



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many of our children coming into school wearing yellow in support of the mental health charity Young Minds. The combination of the yellow outfits and sunshine has undoubtedly made us all smile this morning. Thank you for your generous donations raising £133.45 so far. The children have been undertaking many activities today to help them think about their emotions and learn about what to do if they are feeling sad and the help they can find around them. My thanks to our Key Stage 2 ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) Ms Newell for all of her hard work and support this week with setting up activities for children across the school and putting up displays to alert us to World Mental Health day.

Thank you to Mrs Keating for organising Harvest worship last week and to Mr Robson for putting together a Harvest podcast of the two services. The podcast will be uploaded to our youtube channel over the weekend and a link sent out to parents. The podcast will also be uploaded onto the school website over the course of next week.

I was particularly pleased to see that so many children applied for the leadership roles in the school this week. These roles are very important to the running of the school and give children an understanding of responsibility, team work and leadership to ensure our school runs smoothly and efficiently. We are delighted with our new team.

A reminder that 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October will be our parent evening phone calls. Please ensure that you have signed up for a phone call time before the 16<sup>th</sup> October. If you have trouble accessing your account on Scopay to book your appointment, please call the office.

### **Ash & Beech Drama Workshop**

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Tuesday this week. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Fairytales & Fables, using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Twyford St Mary's if they come along for a free trial session before Tuesday 27th October. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting TWYF271020 or book online at [perform.org.uk](http://perform.org.uk).



### School Council Update



The new School Council met in a socially distanced manner to appoint children into their new job roles. Children from across the school have been applying to do a job within the school, for example: dining hall monitor, play leader, librarian, assembly monitor or technical support! Children must complete an application form before being appointed by the School Council and the standard of application was very strong! We are proud to have so many children leading aspects of school life so confidently and proactively. They will be receiving a weekly wage of a cookie voucher for their hard work.

### Reminder about messages

Thank you to you all for sending your messages through to the school office each day. This is the preferred method at the moment, due to required social distancing on the top playground. Please can we remind you that any change to pick-up arrangements **must be emailed through to** [adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk) **before 2.00pm** each day. Any urgent messages after this time should be phoned through to the office.

### EnergyKidz

Don't forget to book your children onto the sessions of breakfast and afterschool club if you use the service. Please note that the Thursday and Friday mornings sessions are currently suspended due to low numbers. To book, please visit - [www.energy-kidz.co.uk](http://www.energy-kidz.co.uk)



## Star of the Week

Ash	Ada	For being a Curious Cat when exploring how to build words!
Beech	Jem	For being an amazing Incy Independent and using number stories to calculate fraction of amounts.
Sycamore	Myanna	For her perseverance and independent learning in maths this week, working on finding lots of 10 more and less than any given 2-digit number. Well done!
Willow	Jack	For excellent work in all lessons – I was particularly wowed by his super persuasive language in English this week! 😊
Yew	Pippa	For a tremendous week all round, but particularly for her creative flair in Art and her super progress in Maths with her formal division method.



## Roll of Honour

Ash	Imogen	For always being a kind friend to others.
	Morgan	For working really hard to follow the golden rules.
Beech	Bronwen	For being a Persevering Pig when calculating fractions of amounts.
	Annabel	For showing our value of 'Care' by supporting and helping her learning partner all week.
Sycamore	Oliver	For his amazing home learning, demonstrating a keen eye and great crafting skill with his Tutankhamun mask
	Aston	For his excellent contributions to our discussions in Guided Reading; supporting his inferences with evidence from the text.
Willow	Kiera	For being so kind and caring towards others and always working well as part of a team
	Evalyn	For superb independence in Maths and English this week!
Yew	Josie	For excellent description and characterisation in her autobiographical piece of writing.
	Sam	For his super work ethic and focus in Maths when learning long division.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Jude's Ice Cream pitches
<b>20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Parent Phone Consultation Evenings – 4.00 – 7.00pm
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half Term
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Bonfire lunch
<b>26<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Scholastic Travelling Book Fair
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Final week of after school clubs (excl. EnergyKidz)
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	National Flu Vaccination programme
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Term