



Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the rain and Autumnal feel, this week brought the excitement of our School Council and Team Captain elections. The children have been campaigning all week and thinking carefully about who they will vote for to represent them in the school. I have been extremely proud of the record number of our children who have been keen to put themselves forward for election, as well as the high quality of each pitch. The children spoke confidently and with passion for leading in their school.

I have also been extremely impressed by our candidates who were not elected and the humility they have shown in defeat, which we all know is not always easy. I hope they will go on to apply for the many other positions of responsibility that we have in the school.

Congratulations to our new School Council and Team Captains who I am sure will do a wonderful job.

Manor

Team Captain – Zachary
Vice Captain – Violet

Hazeley

Team Captain - Angus
Vice Captain - Mia

Finches

Team Captain – Pippa
Vice Captain – Tom

Bourne

Team Captain - Annabelle
Vice - Sam

School Councillors

Ash – Alasdair and Joshua
Beech – Evie and Tess
Sycamore – Evie and Samuel
Willow – George and Ruby
Yew – Sophie and Bella

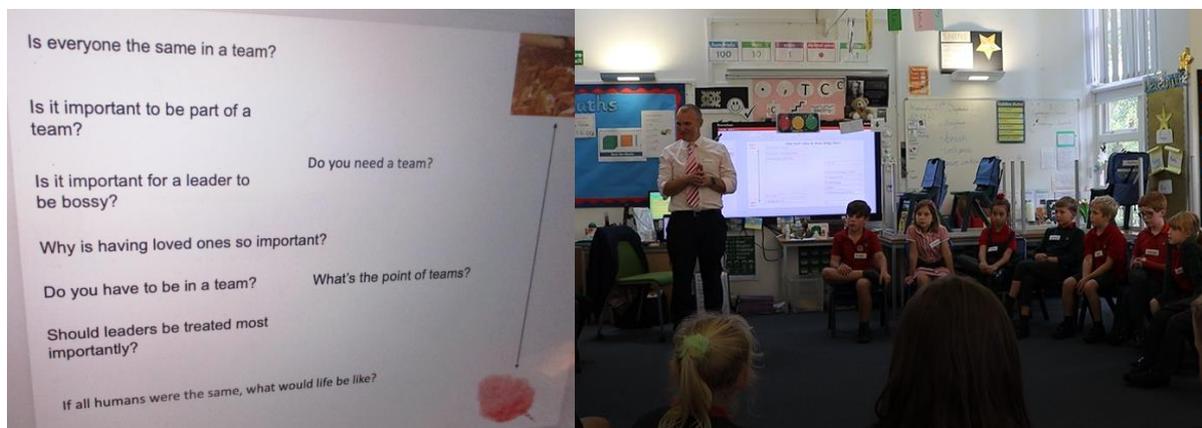




Philosophy for Children (P4C)

KS2 were working hard this week as they took part in philosophical enquiries with Jonathan Hannam. Mr Hannam has been supporting the school in our journey to deepen children's thinking and reasoning skills through the teaching of philosophy for children (P4C). He was very impressed with the thinking and confidence of our pupils, as well as the number of children who were willing to put forward their ideas.

The children took part in philosophical enquiries on the concepts of 'teamwork' and 'value'. They came up with their own questions, voted for the best question and began their discussion. The questions the children chose to discuss were: "Should leaders be treated most importantly?" and "What is the value of life?" They will be continuing their enquiries with their class teachers.



Harvest Festival

A reminder that we will be holding our Harvest Festival next week in our two separate bubbles. This year, your donations will be sent to the Winchester Food Bank. We have the theme of 'caring for our community', and the children will be preparing short speeches which we will record as a podcast for the school website for you and your children to listen to at your leisure.

PTA AGM

The PTA held their virtual AGM on Wednesday evening and we said farewell and thank you to last year's committee, as a new committee was voted in. The new committee have many exciting ideas for future fundraising, starting this Monday with an 'end of the summer' fancy dress fun run. Wear the brightest colours that you can to celebrate the end of summer! Accessories are welcome. as are face paints (no inflatables please). Your children can wear their fancy dress outfit all day in school with trainers. Please give generously, as many fundraising events over the summer term have had to be cancelled. Donations can be made through the following link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/twyford-st-mary039s-pta-fun-run?member=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2Binvitesupporters

#HelloYellow

On Friday 9th October, we at TSM will be taking part in #HelloYellow to raise funds for YoungMinds as part of World Mental Health Day. The charity works for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges. By getting involved, we are all helping to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health. Please help us spread the word by wearing something yellow and donating £1. Whether it's a banana scarf, a custard hat, a lemon pair of socks or a neon bow tie (Mr Robson!), please dig them out and wear them with pride. If you'd like to find out more about this charity, please follow this link - <https://youngminds.org.uk/get-involved/how-to-fundraise/helloyellow/>

Reminder - Pupil Premium Eligibility

If you have a relatively low family income, the school might be eligible for additional funding to support your child in school, and if your child is in Key Stage 2, they will be eligible for free school meals. You can check this out very easily by clicking on the following link: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

Open Evenings for families new to Year R in 2021

This year, we are unable to hold our usual open days during school hours, so we will be holding two open evenings between 4:00 - 5.30pm on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to have a look around the classroom, meet Mrs Keating, the support staff and myself, see the kind of activities that your child will be undertaking during the school day and ask questions. If you would like to book a 15 minute appointment please contact the school office by email adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk or telephone the school office on 01962 713358.

Reminder - Data Collection Sheets

The vast majority of these sheets have been returned to school. If you have one still to return, please sign and bring to school on Monday morning. Many thanks.

Kirstie Baines
Interim Headteacher



Star of the Week

Ash	Freddie	For being a kind and gentle member of Ash Class.
Beech	Finn	For challenging himself to work independently. Well done Finn, you have been a super Incy Independent this week!
Sycamore	Isaac	For his consistently conscientious approach to his home learning each week, and amazing me with his efforts. Well done!
Willow	Norah	For writing fantastically detailed instructions in English this week! 😊
Yew	Daniel	For showing such confidence this week and embracing challenge in Maths when learning a new concept.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Eden	For challenging herself to learn about number bonds! (Brilliant concentration too!)
	Izzy	For always being kind and helpful!
Beech	Evie	For being a Curious Cat when blending her sounds in guided reading. Super reading Evie!
	Harley	For being a Persevering Pig to work independently in science this week! Well done Harley!
Sycamore	Ru	For his superb teamwork and perseverance as a writing mentor in literacy this week.
	Elijah	For being a great role model at homework club, showing great independence and focus.
Willow	Michal	For always being so kind to others – a fab member of Team Willow!
	Harvey P	For being an amazing team player – always so considerate of others!
Yew	Saul	For showing such care and consideration towards his peers after the election results assembly. So kind of you, Saul!
	Venne	For her enthusiasm in Maths and always being ready to tackle a challenge.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	
28th September	PTA 'End of Summer' Fun Run – fancy dress
29th September	Photographs – individual and sibling
2nd October	Harvest Festival (at school)
7th and 8th October	New Year R Open Evenings (for September 2021 entry)
9th October	#HelloYellow for YoungMinds
20th and 22nd October	Parents' evening telephone appointments
26th – 30th October	Half Term
26th November – 2nd December	Scholastic Travelling Book Fair
7th December	Final week of after school clubs (excl. EnergyKidz)
14th December	National Flu Vaccination programme
18th December	Last Day of Term