percentages.

Music Concert

Our Year 4 class have been learning to play trumpet or ukulele since the summer term. There will be a music concert on the last day, 9am on 19th December when Year 4 and the Trumpet Club can show off their skills. Parents of Y4 (Hedgehogs) and After School Trumpet Club are invited to attend the concert.

Christmas Tree

We have a beautiful tree in our hall donated from Preston Bissett Garden Centre. A huge thank you to them and the very persuasive parent who managed to make this happen. It is well worth a visit to Preston Bissett especially over the festive season.

Christingle

A reminder of the Christingle Service on Sunday 3rd December at 11am, with further details attached.

House Colours

Please note that we will be changing the Ash House colour from white to blue. If you are unsure of your child's house, please contact the office.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all children and parents who organised and helped at the very successful Christmas Fayre last week. We are always very grateful for the time and effort that goes into such a big event like this. We are awaiting the final figure raised on the night.

PTA

Every member of staff and every parent at our school is automatically a member of the PTA. We are trying to encourage more parents to attend meetings and become more active. The PTA do an amazing job in raising money, which benefits all of our children, but it is a small group of parents who work tirelessly to achieve this.

If we changed the time of the meeting to 3.15pm and started with the children sharing something eg. choir singing, would this encourage you to attend? We could then arrange a crèche and refreshments so you wouldn't need to find childcare for your children. I realise that this could prevent some parents from attending due to work commitments so one solution would be to alternate the times. I would be really interested to find out your views and will be sending out a ParentMail form to you shortly. Please do take the time to complete this form, your views are important.

Choir

Thank you to Miss Cuin and all the children who sang at both our Christmas Fair and the Church Christmas Fayre. If any parents have any photos of the children singing, please could they send them into the school office. We would like to display photos and any letters we receive about the choir. Peter Storey (Chairman of the organising committee) has written a lovely letter in which he declares "Their singing was splendid. Very dynamic, full of smiles, well in tune and some lovely clear soloists". The choir will again be performing at a Christmas Lunch at the URC next Thursday 7th December.

Father Christmas Float

The Winslow Rotary Club Father Christmas Float will be in Marsh Gibbon on Wednesday 6th December, starting at 5.45pm. Please look out for him! All proceeds collected go to Marsh Gibbon Pre-School.

Please see a list attached with dates for your calendar.

All dates are subject to change.

Year 3/4 Racket Pack Badminton Festival Tuesday 28th November

On Tuesday night seven people went to Waddesdon Primary School for a badminton tournament and we did lots of different activities and games. We took some team photos, we all had loads of fun and want to do more tournaments throughout the year. **Ben, Year 3**

On Tuesday 28th, we went to a badminton tournament at Waddesdon Primary School. We were split in to a year 3 and 4. We came sixth out of 12 schools. We played 10 games, all of them which we scored points. In total we scored 560 points. We played games like flying bird, caterpillar and lots more. **Lucy, Hettie, Ruby B and Ruby P, Year 4.**

