



15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

With our Year 6s returning to school this week, increased hours from our new Year Rs and after-school clubs running, the school has returned to its usual positively vibrant self. Willow and Sycamore Classes have started to learn ukulele and music tuition has also started once again. I hope that you have now received the Home School Agreement to sign the parents' section. On this you will notice that the agreement states that all parties are to adhere to the School's Core Values. These are Christian Values that we regularly talk to the children about in all aspects of school life. Please do ask your children what they are and if they can give an example of each.

### Our New Addition



To celebrate 150 years (a while back now), Clark and Wool donated monies to our school to fund a permanent memorial. Using this fund a selection of children created the piece of artwork now positioned by our gate on the Key Stage 2 playground.

Each piece was put together to form a large fused glass panel showing the River Itchen flowing through the water meadows with children holding hands linking the school and church; an abstract landscape of Twyford. It's been a delight to see and hear children pulling their parents over in the morning to explain the piece and how it was created.

## Year 6 Residential to Calshot



What a fabulous start to their final Year at Twyford St Mary's. Our Year 6s showed courage, determination and teamwork in all that Calshot had to offer them. A celebration event will be held for Year 6 parents and children on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm where we shall reminisce and share the achievements had by all who went.

This was our first visit to Calshot and after the success of the trip we will be booking for our existing Year 5s.

### Healthy Snacks at break times



A polite reminder that break time snacks need to be healthy. It has been noticed that a small minority of children have been selecting cakes and crisps for their mid-morning snack. Could I also ask that lunchboxes too are healthy with only one 'treat' excluded sweets and chocolate bars.

## Lunchtime Clubs

This week saw the return of our fantastic lunchtime clubs. Some of these are organised and led by the children, others are run by sports coaches. Some of the clubs run by children include: creation club, mythical madness club, board games, lego and sea creature club. We also have rugby and skiptrix clubs which are led by Coach Charlie. On Thursday lunchtimes we have an exciting new table tennis club. Children will be learning table tennis skills to use on our brand new table which will be arriving soon!



## Meet the Teacher Event (Y1-Y6)

Information was sent out last week to invite parents/carers to come along to meet their child's new teacher on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, and hear about what we have planned for them over the next term/academic year and how, in partnership together, we can ensure your child gets the most from their education and makes progress. I will be meeting with parents in the hall first to launch a home learning consultation. If you are interested in this, then I would encourage you to attend. Further details are can be found in the letter sent via parentmail on 5<sup>th</sup> September.



### Attendance Update

At the start of the school year we have received lots of enquiries concerning taking children out of school for a variety of reasons. Parents/Carers wishing to apply for leave of absence need to fill in an application form in advance and before making any travel arrangements. This can

be downloaded from our website. The current regulations state that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances are principally defined as rare, significant, or unavoidable and that the event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

There is no legal entitlement for time off in school time to go on holiday. If term time leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be unauthorised and if the number of sessions absent hits the thresholds set down in Hampshire's Code of Conduct, parents could be issued with a fixed-penalty fine, or other legal action in accordance the code. We expect parents to help us by not taking children out during school time. As well, please try to make medical

appointments outside of school times as far as is possible although we appreciate this is not always within your control. We hope this helps resolve some of the confusion surrounding attendance.



## Star of the Week

Ash	Whole Class	For being so superb in the dinner hall and for being Incy Independents and eating all their lunch and putting their lunch tray in the right place.
Beech	Blaise	For being a super Incy Independent when completing 100 square jigsaw pieces. Wow!
Oak	Venne	Always completing her learning to a very high quality.
Sycamore	Tom Redfern	For keeping focussed on fantastic handwriting and some really fabulous answers and reasons in our 'Let's Think' reading discussion.
Sycamore	Sienna	For a fantastically positive attitude and really super progress in maths.
Willow	Harry	For his consistently exceptional work ethic, especially in Literacy, with his Zeus fact file.
Yew	Poppy H	For persevering and making excellent progress in rounding any whole number to a required degree of accuracy.



## Roll of Honour

Beech	Arabella	For being a Persevering Pig when practising her handwriting.
	Ru	For careful thinking on the carpet and sharing his ideas with the rest of the class.
Oak	Betsy	For her imaginative and clear story plan.
	Roscoe	Being a good Team Bee and a kind and helpful talk partner.
Sycamore	Charlie	Super use of time phrases in his Ice Bear diary writing.
	Cailean	A great 'wanted' poster for Mr Wolf – super use of information from the story.
Willow	William	For showing great focus in his work and in his attitude to learning.
	Dominique	For her willingness to tackle the challenges of formal subtraction independently and to great success
Yew	Jacob N	For his ability to share the journalistic features of a news article after reviewing a modelled text.
	Annabelle	For showing excellent behaviour and readiness to learn.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Live Music Concert – Yr 1-6
<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Adversity Workshop for Yew, Willow and Sycamore Class
<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Beech and Oak trip to Beaulieu
<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Calshot Celebration Event – 5pm
<b>20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Greek Workshop – Willow Class
<b>20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Meet the New Teacher event 4:45 – 6:15pm
<b>21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	TSM Election Day
<b>26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Healthy Eating Presentation – Yr 6s
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	INSET Day
<b>4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School Photographer (individual and siblings)
<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Watercress Line visit – Yew Class
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Service @ St Mary's Church 9.30am – <b>Please note change of date from last week's newsletter</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Diversity Week
<b>17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School Disco
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Art Exhibition – 3:00-4:00pm
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Dress in the colours of the Chinese flag
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	HALF TERM
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Special Remembrance Assembly – Passchendaele
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Stonehenge trip – Sycamore Class
<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Yew Class trip to Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Fireworks
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Health and Wellbeing Week
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Theatre visit to school – Hope
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Life Education Parents Workshop – Details to follow

<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Parents' Evening 4-6pm
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Parent's Evening 5-7pm
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	INSET Day
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Nativity @ St Mary's Church 2pm
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Nativity in the School Hall 9:30am
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Pantomime – Aladdin
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Carol Service @ St Mary's Church 9:30am – <b>Please note change of date from last week's newsletter</b>

Warm Wishes



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