

6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new and very exciting half-term. The building work is progressing nicely. I had a look yesterday after school and it is going to be a fantastic space for the children and staff to work in. Welcome to a new staff member, Megan Gambrell, who is helping at breakfast club and working in Year 1 every morning.

### Class Awards

Awards were given to the following children this week:

**Butterflies** – Jake and Bennett for working together to play Monster Bingo, taking turns and sharing independently. Oliver for always listening carefully during carpet time and setting a good example to his friends. Well done!

**Owls** – Henry and Ella for thinking of some brilliant questions in history to help us find out more about the Great Fire of London. Well done!

**Dragons** – Cian for drastically improving his handwriting. Well done! Kaleb for always being on task in English and maths, even if the work is tricky.

**Rabbits** – Alfie for fantastic use of metaphors, similes, personification and onomatopoeia in poetry this week. Charlie W for excellent addition and subtraction, using place value.

**Hedgehogs** – Dorina for brilliant ideas when re-telling a fairy tale. Niamh for challenging herself in maths and not giving up!

**Foxes & Eagles** – Oscar and Annabel for working hard all week, although both being ill on Monday, working independently to catch up, in the room you wouldn't have been able to tell. Fynlay for pushing himself in fractions work, working with confidence.

### Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to Parents' Evening and especially for the many positive comments. We will have another one in the spring term, which will be for a longer duration and when you can discuss progress in more detail.

### Open Day

Yesterday we held our 'Open Day' for prospective parents and I must comment on the excellent example our Foxes and Eagles gave. They were real ambassadors for the school and many of the adults commented on how polite, smart and positive they were. One even said he wanted to employ a Fox child – "he is such a fantastic sales person!" he commented. I overheard another Fox child saying "it's a great school and once I leave I will never forget it". I felt so proud!

### Sunday – Armistice Sunday

There will be a Remembrance Parade on Sunday at St Mary's Church. The parade leaves outside school at 9.15am for a 9.30am service. The children will be carry the school flag; could they please attend in uniform

Next week to commemorate Armistice Day, Corporal Ward will be sharing with all of the children in Assembly. He will be bringing his dog, and talking about the life of a soldier. After that he will be working with our Dragon class. Captain Baldry will be working with our Hedgehog class, where the children will be learning about the history of Armistice Day.

### Christmas Pantomime

Letters will be sent out soon with information on a school visit to the theatre to see the pantomime Dick Whittington, on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## Year 2 Science Festival

On Thursday, the Dragon Class visited Lace Hill Academy for a fun day filled with science. They got to make a lava lamp, bath bombs, hovercrafts, submarines, rockets, bouncy balls, indicators and learned about the magic of science. All children thoroughly enjoyed the day and learned a lot!



### Calendar Dates:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Book Look 3.15pm**
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Hockey Tournament**
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Hedgehog Class Outdoor Learning**
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Christmas Fayre**
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service**
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Performance**
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Pantomime**
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Hot Lunch**
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term**
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Inset Day**
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Return to School**