

8th June 2015

Dear Parents

Assemblies this Term

- Butterflies and Owls – Friday 19th June (joint assembly)
- Dragons - Friday 10th July

All class assemblies take place at 9am and parents are welcome to attend their child's class assembly.

KS2 will not be organising a class assembly this term as they are preparing for a summer performance, which will take place on **Monday 13th July**, afternoon and evening.

Class Awards

Awards were given to the following children last week.

Butterflies – Archie Rigby and Zac Othman for working exceptionally hard during a writing activity. Well done boys! Lucy Busby for working hard with Mrs Allen, recognising and matching numbers and quantities. Well done Lucy.

Owls – Ruby Barber and William Hands created wonderful pages for a non-fiction book on Big Blue Whales. They listened attentively, took accurate notes and designed an informative page with lots of facts. Oscar Prowton for excellent learning behaviour both in class and around the school. Oscar has developed a very positive enthusiastic attitude – well done Oscar.

Dragons – Ewan Ryley has worked really hard in maths this week. Charlie Weedon is making great progress in reading.

Rabbits – Tabitha Kronfeld and Rianne Pullen for amazing work adding and subtracting fractions and for showing great progress and confidence on the topic!

Hedgehogs – Annabel Lucas and Spencer Maciejewski for their enthusiasm, originality and determination to apply new writing skills in their stories, inspired by Adrian Townsend.

Eagles – Edward Mills for working really hard all week, especially in maths where he worked independently to compare fractions with different denominators. Emily Barber and Niamh Lavin for listening carefully to Adrian Townsend to enable them to follow his model and write fantastic stories around a character.

Thank You

We would like to say a huge “thank you” to all the PTA members that helped with our official opening of the Learning Pod, with John Bercow MP. The support received both before and during the opening was invaluable and very much appreciated.

School Website

Recent additions to our website include a video of the street dance – under “Pupils” then “Sports and PE”. There are also photos from castle week – directly on the tab “Our School”.

Sunday at 4

Please find attached information from Revd Mann and Revd Hiscock regarding Sunday at 4 sessions

Staffing

Mrs Logan is set to leave us at the end of this term to take up a post at Bourton Meadow Academy. Whilst we will congratulate her on her successful appointment, we will be very sad to lose such a dedicated and hard-working staff member. Mrs Logan trained at Bourton Meadow and is particularly looking forward to being part of a large team and being involved in supporting trainee teachers.

Unfortunately we are also going to lose Mrs Wells as she has been offered a post with Bucks County Council. The post represents significant promotion and offers Mrs Wells the opportunity to use both her teaching skills and those gained in previous occupations. Mrs Wells will have been at Marsh Gibbon for 5 years and is a very valued teacher. She has taught our Year 1 children, led the phonics initiative as well as being the subject leader for Science and Outdoor Learning.

Obviously losing two teachers at this stage in the year presents the People Committee with a significant challenge. A job advertisement has gone on the Bucks County Council Website and we will keep you informed of any appointments as soon as we are in a position to do so. We appointed two excellent teachers when we last interviewed and will release information about which staff will teach the year groups as soon as this has been confirmed.

PTA Update

PTA Minutes and Meeting

The PTA minutes have been sent via a separate Parent Mail and are also available on the school website.

The next PTA Meeting is on **Wednesday 10th June**, 7.45pm for 8.00pm in the school. Everyone is welcome – please come and join us!

Cake Sale

We are pleased to inform you that we raised £200.60 from the cake sale on Friday 22nd May. This will help our Eagle Class on both their Art in Action trip and towards their charity.

PTA Mufti Day

Thank you for your contributions on our mufti day on Friday 22nd May. With your help we managed to raise £101.00 in total – thank you!

Rag Bag

Your rag bag donations have also helped us raise a total of £50.00 for the last collection. Many thanks and keep donating all your unwanted clothes and shoes etc.

Calendar Dates:

Monday 8th June – Transfer to Secondary School Evening

Tuesday 16th June - Butterfly Coffee Morning/Parent Pop In

Friday 19th June – Butterfly and Owl Class Assembly

Saturday 27th June – PTA Glamping Weekend

Friday 3rd July – Sports Day

Friday 10th July – Dragon Class Assembly

Friday 10th July – PTA Pig Roast

Monday 13th July – KS2 Performance (afternoon and evening)

Tuesday 21st July – End of Term