



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Beech and Oak at the Gilbert White museum**

Last week our Year 1 and 2s enjoyed a fantasy day at the Antarctic experiencing what conditions would have been like for Captain Scott, the British Royal Navy officer and explorer who led two expeditions to the Antarctic regions. The children scrambled into a well-insulated Antarctic tent, pulled a sled (How did Captain Scott do it?) and tried out some modern Antarctic explorer clothes.



## Be Bright, Be Seen Day

We all enjoyed celebrating Be Bright, Be Seen Day last Friday, with children coming to school in their brightest clothes. There were activities in class, competitions, and a whole school Golden Mile walk around Twyford. Hopefully all the children learnt something new to keep them safe on the roads. Well done to Phoebe and Charlie, our newly-trained Junior Road Safety Officers, who took an active part in the day by leading activities and passing on their newfound knowledge.



## A Polar Ambassador visits TSM

On Tuesday, Beech and Oak were visited by Polar Ambassador Alan Roper who went to the Antarctic last year. We investigated how polar animals survive. We tried on a blubber glove and discovered our hand was warmer than the one in the ice without the glove. The layer of blubber on animals really works!



Mr Roper also worked with Willow class, exploring forces using boat designs and teaching us the importance of engineering.





### It's cold but we're still making use of it!

This week Sycamore Class went on a fronted adverbial hunt in our outdoor classroom. In pairs, they searched for the best fronted adverbial to improve the sentence they had been given. When we collected them altogether, we discovered that the colours of the different fronted adverbials gave us a clue as to what job they do in the sentence (blue was time, green was place, red was manner). Back in the classroom, we used the clues we had collected to construct detailed, sophisticated sentences which we will use as we write information posters next week. How many fronted adverbials were there in this paragraph?



### Year 3 + 4 Gymnastics Event at Kings' School

On Wednesday, a team of gymnasts headed to Kings' School for a training session after school. Our gymnasts showed great courage as they performed handstands, and tricky floor and vault routines. We will be practising these skills in preparation for a successful competition in the New Year!





### **Book Fair**

The book fair has arrived!! - with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy, just in time for Christmas. Come and join us from 3:30 - 4.00pm on the **3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December** in the school library.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, including incredible new releases from David Walliams. With prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try our discounted Gift Vouchers available at [www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents). They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

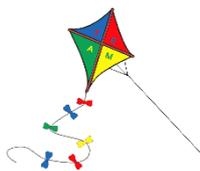
Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for the school. Our aim as a school is to hit the £600 goal, which will help us to fully stock our wonderful school library!

### **PTA Christmas Fair**

We hope you all have the PTA Christmas Fair in your diaries – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00am – 2.00pm in Twyford Parish Hall. As well as a visit from Father Christmas, one of the treats in store will be to see and purchase the finished products from our Enterprise Week. Each class has been working hard using their maths skills to calculate the monies needed for their projects and, of course, to maximise profit.

Ash -	Festive Stick Surprise
Beech –	Button Christmas Tags
Oak –	Christmas Cookies
Sycamore –	Marbled Baubles
Willow –	Snockmen
Yew –	Eco-friendly gift boxes / Woollen hat decorations / Snowman cookies

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair.



### **Co-opted Governors Needed**

We are looking to recruit some more co-opted Governors. Please contact Lucy Hutchin, Chair of Governors, in the first instance at [hutchinl@twyfordteam.com](mailto:hutchinl@twyfordteam.com) or speak to Mrs Beckett. Expressions of interest need to be sent in by **7<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Advent Messy Church - Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 - 6pm in the Parish Hall**

Fun, games and our Christmas party to help prepare for the Christmas story. Please come dressed up as your favourite nativity character if you can, but we will have some costumes and we'll be making some animal masks. We'll also make star biscuits and a lego stable and think about the hopeless and helpless this Christmas. Do come along.



## Star of the Week

Ash	Tobias	For being a Persevering Pig AND an Incy Independent with his writing. Tobias has been practising hard to write the graphemes correctly in his name and writing labels for his models writing sounds he can hear.
Beech	George	For being an Incy Independent writer and achieving an ALL green stamper!
Oak	Ru	For outstanding work in maths with fractions and money. Also for achieving a high standard in handwriting.
Sycamore	Chloe He	Always working hard to improve her writing. Well done Chloe!
Willow	Ila	For her non-stop positive attitude to learning and school.
Yew	Poppy L	For her enthusiasm and creativity when adapting paragraphs to make them have a more informal style.



## Roll of Honour

Ash	Eva	For being a clever Curious Cat with phonemes and having a go at writing tricky words like 'cartwheel'.
	Guy	For making a great Supertato Superhero.
Beech	Elijah	For super listening on the carpet and for starting his learning straight away.
	Brontë	For being an Incy Independent when investigating which numbers could be shared equally.
Oak	Casper	For showing our core value of joy in the hard work he has put in to his acting and singing for our Nativity play.
	Thaleia	For producing a brilliant zig-zag book about Captain Scott's journey to the South Pole. A superb effort.
Sycamore	Tom	For his enthusiasm when learning about rocks and soils in science.
	Sam	For his thoughtful responses during guided reading.
Willow	Lily B	For her deep thinking and problem solving in maths.
	Violet H	For encouraging others to try their best and overcome challenges.

Yew	Joe	For his excellent effort and engagement in Literacy, particularly when writing an introduction to hook the reader.
	Oliver	For his thoughtfulness and attention to detail when writing paragraphs around a theme.

### Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Scholastic Travelling Book Fair
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Football Friendly v Otterbourne Primary; 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	National Child Measurement Programme – Yr R and Year 6
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Yew Class Volcano & Earthquake Workshop
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Fair at the Parish Hall
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Nativity – 2.00 – 3.00 pm in school hall
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Sycamore Class - Violin Concert to Parents (morning time tbc)
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Nativity – 2.00 – 3.00pm at St Mary's Church
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Sycamore Class Egyptian Museum – 3.00 – 4.00pm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Carol Service – 9.30 – 10.30am at St Mary's Church
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Term



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