

# Marsh Gibbon CE Primary School Newsletter

How can I say "I can't" when the Bible says: 'I can do everything through him who gives me strength.'  
Philippians 4:13

Dear All

Yesterday morning I was struggling to write a report and so I decided to put it off until later and take a walk around the school. I walked into Year 5 and had a real wow moment. There were fossils, bones and a variety of artefacts that had been bought in by the Dinosaur Hunters Workshop, who were working with Year 5 in the morning and Year 3 in the afternoon. I was hooked for ages as were the children who were totally engaged in the learning that was taking place.

Whilst in year 5, I looked out of the window and saw a number of helpers from the community. They had kindly given up their time to help prepare the ground in preparation for bulb planting which was taking place that afternoon (Miss Fitzpatrick had won hundreds of bulbs for the school).

These are just two of the many examples of where teachers have put a lot of thought into creating learning experiences which will stick with the children. After all, my report is now done and forgotten but the baby T-Rex skull will stay with me for a long time!



## Class Awards

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November



**Well done to you all!**

### 2 Seater Sofa

If you are getting rid of a 2 seater sofa, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you!

### Film Night

We had a great evening last Friday, watching Peter Rabbit whilst eating popcorn and pizza. A big thank you to everyone who helped to organise it and helped on the night.

### Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening. I would appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes completing the online questionnaire that was sent through by ParentMail. The deadline is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Children in Need

A big thank you to everyone who bought an item to school for our 'Bring and Buy' sale. Hopefully by the time you read this you will have a new toy or book in your house! It is the first time I have had a 'Bring and Buy' sale in school and we are following the lead of Blue Peter!

### Mufti

A reminder that next Friday we are having a mufti day in preparation for our Christmas fayre. Please send in a prize for our tombola.

### Badminton Festival – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November



At the Badminton Festival on Tuesday, we came 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 8 schools. We got 132 points. There were 8 stations. We were split into two groups of four, boys and girls. We all enjoyed it. Miss Capon came with us and she cheered us on and supported us and the adults did.

- **Alexander, Charlotte, Gemma and George – Year 3**

### Sunday at 4 - Sunday 18 November 4pm-5.30pm at Grendon Village Hall

Sunday at 4 is for children of primary school age. At our last meeting of 2018 we'll be hearing about someone who suddenly couldn't speak. Our activities will link to our Bible story and also to Advent. Newcomers are always welcome to come along and see what we get up to! It helps our planning if you can let us know if your children hope to attend.

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### Upcoming Dates

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Hedgehog Class visit to Chedworth Roman Villa

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – PTA Mufti Day (Please bring tombola prize)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Christmas Fayre (6pm – 8pm)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & Key Stage One Nativity

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Butterfly Class Trip to Oxford Playhouse

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Cake Sale

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Church Service (2pm start)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Autumn Term

### And Finally

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term and have a great weekend!

Best wishes

Paul Alford