

24<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Dear Parents

### **Class Awards**

Awards were given to the following children this week.

*Butterflies* – Henry Copithorne, for excellent help at tidy up time and tidying not only his own toys but his friends also. Well done Henry. Gemma Toes, for planning and creating an excellent model of a brain! Well done Gemma for taking your time and thinking carefully.

*Owls* – Lola Riley, for a great attitude to learning. Lola tries hard in everything she does. Lucy Ash, for wonderful writing. Lucy used lots of adjectives to describe Beatrice's goat.

A really big thank you to all the Owls, who worked so hard to raise money to buy a goat for an African family, through Oxfam. We actually raised £75! Enough to send a goat, a sheep, two chickens and a share in a farm. THANK YOU!

*Dragons* – Ollie Booth has really challenged himself in numeracy this week. Charlie Thomas works hard in all subjects and is a real asset to the Dragon class.

*Rabbits* – Harry Reveler, for finding sound patterns in French words! Rosie Maskell, for writing a detailed opening to a ghost story and for using a range of techniques to build suspense.

*Hedgehogs* – Phoebe Radford, for writing a brilliant Mayan style poem, including creative and interesting similes and metaphors. Abi-Leigh Vasey for working hard in maths to complete grid method multiplication, challenging herself with every step.

*Eagles* – Alysia Ryley and Niamh Lavin for writing an exciting alternative ending to a story, keeping me interested and intrigued throughout.

### **Late Arrivals to School**

Please could all late arrivals to the school come in through the front door, due to health and safety issues with going through the kitchen. Please could you also sign your child/ren into the book by the front door.

### **School Uniform Ordering**

Please see information attached regarding the new ordering system for all school uniform.

### **Hot School Meals**

A reminder that online orders for next terms hot school meals need to be finalised by today, **Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**, via the Fresh Start website. It is vital that you book online for next half term, there are no more paper menus and therefore, children who have not pre booked a meal will not receive one. THERE WILL BE NO SPARE MEALS.

### **MK Dons Big School Day**

Please see information attached regarding the MK Dons Big School Day, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Progress Meetings**

Please note that Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding progress meetings from 3.30pm, for parents who would like to meet with their child's teacher. A reply slip will be sent out soon.

## PTA

### *Christmas Cards*

You should have received your child(s) artwork in their book bag for the Eco Christmas Cards. If you would like to order, please complete the order form provided, along with correct payment, making cheques payable to '**Marsh Gibbon School PTA**', by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** .

### *Rag Bag Recycling*

We are pleased to inform you that your donations to the Rag Bag have raised £56.00, for 5 bags, already this half term. If you do have any items of good quality clothing, shoes, handbags, towels, ties or belts you no longer need, please leave these at the collection point, by the bike racks. Thank you for your support.

### *Film & Pizza Night*

The PTA Film and Pizza night has made a profit of £264.32 which is a great start to our fund raising for this year

*The fund raising team would like to thank you for your continued support.*

### **Eagles are Moving into the Learning Pod**

The installation of our learning pod is reaching its final stages and over half-term governors will work with Mrs Logan to move the teaching resources to the Eagles' new classroom.

The PTA and our school community have done a wonderful job raising lots of money to enable us to furnish and equip our new classroom and for that we remain very grateful. In consultation with Mrs Logan, we have decided to delay the purchase of furniture and other larger resources for a few weeks until Mrs Logan and her class are in the pod and she is able to get an ergonomic feel for the space and light and how it will work as a good learning environment.

Temporarily, furniture from the Resource room will be used in the new pod. Once Mrs Logan has a feel for the way the new classroom will work, governors will ensure we order to get the type and quantity of furniture that she requires. We are certain that the Eagles will enjoy their beautiful new classroom.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding during this time of transition. Once Mrs Logan and the Eagles are settled into the classroom we plan to arrange a coffee morning for Eagle parents, to provide an opportunity to take a look and discuss any queries or concerns you may have.

Kind regards  
Matt Smith

### **Marsh Gibbon Preschool Ladies Indulgence Evening**

This fantastic, very popular event is back! Friday 21st November at the village hall. Tickets still only £5 in advance and will go on sale after half term from Preschool. Come along and be pampered and enjoy some Christmas shopping too!

### **Wear It Pink Day**

Thank you for all your kind donations for Wear It Pink Day Breast Cancer Campaign.



Pink Cakes for lunchtime!

#### **Dates for this Term:**

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for Half Term**
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Back to School**
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service**
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Progress Meeting**
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – School Disco 6.30-8pm**
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Book Look – information to follow**
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – MK Dons Big School Day**
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre**
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 & EYFS Christmas Nativity**
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Half Term**