

Thought of the Week: A man is but the product of his thoughts. What he thinks, he becomes." – Mahatma Gandhi

celebrating success

Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were given to the following children: Logan Botterill, Ajay Elliott, Dean Foster, Brooke Jobson, Adam Holland, Kelsie Saddler and Melissa Wilson. These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

Attendance

Oak class had the highest attendance before half term with 99%. Whole school attendance was 95%.

Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend.

Ice-Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice-Cream Friday before half term: Georgia Cowen, Mae Storey, Mya Armstrong, James Gudgin, David Dodds, Lucas Rushton and Ellie Gee. These children were rewarded for their exemplary behaviour.

Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Lainey Cowell, Charlie Jones, Kasey Humble, Alex Yeats, Imogen Ullock, Thomas Kerry and Jess Sterry. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Mathletics

Sycamore class once again had the highest points the week before half term with 13,317 points. Thomas Kerry had the highest individual score that week with 5,814 points. Justin Cook had the highest individual score for October with 12,402 points. Well done everyone!!

important information

End of Year Reports & Working Party

Our first working party to discuss the end of year reports and parental use of our new online assessment tool Learning Ladders was held in school yesterday at 4.00pm. These meetings are being led by Miss Tuart and Miss Curry and my thanks go to the parents and governors who expressed an interest in being involved in this consultation and discussion process and who, as a result, were able to join us. It is very much appreciated. Our aim is to make our end of year reports as helpful and useful to parents, carers and children as we can and, as such, the reports might look slightly different at the end of this academic year. The ability for parents to be able to view their child's progress online throughout the year, including samples of their work, will be crucial to this process and will form part of our discussions. Discussions will also be held with the children through our School Council to ensure their voices are also heard.

School Council

Our new School Council has already started work and has met formally twice this academic year. I was invited to their second meeting where they brilliantly presented their plans for improvements to one area of the school which I have sanctioned. They are very excited about this change but I will not steal their thunder as they want to tell everyone about it themselves in the next few weeks. I was impressed by their focus and drive and they articulated their ideas very well. They are busy introducing themselves to the children across the school and gathering their thoughts and ideas for future improvements. Meanwhile, they have their own designated area of the school with their photographs on display and comment slips available for all the children to give their suggestions.

Parents Evenings: all classes except Y5

Monday 14th November: Parents Evening 3.10pm until last appointment 5.20pm
Tuesday 15th November: Parents Evening 3.10pm until last appointment 6.50pm
Please see accompanying letter.

School Meals – New Winter Menu

I am delighted to announce that our new Winter Menu will be launched this Monday 7th November 2016. It has a range of healthy, nutritious options specially designed for the winter months. As well as the main course, we will continue to offer wraps, sandwiches or jacket potatoes with a range of fillings as well as our paninis. We continue to work hard every day to improve our lunch service. The number of children having school meals remains consistently high and we have also significantly reduced our wastage at the end of service to minimal amounts. All this for £2.00 per day for a child's meal which I believe represents fantastic value for money. So if you haven't given our school meals a try why not see what you think on our first week back. Please remember that if your child does not receive Free School Meals all dinners need to be paid for, ideally with the correct change in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class on. The new Menu will be published on our website and placed on the school noticeboard in the yard as soon as possible.

Fire Safety

Whether you are attending an organised firework display or putting on something at home or at family or friends, I hope everyone is able to enjoy the fireworks safely this weekend.

Poppies – Remembrance Sunday

Please don't forget that we are selling poppies with a minimum donation of 50p and other items too such as: friendship bracelets and rulers £1 each and wristbands, reflectors and small boxes of coloured pencils all for 50p each. All proceeds will go towards The Royal British Legion.

School Photographer

You will know that the school photographer was in our school yesterday, everything went very smoothly. Please don't forget to return your completed order form as soon as possible.

BE BRIGHT AND BE SEEN THIS WINTER

If you are out and about in the dark, wear something reflective. Attach it to your coat or bag so that you can be bright and be seen.

ONLINE ADMISSIONS – RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2017

1st November 2016 : The E-admission portal will open and Information, Handbooks and application forms will be available for your child who is in Nursery now but will start full time school in September 2017.