



**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday morning, Twyford St Mary's was visited by our local Hampshire inspector, Rebecca Kingsland. She was very impressed with all of the children's learning and commented on how focused everyone is post lockdown to give their very best.

In worships, we have continued to share our message of courage and inner strength with the story of David and Goliath. In class, children have been sharing their thoughts on persevering with their learning and how this demonstrates courage in lessons!



### **Vaccination talk by Professor Evans**

Earlier in the week, we welcomed Professor Stephen Evans to our school to meet with our KS2 children.



Professor Evans is a specialist in the field of international vaccines and diseases and had offered to come into school to answer our children's curious questions about vaccines. He also shared with us his journey to becoming a professor. The children were fascinated with the talk and they also revealed their own excellent knowledge. Professor Evans was very impressed!

## Memorial walk for Ian Wheeler

On the afternoon of the 27<sup>th</sup> April, a group of children from KS2, many of whom had memories of Ian Wheeler, went to the church to pay their respects to this lovely man. Along the way, we thought about all the things he did for our school and how much this walk meant to him. When we arrived, we sat by the war memorial and shared our thoughts and memories of Ian. We entered the church and placed our offerings on the altar. After everyone had taken time to reflect, we shared a prayer commemorating Mr Wheeler and had a minute of silence. Then we had a slow, reflective walk back to school.

By Roscoe, George, Pippa and Iris



## Virtual Parliament visit

On Thursday afternoon, the School Council and Team and Vice Captains took part in a virtual tour of parliament. They learnt about the two Houses of Parliament, the different political parties and how democracy works in the UK. They also found out about the role of an MP and how it is similar to their own role on the School Council.

They were then joined by our local MP, Steve Brine, who answered many questions that the children had come up with in their classes such as 'What's the hardest thing about being an MP?' and 'How did you earn your position?' The children also enjoyed meeting his dog, who briefly joined us on the call.

Mr Brine explained that he was also in the School Council once, so who knows what the future holds for our very own leaders of tomorrow!



### Staff News

As you will have seen from the communication sent out earlier this week, we will soon be saying goodbye to Miss Surtees, our Beech class LSA. She has gained a new job as a Hampshire County Council Family Education Support Worker and therefore will sadly be leaving her role with us on Friday 21st May. We wish Miss Surtees all the best for her new role and thank her for all of her fantastic work throughout her years at TSM - she will certainly be missed by all!

### Tuck Shop



Mrs Woodhouse is now operating the tuck shop during morning break. Children are welcome to purchase items such as fresh fruit, a freshly baked bread roll, flavoured milk or fruit juice. Items range from 25p – 40p.

### Wraparound Care Leader Vacancy

We are recruiting for a wraparound care leader to support our breakfast and after school club provision. The closing date has been extended to 14<sup>th</sup> May. Please see the vacancy page on our website for full details of the role and the application procedure - <https://www.twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

### Bag2School collection



The PTA have arranged a Bag2School collection for **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. This is a great way to pass on unwanted clothes and other items while raising money for the PTA at the same time.

Due to Covid restrictions, Bag2School are not issuing the usual plastic sacks. Please bag up any items in ordinary bin bags and bring them to the shelter on the top playground by 9.00am on the morning of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please do not bring bags earlier than 25<sup>th</sup> May as we have no facility to store them.

Warm wishes and stay safe,  
Sophie Davies



### Star of the Week

Ash	Henry	For his super writing retelling of 'Jack and the Beanstalk!'
Beech	Alannah	For being a super Evaluating Owl when writing. Alannah has been checking her writing stamper to make sure she achieves her writing targets.
Sycamore	Maisie	For her highly persuasive advert for a holiday to the wondrous Lilliput, making great use of questions, commands and statements - where can I get my ticket?!
Willow	Wilf	For amazing language to build tension in writing – incredible similes and hidden emotion!
Yew	William	For superb progress in varying his sentence openings in the introduction to his narrative and for also using effective figurative language.



### Roll of Honour

Ash	Josh	For being a Curious Cat in guided reading.
	Freddie	For being a great Team Bee by being kind and polite to others.
Beech	Guy	For keeping our 'Golden Rule' of 'We are kind and helpful' by being a super learning partner this week.
	Elizabeth	For being a super Incy Independent in maths when investigating digits, tens and ones!
Sycamore	Clara	For her excellent maths work, completing exchanges when subtracting with a column method
	Wilf	For his great enthusiasm in exploring the lives of sailors in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century and enriching the learning environment with his nautical knowledge.
Willow	Lauren	For co operating so well with others in lessons and on the playground – you're both a great friend and a great learning partner!
	Zef	For super enthusiasm and independence in maths and writing this half term!
Yew	Iris	For great attention to detail in her writing tasks of late and for carefully considering her use of figurative language.

	Pippa	For persevering really well to achieve excellent progress in her accuracy of the formal methods in Maths.
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### Dates for your diary

<b>Summer Term</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Bank holiday Monday
<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Life Education Workshops
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	PTA outdoor disco
<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SRE Parent Information meeting – 3.45 – 4.30pm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Willow Class visit to St Catherine's Hill
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Yew Class trip to Lepe Beach
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 1
<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SRE Learning Week
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 in-house SATS
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Half Term
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET Day (delayed from the one scheduled in January)
<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class photographs
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reports home to parents
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 2
<b>14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Activity Week
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 3
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 4
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	PTA Big Summer Event (tbc)
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	INSET day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Hamlet performance by Young Shakespeare Company
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of year reports to parents
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 5
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last week of after school activity clubs

<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 6
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Last day of term