



Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe 'To believe, achieve, succeed together'

NEWSLETTER 6 – FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This final week has flown by probably because it's been so busy and full of exciting opportunities. On Monday children took part in their **Reward Afternoon** where they had selected what they wanted to do. We hope to repeat the experience next time and children can go to a different reward experience or if they enjoyed it so much, return to the same one! In Worship this week we have relooked at all the work we have done on **Compassion and Kindness** and we discussed the work of the Dalai Lama. Children learnt about him and we explored his work with compassion through a story that he wrote 'The Seed of Compassion'. Also this week, as it has been **Children's Mental Health week** – Let's connect, School Council led a session on this in assembly which was excellent to see pupils sharing with their peers. Also, it has been **Safer Internet Day** this week and children have had sessions on this theme to remind them of key messages. This year's theme was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Chestnut and Sycamore, despite initial traffic hold ups, successfully made it into **Oxford to visit the Synagogue** on Wednesday morning where they were extremely respectful and represented the school superbly. All the children shared the knowledge they had and were able to ask insightful questions to further stretch their learning. On Thursday we were fortunate enough for Mrs Gold to offer a **Leadership Day at Steane with Equilibrium Partners**. Seven Year 6 children attended where they had an opportunity to grow and develop in many areas using horses as a tool to support them. The feedback from everyone was that the day was of huge benefit to them. This week the school has been visited by both a Diocesan Advisor, Andrew, who looked at the curriculum in detail specifically Geography, as well as an LA Advisor, Jo who gathered an overview of the school and where we are. It is always a useful tool to get other experienced professionals to come in and share what they see as going well, as well as support the areas that have been identified to build on. We, as staff, have looked at the feedback from the homework received and written a consistent **Homework** program which builds through the school and takes on all the key important aspects. For Half Term a homework guide has been sent home for you to read and this will be implemented on the children's return. **Half term** is a chance to relax, recharge and spend time experiencing different activities with friends and family. However, I am sharing two tasks that children might like to have a go at which focus on our key values and drivers for this term - 52 lives have set a Kindness Challenge, whilst West Northants are running a competition linked to Mental Health.

Looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday 20th February – *Mrs. Smith*

**Diary – WB: 13th Feb
Half Term**

**Diary – WB: 20th Feb
Monday**

KS2 Comic Art sessions
Beech special visitor pm

Tuesday

9.30-10.30 Nursery
Consultation Meeting
PTFA Pancake Sale pm
3.30pm KS2 (Y6) SAT's
meeting

Wednesday

Swimming for Y5/6
Equilore Horse Therapy
pm for 4 x chn in Y3/4
3.30pm KS1 (Y2) SAT's
meeting

Thursday

Friday

9am VIP assembly
Team Rubicon in School
– Scooter and
Skateboard Day
PM Forest School for
Beech Class

Please can you make sure all clothing brought into school is **named!** This will help with items getting mislaid. Also, please can we remind you that we discourage toys from home being brought in unless for a specific reason.

Attachments:

- WUW – Positive Outcomes
- Parent Forum Letter
- World Book Day
- New School Homework Guide (paper and attached)
- 52 Lives Challenge
- Children's Mental Health competition
- Parents Evening Sign up (emailed out earlier)
- Forest School Info-Beech (paper)

Class	Headteacher Value Award	Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe Award	Handwriting
Beech	Josh A	Reuben D, Fletcher R	Lola N
Chestnut	George W	Jake H, Finley G	Megan H
Sycamore	Harriet E Amelie P	Harvey A, Alex R	Jennifer H
Maple	Finn R Alfie G	Luca G, Daisy S	Estelle G
Termly MUSIC AWARD: Myla S, Lily G			

Safeguarding - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Sarah Smith
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Kaye Green
Governor Responsible for Safeguarding – Mrs Claire Barrett

Attendance Figure - for the whole school this academic year: 94%
Target 96%