

27th November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Class Awards

Awards were given to the following children this week:

Butterflies – Edward for amazing work all week, learning about 3D shapes. Well done Edward! Lola for showing her friends super manners all week. Well done Lola!

Owls – Archer for performing a fantastic chant during our poetry week, well done Archer! Gemma for working very hard in maths, adding on 1 and 2, and for being a fantastic member of the class, always making us smile!

Dragons – Liam and Kaleb for impressive work in maths and English, completing work even when it is tricky.

Rabbits – Johnny for using the Growth Mindset to approach challenging tasks. Zak for being a good friend to children in the Dragon Class.

Hedgehogs – Lexie for being helpful and enthusiastic in all our lessons all week! Rosie for always being helpful in our classroom!

Foxes & Eagles – Zachary for always being helpful and kind to members of the class, offering his expertise wherever possible. Harley and Sam for pushing themselves and really engaging their Growth Mindsets during lessons all week.

Carol Service

On the very last day of term, Friday 18th December, we will be holding a Carol Service in St Mary's Church, Marsh Gibbon. The service will start at 1.30pm and you are welcome to join us and enjoy a festive start to the Christmas season. More information will follow but we wanted you to have the date for your diary.

Healthy Eating

I would like to remind you that as a school we have 'Healthy Eating' status. As part of this we ask you not to allow your child to bring into school sweets or cakes on their birthday. We also have children with medical conditions or allergies which can make it unfair or difficult when children bring in cakes for other children. We also have a child in school with Anaphylaxis which is a severe nut allergy. We are therefore a 'nut free' school. Please do not include anything in packed lunches or for snacks which includes nuts. I thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Time Keeping

Can I remind you, as we get to the end of a very busy term, that we take the register at 8.55am. This ensures that classes are ready for a prompt start at 9am. With our difficult entrance and exit arrangements at present, it is really difficult if your child arrives after the gate is locked. Obviously we take time keeping very seriously at Marsh Gibbon School as 5 or more lost minutes in the morning adds up to 25 or more lost teaching time a week!

New ParentMail

We now have the new ParentMail system up and running. Thank you for re-registering. This means you will receive any important messages from the school straight away. We are trying to have less paper copies, which also helps the administration and costs considerably. If you have not yet registered – please do so as soon as possible!

ParentMail have a few tips for parents, as below.

You are able to adjust your settings to suit your requirements. If you login into your PMX account and then select the “account” option on the top right then “notification settings” you are able to edit these to be weekly rather than daily.

PMX is best supported through Google Chrome.

If you are not receiving emails please check your Junk/Spam folders, and add info@parentmail.co.uk to your contacts/address book within your email account.

If you do have any queries, please contact the office or ParentMail direct - parent_support@parentmail.co.uk.

Calendar Dates:

Friday 27th November – PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 2nd December – Foxes/Eagles Outdoor Learning
Sunday 6th December – Christingle Service
Tuesday 8th December – KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Pantomime
Friday 18th December – Christmas Hot Lunch
Friday 18th December – Carol Service 1.30pm St Mary’s Church
Friday 18th December – Last Day of Term
Monday 4th January – Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January – Return to School

Key Stage 1 (Butterflies, Owls, Dragons) Christmas Performance

Please could any ticket orders be with the office by the end of today, Friday 27th November. The evening performance is very nearly fully booked. We will inform you if any spare tickets are available for the afternoon performance early next week.

Christingle Service

I would like to invite you to attend St Mary’s Church, Marsh Gibbon on **Sunday 6th December** for this year’s Christingle Service at 9.30am in support of the Children’s Society. The Children’s Society runs over 70 projects across the country to support young people who have nowhere else to turn – including young runaways, children in care, neglected teenagers and young carers.

During our service, every child will have opportunity to make a Christingle gift to take home with them. We will also offer you a Christingle Candle Savings Box to save some pennies for the Children’s Society. Every penny does help and you will be bringing hope to this country’s most vulnerable children. Your box can be returned to any service held over Christmas or direct to me at the Rectory (which is next to the school).

(If you cannot attend the service but are willing to have a Christingle Candle Savings Box please email me, Revd David Hiscock, at david@s3d.co.uk and I will deliver one to you.

Many thanks.
Revd David Hiscock

PTA Christmas Fayre Tonight! 6pm - 8pm At the School

