



Weekly Newsletter

11th May 2018

Discussion of the Week

What are you curious about?

Merits this Week

Gold – Summer (Y4) and Max (Y5)
 Sapphire – Joseph (Y5) and Olivia (Y6)
 Diamond – Jasmine (Y5)
 Opal – Austin (Y4)
 Granite – Joshua (Y5)
 Platinum – Isobel (Y6)
Well done everyone!

Dates for Diary

14th - 18th May **SATS Week**
 17th May **YR trip to Longdown**
 18th May **Y1 & 2 trip to Portchester**
 24th May **Class Photos**

Achievements this week

Tom (Y5)
 Tom's hard work and commitment to tennis has resulted in him being selected to play for Hampshire

Florence (Y3)
 At Brownies, Florence has achieved her adventure badge

Amelia (Y1)
 At swimming, Amelia has achieved a stage 3 award

Harry (Y1)
 As part of his swimming, Harry has achieved a stage 2 certificate and badge

Well done. We are proud of you all!

Please note there will be no crossing patrol directly outside school on the following dates:

14th – 18th May

This week's winning team:

BIRCH

All of the children (and staff too!) continue to work very hard and I am very proud of the progress that the children are all making. Next week is an important milestone for the children in Y6. Their attitude towards their learning and their SATS next week has been exceptional, and I have no doubt that every child will achieve the best that they can. Remember that relaxation, eating and drinking well and sleep is the best way to prepare for the week itself now – all of your work is done! Good luck to all of our Y6s.

Census Day

Next Thursday (17th May) is census day – another important day in our school calendar. We get additional funding into our budget if we have higher numbers of children take up school meals on this day. Our kitchen staff would like to offer a packed lunch as an extra option (a choice of a ham, tuna or cheese roll). 64 children had the packed lunch option when we trialled it yesterday, so I am sure it will be a popular choice! The packed lunch choice will become a daily option after May half term. Thank you for your help and support with ensuring that we get all the funding that we can. Every little helps!

Local Authority visit

Last week, we had another health check visit from the Local Authority, who visit termly to ensure that our school continues to develop and improve. The feedback from the visit was very positive and highlighted that we are on track to remain a good school and that we are making good progress in all areas. This is a great reflection on the hard work and dedication of every member of our team, and I thank them all for their commitment to ensuring that the education we provide our children is the best it can be.

Big Pedal

A huge thanks for your support with encouraging children to travel to school in safe and sustainable ways over the last two weeks. During the course of the fortnight we logged a total of 469 journeys, which represents just over 26% of our total journeys. Having targeted 15%, we were delighted that we beat our target by a long way! Last Friday, some of the staff managed to complete several laps of the playground on their scooters, which was great fun! The children were highly entertained! This has helped to add miles to our own journey to John O'Groats – we have been trying to match Mrs Watling's great achievement!

Parent Survey

The parent survey is still live via the website. There has been a steady stream of responses – thank you for taking the time to share your views. This is important to us and we want to be able to build on your suggestions and ways to improve. It would be most helpful if your written feedback gives us ideas about your thoughts. For parents who would prefer to complete a hard copy, I have prepared a paper version which will be available from the office on Monday.

Thank you for your continued support.

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