



Opportunities for all; Foundations for life

Marsh Gibbon Church of England School

Headteacher: Mrs Julie Hickey



28th March 2014

Dear Parents

Well done to Rabbit class for their wonderful assembly all about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, the story of the cocoa bean & it's place of origin.

Class Awards

The following children received awards this week;

Butterflies: Ruby Barber for helping her friends work out how much money they needed to pay at the snack table for their snack this week. Well done Ruby! Hugo Mills for showing great enthusiasm and care during independent writing activities. Well done Hugo for remembering to use all those new phonics sounds!

Owls: Willis Desborough for great thinking in numeracy. Willis explained to the class what 'giving change' involved and worked quickly and accurately to work out the change from shop items. Connie Maciejewski and Andrew Barker for working hard at phonics this week. They have both learnt all the sounds and are working well to use this knowledge to help them spell.

Dragons: Max Stratton has written a fantastic Non-Chronological Report about the body. He worked really hard to include all the features these reports need. Well done Max. Evie Fogden for working extremely hard at improving her handwriting. Keep up the good work Evie, your new joined up writing is beautiful.

Rabbits: Amber Goodman for always being enthusiastic in lessons and being keen to contribute her ideas, explanations and ask questions. Peter Pumfrey for showing enthusiasm for his learning by going home to

find out extra information without being asked.

Hedgehogs: Peter Slingsby for working extremely hard in planning a description of a character and in all lessons. Isabella Bridge-Clough for enthusiastically working as a team leader to teach the class a new skill.

Mothering Sunday Service – Mar 30th

Please join us for a Mothering Sunday Service on March 30th at St Mary's Church, Marsh Gibbon at 9.30am. Some of our older children will be performing their own poems and readings. Please can the children wear school uniform and sit with Mrs Hickey at the front.

Class Photos

There was a problem at the printers with the class photos last week so they all need to be re-taken. This has been arranged for Monday 31st March. Please ensure your child is looking very smart on Monday morning!

Parent's Forum

The Parent's Forum we had arranged for Thursday 3rd April has had to be postponed and will now be on Thursday 1st May at 9am in the school hall. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Whole School Money Week

Rabbit Class enjoyed their busy Wednesday morning with staff from Barclays Bank, Bicester, who brought some goodies with them and left some lovely books all about money skills. Yesterday's Enterprise Stalls were a huge success, thank you to all those who had a browse and spent some money. The results are as follows:

Butterflies: £41.00

Owls: £41.00

Dragons: £33.00





Rabbits: £63.00
Hedgehogs: £60.00

Easter Eggstravaganza

On Friday, 4th April, the PTA will be holding an Easter Eggstravaganza in the school hall from 3.15pm. A flyer has gone home in the book bags today with more information on it.

Students

Sadly our student teachers, Jessica Mitchell and Charlie Showan leave us today. It has been fabulous having them back in school for their second placement. We would like to thank them for all the help and support and we wish them all the best in their future careers.

Behaviour

People often comment on how well behaved and polite our children are. We are not a school to sit on our laurels and we will not let our standards drop. Recently there has been an escalation in incidents of 'play fighting' and this has led to children getting hurt. I have spoken to all children this week and asked them not to participate. We have started a zero tolerance policy and any child seen engaging in rough play will be sent into the hall for a 5 minute time out. They will get a red card and be moved down their class behaviour chart.

School Expansion Fundraising

The PTA had a really productive meeting this morning, with lots of fabulous ideas. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please do come along at 9am on Fridays, if you would like to get involved or come to the Friday afternoon cafe and share ideas there. Our '49 Club' will officially start today and tickets will be on sale from Marion Ryley. This

is our own version of the lottery, with people picking one or more numbers with the draw happening every Weds, using the National Lottery's bonus ball. If your number is drawn you win £10. We are asking that people buy a minimum of 5 weeks at a time.

We are also going to produce our own school recipe book! So if you have any favourite recipes that you would like to share, please give them to Lucy Stratton.

We are also looking for great prizes for a raffle. If you know your local butcher well, perhaps you could ask him for a voucher, or if you have contacts with a local spa, would they donate a voucher? Please think about your contacts and see what you might be able to procure. They will get recognition on our fundraising pages.

Finally, I know some people have said they would rather donate money than have to support the many events we have planned, well you can. We are in the process of setting up a Fundraising page which will mean that you, your relatives, friends, neighbours, anyone, can donate easily and safely.

Thank you for supporting us. £10,000 is a large amount of money but together we can do it. We are also going to local businesses asking for their help and we're hopeful we'll get some good support from them. Any other ideas/suggestions, please do let us know.

Clubs This Term

All clubs finish week ending 4th April:

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

Sun 30th Mar – Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary's Church, 9.30am

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

