



# St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

## Spring Term News

Week ending 20<sup>th</sup> January



Our value for the month of January is  
"Peace".

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be  
called children of God".

Matthew 5:9

### Rewarding Good Behaviour

In Year 1 last week they were working on descriptions for monsters, so I used this idea to begin my assembly on Monday; if a friendly monster visited school, what would they go home and tell their family about the children who go to our school? The children came up with lots of ideas about what he might say; we are helpful, we have good manners, we are kind... I said that all of these things were the expectations for everyone in our school community and that certainly I had been impressed with many of the children's behaviour, but we can all always do better.



Miss Prentice shared a child-friendly version of the reward system that both the children and staff contributed their ideas to last term. There are some new rewards for the children, so please ask them to tell you all about them. The Headteacher tea is causing great excitement! We have attached a copy of the Rewards and Sanctions that will form part of a new behaviour policy. The sanctions have not yet been shared with the children and we intend to do this next week. We hope that you will support the school in all aspects of behaviour so that we can work together for the good of all the school community.

### Nurture Club

The children have been told about a new lunchtime club, which will operate for part of the lunchtime in teacher's classes. Each class has five tickets and the club will operate as partly optional and partly on a needs basis; if a child is struggling outside at lunchtime and needs a calm space to go to or perhaps having friendship difficulties and so on. We talked about the meaning of nurture (caring, looking after...) and we said that this was an important part of school life. The children seemed really keen on the club and we will monitor how it goes. Thank you to all the teachers for giving up some of their lunchtime to supervise the club.

### Athletics for Elm Class

On Friday 13th January Y5 Beech attended an Indoor Athletics competition at Gosling Stadium. There were 6 local schools competing and we are very proud that our team was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. A great achievement and brilliant teamwork!

Thank you to Miss Prentice for organising the event and to Mrs Fincham for helping on the day. A huge thank you also to parents who helped with lifts to and from the event. Without this support the event could not have taken place. The children are very lucky to have all of these sporting opportunities organised by the Monk's Walk Sport's Partnership.



### Meet and Greet

Please do come into the school hall on Monday, either first thing in the morning after 'drop off' or before 'pick up'. Enjoy some refreshments and have a chat with us. We value your feedback. Both myself (Mrs Martin) and Miss Prentice will be at each session, as well as some school governors. Please do let the office know if you would like to come to either session, so we have some idea of numbers.

### What's On:

- 23.1.'17 'Meet and Greet' at 8:55am and 2:45pm
- 25.1.'17 Athletics Event for selected team
- 3.2.'17 Road Safety Quiz Final (Year 6 team)
- 7.2.'17 Candlemass Service 9:15am (parents welcome)
- 10.2.'17 Reception height, weight, vision check w/beg.
- 13.2.'17 Half Term



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### Other News:

There has been so much fantastic learning going on in school this week and lots of variety too. Here are some examples:

### Year 3 Redwood

It was lovely to see the concentration and effort of the Year 3 children this week as they began their work on the Romans. They spoke to me enthusiastically about their work, explaining the task they were involved in. Their Roman mosaics are beautiful!



### Year 6 Oak

On Monday Mr Keech, an ex-governor, came into class to teach Year 6 all about road safety. They learnt about road signs, different types of crossings and the Green Cross Code. They were given lots of information to take home and study, ready for a test next Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The top scorers will then form the team for the inter-schools Road Safety Quiz on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. So year 6, get revising! Your aim is to match Mrs Leake's son's score of 100%!



### Year 2 Cherry Class

The children have been learning about the work of the artist Jill Townsley and had great fun making their own sculptures, using straws and elastic bands.



### Reception Sycamore Class

Our Reception children have been learning through some themed work based around the Disney film, 'Frozen'.

As part of this work they have been making snow globes and imagining what it would be like to live in one.



### More Budding Scientists

Isla in Year 4 conducted a Science experiment at home which she was pleased to bring in and show the class and myself. Year 4 have all enjoyed Science this week; they added a tuning fork to a container of water, with 'explosive' results!

### Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work in Thursday's assembly. Do come in and see their work on display at the front entrance. The work will remain up for a week.

- Sycamore:** Harry  
Tommy
- Willow:** Lilian
- Cherry:** Grace  
Ashley
- Redwood:** Oliver
- Elm:** Katie  
Emily
- Beech:** William

### SPRING TERM 2017

Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Half Term: 13-17<sup>th</sup> February

### SUMMER TERM 2017

Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Apr. - Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Half Term: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May - Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Inset Day: Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Occasional Day: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July

### AUTUMN TERM 2017

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> Sept - Thur. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Occasional Day: Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
INSET DAYS: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug & Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.  
Half Term: 23-27<sup>th</sup> October

### SPRING TERM 2018

Thur. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - Thur. 29<sup>th</sup> March  
HALF TERM: 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February  
INSET DAY: Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

### SUMMER TERM 2018

Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> April - Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> July  
HALF TERM: 28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June  
INSET DAYS: Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> Apr. & Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> June