



8<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Samuel the Kingmaker**



Reverend Corcoran and Jane Roots continue 'Open the Book' where we learn of stories from the Old Testament. This week we learned more of Samuel's work in becoming the first Kingmaker in Israel. Unlike our tradition, we learned that you did not have to be born into the right family to become King; you didn't even have to have marvellous gifts and accomplishments that qualify you to be king.

Samuel was sent to Jesse to anoint one of his sons. Jesse got his sons together, and they passed before Samuel, all except for the youngest, least favoured son, who was left out with the sheep. No thought was given to him! Samuel spoke to God to help but the Lord did not pick any of the older sons, so Samuel asked, "Isn't there another?" Well, yes, there was David---what a ridiculous thought. But David was brought in, and it was he who received the anointing as King many years before he could actually act as King.

In the weeks to come we will be learning more of David and his endurance as a King.

### **Bikeability**

This week our Year 6 children have completed a Bikeability course. Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's like cycling proficiency, but better! It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling.

There are three Bikeability levels, each designed to improve cycling skills, no matter what is known already. Levels 1, 2 and 3 take the children from the basics of balance and control, all the way to planning and making an independent journey on busier roads. Our Bikeability trained cyclists will receive a badge and a certificate in recognition of the level they've achieved. The certificate also includes areas for further practice noted by the instructor.

As we are always looking to further broaden our curriculum as well as encourage all the benefits of cycling, I am currently looking to develop this programme further across upper Key Stage 2.



### **Year 5 Friends Programme**



It is that time of year again when our Year 5 children embark on the FRIENDS programme, which aims to reduce worries, develop confidence, as well as offering coping skills and resilience. This forms part of our transition programme where we begin to think about moving on and transitioning into Year 6 and beyond. Some children are inevitably more vulnerable to change than others, so this programme not only encourages peer

learning and the development of positive relationships, but also highlights those vulnerabilities and enables us to make sure that our children can thrive and enjoy the changes ahead.

## Beech Class get a taste of the seaside



Oak and Beech classes were very surprised when they came back to school on Tuesday to find a giant deckchair in the playground! A big thank you to ROGER WALKER TRAVEL for loaning the chair to launch our new topic 'We do like to be beside the seaside!' The children have had great fun trying it out!

## Art Week 2018

We have had a very busy art week in school this week! Oak Class have been enjoying making port holes for their seaside topic. They practised their paint mixing and collage skills. Ash Class have been practising their clay skills, rolling out and joining the clay to make their faces. The whole school has been very busy making props and back drops for the Peter Pan Production - no photographs at the moment, all will be revealed at the Peter Pan productions!





### Willow Class Parents' Lunch

Today we welcomed parents and grandparents of Willow Class into school to join their children for lunch. They enjoyed a choice of fish and chips or vegetable lasagne. Thank you to all those who came along. We look forward to seeing parents of Oak Class next Tuesday.



### Penguins Swimming Gala



This week children from Year 4 and 5 competed in the annual Penguins Swimming Gala. Year 5s took part in two relay races and Year 4s had the opportunity to do a freestyle race. Towards the end of the morning, we also took part in the invitational race which was a paired relay using floats! It was an exciting morning with lots of cheering and great teamwork on display. We are already looking forward to next year's gala.

## Charity Shopping

This week, three of our Year 6 children were whisked away from lessons to purchase a chair from a charity shop all in preparation for the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral. This chair will be decorated, with the help of Mr Roberts, in the theme of 'Heroes'; not the traditional concept of the caped hero but rather the idea of everyday heroes and within the Christian belief that everyone is a hero in God's eyes. Following the service, the chair will be on display and I believe that there may also be some plans for its use in the Remembrance Service. The chair was purchased for £5 – ask the children in the photos how it made its way back to school!



## Attendance update



Our whole school attendance currently sits just above our target of 97%. Beech Class have the highest attendance rates (97.45%) with Yew Class just behind them (97.43%). Research shows that setting good patterns of attendance from the start of school life really does impact positively on your child's attitude to learning and their educational success. It establishes a positive working ethos early in life. Poor attendance can be the cause of underachievement.

Thankfully, our families avoid unnecessary school absences. We are used to dealing with minor ailments so if you are ever unsure if your child is well enough to attend school, we can make an appropriate judgement and contact you if your child needs to be taken home. Early morning aches often pass so we advise parents not to keep their child at home 'just in case' when they could be learning in class and having fun with their peers.

This term, we have noticed an increase in requests for time off during term time. We would like to politely remind parents to request an absence before confirming any holiday or celebratory arrangements so that parents are fully informed before they decide to take their child/children out of school. It is unlikely that these will be authorised as it is only for exceptional circumstances that leave can be granted. However, we ask that, if families feel strongly that the leave needs to be taken, they

keep it to an absolute minimum, following school procedure by requesting the leave using the forms available on our website. Thank you for your continued support with this.

### Wraparound Care

Don't forget your free taster session! Offers run out on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Book your preferred dates here:

<https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/twyford-st-marys-primary-school-winchester/>.



### Star of the Week

Ash	Rosie	For turning into an Incy Independent when writing and using a sounds card all by herself to help write a sentence.
Beech	Joanie	For being a Curious Cat and writing detailed expanded noun phrases to describe her new disgusting sandwich!
Oak	Harvey	Working hard and using good reasoning skills when solving fraction problems.
Sycamore	Iris	Fantastic use of formal language in her letter to Monsieur Macron to ask for the Bayeux Tapestry to be lent to England.
Willow	Mabel	For displaying a clear love of learning through her self-initiated research project into Caribbean culture – complete with hand-painted illustrations. Superb!
Yew	Henry	For his creativity and ability to express his writer's voice in a suspense narrative.



### Roll of Honour

Ash	Myanna	For creating a face for the totem pole for the Peter Pan production. Myanna showed care when colouring in and joy, as she was proud of her achievement.
	Sebbie	For having his own ideas for solving Mrs McQueen's carpark problem, which he could prove by counting the wheels and writing a number sentence.
Beech	Cuba	For showing great care towards Tamsin when acting out the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.'
	George	For being an Incy Independent when narrating 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' for his group to act out.
Oak	Isaac	For a brilliantly creative porthole design.

	Josie	For being an Evaluating Owl when choosing her words for writing.
Sycamore	Megan	Fantastic use of her explaining skills when evaluating who should become king after Edward the Confessor.
	Cailean	For showing his independence in maths – super work on some mass and scaling problems.
Willow	Heidi	For her excellent inferences in guided reading exploring our new book 'Whale Boy'.
	Phoebe	For her fantastic work in maths manipulating decimal numbers and finding their fraction equivalents.
Yew	Poppy L	For her excellent vocabulary choices in her setting description.
	Tilly	For preparing well for her role in Peter Pan and for her helpfulness in rehearsals.

### Dates for your diary

Summer Term	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	'A' Team Cricket Match v Otterbourne (home)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Healthy Eating Week
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sycamore Class trip to Arundel Castle
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Oak Class Parents' Lunch – 12pm
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School Photographs
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	'A' Team Cricket Match v North Baddesley (away)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Yr 5 Maths Challenge at Stroud School (selected pupils)
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Ash Class Parents' Lunch – 12pm
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 Music Concert, 7pm, St Mary's Church
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Yr 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Non-School Uniform day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Beech Class Parents' Lunch – 12pm
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Beech and Oak Class Trip to Lee-on-Solent
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 Peter Pan Production at St Mary's Church – <b>1.45 – 3.15pm</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 Peter Pan Production at St Mary's Church – 9.30 – 11am
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Ash Class trip to Testwood Lakes
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Hungry Caterpillar on the playground weather permitting

<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Summer Fayre
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Science Day
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents' Information Evening for Calshot Residential, 4 – 5pm
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day – 9.30 – 11.30am
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents' evening
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents' evening
<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 5s to Westgate – Arts Festival
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Meet the New Teacher – Whole School Transition Morning
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Yr 6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church – 9.30 – 10.30am
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	INSET Day (last day of term)

Warm Wishes



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