

5th February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Class Awards

Awards were given to the following children this week:

Butterflies – Bennett for having exceptional manners all week. Well done Bennett! Alexander for working hard playing a phonics game on the computer, helping his friends with sounding out. Well done Alexander!

Owls – Lucas for working hard in all subjects and managing to complete his work on time. Jack for writing a lovely sentence remembering to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Well done Jack!

Dragons – Ryan for excellent work in Maths this week, measuring and weighing several items around the classroom correctly. Daniel for using fantastic alliteration within a poem.

Rabbits – Willis for excellent debating style and presence. Charlie T for acting as the Rabbits Prime Minister in our House of Commons.

Hedgehogs – Max for a great ‘ask the expert’ presentation. Ollie for an interesting and well planned diary of a gladiator.

Foxes & Eagles – Jodie and Amber for preparing an excellent assembly, volunteering to share their expertise with the rest of the school. Niamh for working really hard in all subjects, all week. Well done.

Butterfly Boys

Our spare supply of boys pants and socks have been loaned out but not returned. Could we ask that these are sent back please and if anyone has any spares they can donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you!

Book Bags

Please could you remind your child to empty their book bags at school and also at home, so that important letters and information are not missed.

Collective Worship

“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

Friday 12th February – Owls

Friday 26th February - Dragons

Friday 4th March - Rabbits

Friday 18th March – Hedgehogs

You are welcome to attend your child’s class Collective Worship, at 9am.

Tomorrow – Saturday 6th February

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help prepare our school for the opening on Friday 12th February. I will be at school tomorrow, Saturday 6th February, from 9am and these are the jobs that we need doing:

- Painting kitchen window frames (1 parent has volunteered and is bringing brushes)
- Cleaning the bike shed (1 parent has volunteered and is bringing a power washer)
- General sweeping and tidying grounds, particularly front of school
- Spreading bark and planting

Even if someone has volunteered I am sure they will be pleased with offers of help. We do have some equipment eg. hose pipe, brushes, but if you have anything you think might be useful then please bring with you – especially gardening tools.

After School Clubs

Forms for After School Clubs next half term were sent in book bags this week and forms are also always available on the school website. Places are limited and are therefore on a first-come first-served basis Please return your forms and payment to the office if you would like your child to attend. Please note that Clubs will continue to run during Parent’s evening on Wednesday 2nd and 9th March.

Open Day - Friday 12th February

You should have all had an invite with the last newsletter, to this event next week. As there will be a large number of people we plan to hold most of the event outside on the playground.

Below is the format for the afternoon.

- All guests to arrive via office door and sign in, make way to the playground (near hall doors)
- All staff and children to be in separate area away from guests/parents
- Marquee will be up in playground for extra space if wet (sides up if dry).
- All to be in hall/marquee if wet

- 2.05 Mrs Hickey to introduce
2.10 Rev Hiscock speech
2.15 Bishop Alan, speech and ribbon cutting (Child from Year 5 and 6 to hold a ribbon)
2.25 Guests into hall, EYFS-Year 4 back to classrooms
2.35 Choir sing in hall
Staged cutting of ribbon on new doors for press only
2.45 Refreshments in hall and Year 5/6 classroom
3.10 Parents return to playground, other visitors stay inside
3.15 Children leave school through playground as usual

Please send any donations of cakes or biscuits into school on Friday morning.

PTA Update

A reminder that the next PTA Film Night for "Big Hero 6" is on **Friday 4th March**.

The PTA Disco is on Friday 12th February. Flyers will be in book bags today and will also be available on the school website.

Year 5 Handball Tournament

Well done to the Foxes Class for their participation in the Year 5 Handball Tournament held this morning at Twyford School. Jodie and Spencer were awarded for being in the overall winning team and Amber for being a great player and her excellent contribution. Well done to all!

Lost Property

Our lost property box is again bursting at the seams. Please come into the school hall next week at pick-up and reclaim any of your child's belongings. I am going to relocate the box to the corridor outside the Dragon Class and any new items found next week will be put in there. Any items remaining in the box in the hall will be put in the recycling bank at half term.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

The school will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, when children will be able to attend school dressed as their favourite book character.

Calendar Dates:

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 – PTA Disco 6.00-7.30pm
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
Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day
Friday 4th March – PTA Film Night
Wednesday 23rd March – Year 3 & 4 Music Concert