



Opportunities for all; Foundations for life

Marsh Gibbon Church of England School

Headteacher: Mrs Julie Hickey



28th February 2014

Dear Parents

Class Assemblies this term are as follows:

Butterflies – 14th March

Rabbits – 28th March

Hedgehogs – 7th March

Well done to Dragon class for a fabulously informative and entertaining assembly all about The Great Fire of London!

Class Awards

The following children received awards this week;

Butterflies: Elodie Kronfeld for spending a whole session completing her non-fiction book about cars. Well done Elodie for showing such great perseverance! Oscar Prowton who worked very hard to, independently, get dressed and undressed, for PE. Well done Oscar!

Owls: Toby Sparkes enjoyed sorting his animals into different groups and was able to explain how he did it. William Kitchen did great writing describing a new foe for Sir Laughabout to fight.

Dragons: Macie Vaughan who has really been showing fantastic understanding in numeracy. She has been able to explain concepts to adults and her friends. William Toes for the professional way he prepared for our class assembly. We are so very proud of all your hard work William, well done!

Rabbits: Annabel Lucas for sharing a clear and in depth explanation about why guns were so important in the conquest of South America. Harry Kitchen for writing interesting and detailed sentences using a wide variety of time and casual connectives.

Hedgehogs: Emily Barber for great research both at school and home about an author to use to write a Biography. Edward Mills for

challenging himself to put his hands up to answer questions in group discussions.

World Book Week

We will be organising special lessons and assemblies all week. There will be a Stay and Play Session for parents of children in the Butterfly and Owl class on Weds 5th from 2pm, where parents can come into school and engage in reading activities with children.

For all classes we would welcome any parent who is willing to come into school and share a book. It could be your favourite book or one that is special to you. If you are willing to do this please speak to your child's class teacher. Children will receive a book mark and collect stickers every time they read at home. We will be holding a fancy dress day on Fri 7th Mar for World Book Day. Please come to school dressed as a character from your favourite book!

Parent's Forum

I hope the parents who came to the Parent's Forum would agree that it was a very worthwhile event. Lots of very thought provoking information was given by Graham Briggenshaw concerning internet safety both for parents and children. A booklet has been sent home in the book bag for each family who did not attend the forum.

Website

We are aware that our current website is out of date. Clare and I have been working with someone from County to create a new and better website. We are aiming for this to be available before Easter so please bear with us in the meantime.





Arrival at School in the Mornings

Thank you to all our children and parents who are working with us to get children into school on time and independently walking to the class door. Many of our children are taking part in a dedicated phonics session for about 20 minutes each morning and this enables us to start promptly, if we start 10 minutes late every morning we lose nearly an 1hour of teaching time every week!

If your child arrives after 8.55 please take them through the office door so they get their registration mark. They will not be marked late until after 9.am. If for any reason you come to pick your child up during the school day e.g. dentist appointment, then please also use the office door. If you need to come into school for any reason e.g. lost clothes, then please use the front entrance and sign in the visitors book so that we know you are in school. If you need to speak to a teacher then please make an appointment or if possible catch her at the end of the day.

Breakfast Club

Children can be brought to school from 8am, it is £3 per session, this includes breakfast (cereal, toast and a drink). We are now in the resources room, please come into school through the side gate.

Work in School

Before half-term one of our boilers broke down and was too old to be repaired. The good news is that over half-term work started to install a new system which will be more efficient and cost effective.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting the vouchers for new equipment. Please do ask for the vouchers when shopping in Sainsburys!

Sunday 2 March 4pm-5.30pm at Grendon Village Hall

Sunday at 4 is for children aged 5-11years. We meet for fun, games, Bible stories, craft activities, music, prayer and refreshments. If possible, to help planning, please let Angela or David know by email or phone if you hope to attend. You are welcome to bring a friend. Other dates and venues for 2014 are:

- 11 May - Twyford Village Hall
- 15 June - Calvert Green Community Centre
- 20 July - Preston Bissett, The Old School
- 28 September - Charndon Community Centre
- 19 October - Grendon Village Hall
- 23 November - Grendon Underwood Village Hall

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Clubs This Term

The following clubs are now running this term. They are open to all year groups & run from Mon 24th Feb to Wed 2nd Apr:

Monday – Relax Kids – Jean Ramsey

Tuesday – ICT/DT – Mr Davison & Mr Evans
the DT will be construction equipment eg; Lego and children will have a choice of that or computer generated design.

Wednesday – Badminton skills – Mr Davison

Dates for this term

Weds 5th Mar – PTA Meeting

Fri 7th Mar – PTA Hot Lunch

Sun 30th Mar – Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary's Church

Week commencing 31st Mar – Last week for after school clubs

Fri 4th Apr – PTA Hot Lunch, Break up for Easter

Tues 22nd Apr – Inset Day **No School**

Weds 23rd Apr – Back to school

Sun 27th Apr – St George's Day Service at St Mary's Church



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