

21st April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Class Awards

Butterflies – Jack for being very kind and helpful to our visitors. Genevieve for a great effort when writing The Gingerbread Man story. Bertie for showing a good understanding when working with money. Poppy R for always being so helpful and for keeping our classroom looking tidy. Mia for making a wonderful Easter diary.

Owls – Florence Fi and Amia for being such polite, helpful and kind members of the Owl Class. Well done girls. Sid for always being ready to learn. Abbie K for some fantastic maths work this week.

Dragons – Tyler for trying really hard in maths this week and not giving up when it got tricky. Oscar for settling in well into the Dragon Class.

Rabbits – Jacqueline for challenging herself in maths this week and working independently. Alexa for very creative ideas when writing similes about different animals.

Hedgehogs – Charlie G for working hard to improve his work and presentation. William for a positive attitude to work and improved presentation.

Foxes – Fabio for using growth mindset to think carefully about how he can improve his work. Bertie for settling in extremely well into the Fox Class, making friends and trying hard in each lesson.

Eagles – Fynlay for superb work ethic from day one this week, participating in science with Dr Parker and persevering through all maths lessons. Zachary for giving 100% in maths, recalling difficult concepts from the start of Year 6 and applying them with confidence.

School Funding

You may have heard from the media about the crisis in schools with school funding. I am sending out today a letter regarding this. Please do take the time to read this carefully and find out about the facts. At Marsh Gibbon we have extra challenges as a growing school.

You can help by following the suggestions in the letter but also by paying school costs promptly or coming in to speak to me if you have any difficulties with paying. Earlier this year one class went on a school trip, which we subsidised to keep costs down. Four children did not pay resulting in us having to find an extra £80 from our squeezed budget.

500 Words Competition

Well done to the following children who are winners in our school 500 Words story competition.

1st Oliver Booth

2nd Francisco Howitt

3rd Mia Bremner

Thank you to Mrs Talbott for organising the competition.

Year 3 Music

This term Year 3 will be split into two with half having trumpet lessons with Mr Kitchen and the other half Ukulele lessons with Mr Owens. The groups will change at half-term so all children experience both instruments.

Year 3 and Year 4 Tennis

Rabbits and Hedgehogs will be having tennis sessions led by coaches from Marsh Gibbon Tennis Club. We are very grateful to Julia Bristow who organises this for the children, free of charge.

Sunday at 4 - Sunday 23 April 4pm-5.30pm at Charndon Community Centre

Sunday at 4 is for children of primary school age. We meet for fun, games, Bible stories, craft activities, music, prayer and refreshments. This month we'll be hearing how Jesus appeared to his disciples at Easter. It helps our planning if you can let us know if your children hope to attend. Newcomers are always welcome to come along and see what we get up to! Here are dates of future meetings for your diaries:

14 May at Grendon Village Hall

11 June at Twyford Village Hall

9 July at Marsh Gibbon Village Hall

Revd David Hiscock 01869 277297 david@3d.co.uk

Revd Angela Mann 01296 771100 angela.mann858@gmail.com

Keyboard/Clarinet with Miss Cuin

There are still spaces for keyboard and/or clarinet lessons with Miss Cuin on a Thursday. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to attend.

Change for Life

From next Friday, Miss Fitzpatrick will be running a Change for Life sports club at lunch times for selected children, to build their confidence. There will not be a charge for this.

St George's Day Parade

A reminder of the St George's Day Parade on Sunday 23rd April, the Parade from School at 9.15 to St Mary's Church for the Service at 9.30am.

PTA Updates

Back to School Disco – 5th May

A ParentMail was sent this week about the PTA Back to School Disco. Tickets can be bought from Liz Bruce-Kelly, Fiona Taylor or from the school office, they are £5 each.

Merry Go Round - home of preloved school uniform

If you have unwanted, good quality items of school uniform please consider donating it to the PTA. We sell all items of pre loved school uniform at very reasonable prices - helping parents manage the costs of purchasing the uniform whilst at the same time raising funds for the school. We welcome any uniform but in particular we have parents waiting for sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans and summer dresses in all sizes.

If you have any uniform you would like to donate please bring this into school and give it to Jayne Sinclair or leave it with Mrs Jhutti in the school office. If you would like to view the clothing we have it is located in the entrance way to the Learning Resources Room in the playground. It is available to view and purchase at any time (subject to lessons being in progress). If you wish to purchase an item please take it and give your money to Jayne Sinclair or Mrs Jhutti in the school office. A price list is on the wall by the clothing rails.

Please see a list attached with dates for your calendar.

All dates are subject to change.

Football Match Tuesday 18th April
Marsh Gibbon vs. Twyford

On 18th April Marsh Gibbon B Team played against Twyford School. Unfortunately we lost 13-0. However, this was our first ever match and we played against their A Team. Although we lost we had lots of fun throughout and after the match.

Liam – Year 6



Team - Amber, Matthew, Liam, Jodie, Isobel, Theo, Reece