



6<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **The Opening of our Outdoor Classroom**

Yesterday we welcomed some very special visitors for the opening of our new Outdoor Classroom, Mayor of Winchester, David McLean, and MP Steve Brine.



This space will now be used for whole class teaching, reflection, whole class and individual reading, smaller targeted teaching groups, Golden Time Clubs and as a theatre to celebrate learning.

Thank you to our PTA, who also provided refreshments, Twyford Parish Council and the Graze fund for contributing generously to help us achieve our dream so quickly. You have no idea how much your help means to our children now and in the future.



The afternoon started with a whole school assembly where the Mayor gave two very special awards for progress during the last academic year. His message to our children: 'Work hard enough and you can achieve anything.'

School Councillors, Team Captains, Parents' and Steve Brine then joined us in the Outdoor Classroom for a question and answer session. Steve talked about his role as an MP, his hobbies and the work he does to help people in his constituency. A lasting memory and Steve's favourite question from Casper Nutbeam: 'How important is community?' Steve's response: 'Community is everything!'



### **Mayor Awards**

Congratulations to Violet Harding for making rapid progress in Maths and William Johnson for making rapid progress with Writing. They were awarded a certificate, a book voucher and a badge from the Mayor for their positive contribution to learning.

### **Special Lunch**



This week the children were treated to a special dessert following their usual healthy school lunch, decorating muffins with icing sugar and sprinkles. This is a way of promoting our school lunches and bringing some additional fun to the lunchtime experience.

## This term's chosen Charity

The results of the charity vote on the playground this week by children, parents and staff are as follows:

Epilepsy Action - 39 votes  
Blue Cross - 36 votes  
Hants & IOW Air Ambulance - 37

The logo for Epilepsy Action, featuring the word "epilepsy" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background, and the word "action" in white lowercase letters on a pink rectangular background.

This means that all monetary donations from the Harvest Service will be donated to Epilepsy Action.

## Diversity Week



A reminder that on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, the whole school will be enjoying a Diversity Week where we will be celebrating the food, music, dance, art and culture of China.

During this week, will be learning a Chinese ribbon dance, taking part in a 'One Day in China' Drama workshop, enjoying a Chinese Cookery workshop lead by Lenny Carr-Roberts and the whole school will showcase to parents

an Art Exhibition celebrating art inspired by China. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, all children are invited to come into school dressed in traditional Chinese clothes or dressed in the colours of the Chinese flag.

## Walktober

Walktober is back for another year and My Journey is asking children and their parents to walk, scoot or cycle to school whilst also raising awareness of air quality by "Walking away from pollution". To encourage you and your children to get involved, they are running a competition which involves taking a picture of Basil or Babs bird on your walk to school. Further details are included in the parentmail sent last week.



### Parking for school drop offs and pick ups

Separate communications were sent out last week regarding parking during the school drop off and pick up times. We are very fortunate that The Phoenix Pub allows us the use of their car park during these times and would

like to politely remind parents to use this facility rather than parking on Queen Street or using other business premises to park. The school has positive relations with our neighbours so we ask that parents also support us in maintaining these.

## Data Collection Sheets / Home Learning Agreements

A plea for any outstanding data collection sheets and home learning agreements to be returned to the school office as soon as possible. If you have mislaid your forms and require replacements, please contact the office.



## Star of the Week

Ash	Sebbie	For making a really thoughtful card to celebrate Sunshine Bear's birthday. Sebbie wrote "1,2,3,4" on the front and "5" inside. Great idea Sebbie!
Beech	Cuba	For a detailed moving picture in DT, with a pivot, slider and flap! Well done Cuba!
Oak	Isaac	For being a Persevering Pig when sketching a tiger in art.
Sycamore	Sam C	For really focussing and challenging himself to do more – a super information text about a polar bear.
Willow	Tom	For being a consistently exemplary pupil in Willow class, modelling fantastic, focussed learning behaviour which was reflected in his maths and literacy work.
Yew	Rosie R	For excellent progress mastering the formal written method of long division.



## Roll of Honour

Ash	Griffin	For being an Incy Independent when labelling the petrol station he had built. Griffin wrote "p2, "s" and "n". Well done!
	Elijah	For being a Curious Cat with rhyming words and thinking up his own to rhyme with "cat" and "dog." Well done Elijah
Beech	Seren	For being a Persevering Pig and remembering to put the biggest number first when counting on.
	Casper	For being an honest evaluating Owl when evaluating his Mr Gumpy story.
Oak	Amber	For her infectious positive attitude towards everything she does.
	Audrey	For being a Curious Cat when describing true or false number sentences.
Sycamore	Angus	For challenging himself in maths.
	Marcus	For writing such a lot in his story about a polar bear – wow!
Willow	Dominique	For her brilliant home learning about the lives of the Ancient Greeks. Very Informative.
	Lily S	For her perseverance in maths throughout the week, developing her understanding of x10, 100 and 1000
Yew	Robert	For enthusiastically participating in our dodgeball PE session and showing great dodging skills.
	Jay	For persevering when rewriting his second draft of his diary entry.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
<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>16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Diversity Week
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Chinese Cookery Workshop
<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>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Nursing Team Drop-in Coffee Morning for Parents
<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 8:40 - 9:10am – 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>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Carol Service @ St Mary's Church 9:30am

Warm Wishes



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