



Spring Term Newsletter No.6

And so ends another half term! It is mad to think we are half way through the school year already! This has been a busy week for us all and we want to thank you for attending the parents meetings and drop ins. Thank you also to the parents who answered the questionnaires—we will look at your comments and views and report back after the half term.

We all hear so much in the news about Children's Mental Health that we joined in with the campaign supported by Place2Be this week—Mrs Pike led an assembly on Spreading A Little Kindness and the children have been filling buckets this week. Please talk to them about this and if you would like more information the website <https://www.place2be.org.uk/> has lots of useful information.

"Internet Safety Day, which took place on Tuesday, is an important event for children and adults. Mr Rogers led a special assembly about thinking before sharing personal photographs and information online. You must always think before sharing a photo, because it could be shared all over the world! Think about it. Would you want a picture of you shared with people you didn't know? Always think before you post." (By Chloe, Year 5 Digital Leader)

The internet is a wonderful resource. We can share, send and learn at the click of a button. However, as we all know, there is a darker, less safe side to the internet. Ensuring internet enabled devices have suitable filters and passwords is incredibly important: it will help keep your child safe. On Tuesday the children took part in *Safer Internet Day*, the focus this year was not sharing personal images (photographs) on the internet. Another focus of the day was not sending hurtful messages to other children, as a message, once sent, cannot be retrieved. Further information about Safer Internet Day can be found here: www.saferinternet.org.uk and the effect of parents sharing images of their children online here: *'Sharenting': Are you OK with what your parents post?* Posted on the CBBC Newsround site. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38896346>

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils:



Beech — Layla has fabulously improved her effort in her learning and concentration.
Pine — Lee works so hard in all areas of his learning and is kind and helpful.
Apple — Summer tries so hard, had lovely behaviour and always shows respect.
Oak — Quinn perseveres with problem solving. Well-done!
Birch — Athena never gives up in her maths learning and practises new methods at home, too!
Rowan — Dillon has had a brilliant attitude towards his learning all term, especially in writing.
Cherry — George W is aspirational and shown determination to improve his handwriting.
Maple — Belal works well in groups, pairs and independently showing excellent communication skills.
Holly — Jack R has put in great effort and improved in both reading and writing.
Willow — Ashlee has improved her effort and levels of responsibility in her own learning.
Hawthorn — Preston has tried his hardest resulting in superb behaviour and work.
Hazel — Aurora puts in a superb effort in all of her work! Well-done!

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 20th February—first day back (No Spanish club after school; restarts on the 27th February)
Thursday 23rd February—Y4 trip to Occombe Farm
Friday 24th February—Y3 trip to Occombe Farm



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Birch Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95% attendance overall which is below our target this week.

PTA News

The PTA have planned lots of events for over the year. When we return after the half term break there will be a couple of fun events to raise money.

CAKE SALE



There will be a cake sale on Thursday 23rd February after school. Please can the parents of children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 supply the cakes for this sale. Shop bought or homemade cakes will be on sale for 20p each or boxed for £2. (There will also be some school uniform for sale at the same time)

Film night was such a success that there will be 5 more before Christmas. Each film costs £2.50 and includes a hot dog, popcorn and crisps. If your child attends 3 of the next 4 films the PTA show, then the 5th film (the Christmas one) will be free. The first film in this offer is Trolls which will be on Thursday 2nd March from 3:05 until 5:00pm. Please watch out for more information after half term. All children from Reception to Y6 can attend these events.



We took part in the World Record Breaking attempt to have the most people Signing and Singing at the same time. Hopefully we will have beaten the record but we will have to wait and see!

Reading Volunteers.

Thank you for your responses to our plea for helpers to come in and read with children. Mrs Essam will get back in touch soon—we have had a great response which is fantastic news and we know it will make a difference to some children.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club still remains a drop in to support parents but the payments have now gone online. You will need to pay in advance and the minimum payment you can make is for 5 sessions. The payment carries over from term to term so even if you rarely use the Breakfast Club you know you have banked 5 sessions. We know that sometimes parents need an 'emergency' drop in and we will do our best to help in these situations—if this is the case we will accept cash in the office but please note, this will be strictly one off situations.

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We do apologise if you receive blank message notifications from us on your app. We are working to resolve this problem! It could be that you have changed your email address or phone number from the one the office has registered to you—please keep us up to date with any changes you make so we can keep you up to date with school news.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.