



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

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

Matthew 5:9

Meet and Greet Sessions

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended our sessions on Monday. It was an informal chance to meet with myself, Miss Prentice and school governors. If there wasn't time to speak with you personally, I want to pass on my thanks for the written feedback given and the emails received. Your responses are overwhelmingly positive for the newsletter and the 'new' rewards and sanctions that we are implementing, so thank you! Of course there will always be things to improve and we will take on board any more critical feedback as well. Below is a flavour of some of the responses:



Fantastic teaching staff-supportive and accessible

Newsletter makes me feel more informed and included as a working Mum

A positive move with the Nurture Club

The children are really positive regarding the Rewards and Sanctions and feel informed

Positive steps have been taken to ensure the school is a joint venture between pupils, parents and teachers

Rewards and Sanction

Our usual Monday morning assembly was re-scheduled to Tuesday afternoon this week and we discussed expectations of behaviour at lunchtimes and following our playtimes rules. We also celebrated the good behaviour and learning that happens throughout our school, as well as mentioning sanctions. We did not go into too much detail about the sanctions but we explained the meaning of the word and that sanctions were put in place for pupils who did not respect the rules of the classroom, playground and our school. These will be discussed further in classes, as appropriate to the year group.



Uniform

The children have been reminded about being smart for school and adhering to the uniform outlined in the school prospectus. Nail varnish should not be worn in school and hair that is longer than shoulder-length should be tied up for health and safety reasons.

Punctuality

Please ensure that the children arrive to their classes in time for registration. Teachers are always happy to speak with you, but first thing in the morning is not always the most convenient time as teachers are trying to get their classes settled to begin their learning promptly. Please say goodbye to the children at the classroom doors, to avoid congestion in the corridors and classrooms.

Year 5/6 Athletics Team

On Wednesday Miss Prentice and Mrs Deane took pupils from Years 5 and 6 to compete in an indoor athletics competition at the Gosling. Both girls and boys teams won and were presented with gold medals. They also won the combined trophy. This means they will compete in the District Finals next week. A fantastic achievement and well done to all the children who took part! I would like to thank Miss Prentice and Mrs Dean for organising the teams and to thank the parents who helped with transport.

A Fond Farewell and a Welcome Back

We are sadly saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Sue Harry, who will be leaving at half term to enjoy semi-retirement. We would like to thank her for all the hard work she has done over the last 3 years in our school. She is giving up her Year 6 class teacher role, but will continue as a supply teacher so that she can have more flexible working hours. I hope you will join us in wishing her all the very best and I am sure we will see her after half term in her different role.

We are delighted to be welcoming back Mrs Charlotte Renouf from Maternity leave, who will be taking over from Mrs Harry in Oak Class. She will be working in Year 6 on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Leake (our current Year 6 teacher) will be working on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Renouf will also be in school on Wednesdays, covering PPA for Year 2 and in Year 6, which will ensure continuity for our Year 6 class. Mrs Bokmans has accepted the Year 2 Teacher post (replacing Mrs Renouf's original post) and we welcome her as a permanent member of staff.



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Spring Term News

Week ending 27th January



We also sadly say goodbye to Mrs Paula Deane, TA in Year 4 at Half Term to pursue new ventures. We wish her well and thank her for all she has done for the school over many years as a staff member and past parent.

New Governor

We welcome Lesley Griffiths as a new Foundation Governor appointed by the PCC. We look forward to working with her.

Other News:

It has again been a busy week in school. The School Council met on Monday afternoon to discuss a new charity scheme called 'Project Hope'. This charity raises money to buy gardens for people in Africa, so that they can grow their own crops. The whole school will be growing their own vegetables over the coming months. The children are very excited and motivated about this project, so watch out for further information.



Whilst Mrs Gloyd was leading the meeting, I had the pleasure of taking the register in Year 3 and reading the final two chapters of 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith. This is one of my favourite books and the children were certainly enthused by it and appreciated the touches of humour.

Year 6 (Oak) Road Safety Quiz Team

Congratulations to the following children who will be representing our school as part of the Road Safety Quiz Team: Sophia, Elliot, Thomas, Bella and reserve Immy. The Final takes place in our school hall on 3rd February at 9:30am, so keep up the good work children.



Year 4 (Elm)

The children in Year 4 really enjoyed watching a PowerPoint Presentation prepared by Sally, which taught the class more about volcanoes and extended their thinking about robots, which linked with some recent creative writing.

Reception (Sycamore)

The children were very excited to have a visitor to their Paddington station Role Play Area. The visitor was a friend of Paddington Bear and they all tried to think of a good name for him/her. The name that was chosen was Mr Batman Bear and he got the children doing a phonics treasure hunt, estimating and making jam or marmalade sandwiches. Please ask the children what other fun activities he arranged for them.

What's On:

- 3.2.'17-Road Safety Quiz Final (Year 6 team)
- 7.2.'17-Candlemas Service 9:15am. presented by Elm class at Church. All welcome to join us.
- 7.2.'17 - Internet Safety Day
- 10.2.'17- Reception height, weight, vision check w/beg. 13.2.'17 Half Term. SCHOOL CLOSED
- 2.3.'17-World Book Day - Teachers have chosen the following Authors for this day. Further details to follow:

Reception:	Allan Ahlberg
Year 1:	Alien stories
Year 2:	Julia Donaldson
Year 3:	Beatrix Potter
Year 4:	CS Lewis
Year 5:	Lewis Carroll
Year 6:	Shakespeare
- 22.3.'17-Parent Consultations 4:30-7:30pm
- 23.3.'17-Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30pm

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.

- Willow:** Jenson
- Elm:** Amy
- Oak:** Summer
Ollie

Congratulations also to William in Year 5 for receiving the very first 'Lunchtime Gold Award.' We celebrated this in Tuesday's assembly, as well as congratulating all the children who had earned rewards. Keep up the good work children!