



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

NEWSLETTER 7 – FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great and exciting first week with both a Comic Artist visiting KS2 on Monday and the scooter/skateboard trainer in today working with the whole school – do we have the next Beano illustrator or Olympics skateboarder in our presence! These are some really wonderful first hand different experiences that the children got to get involved with and is what makes primary school so memorable!

We of course also got back into the swing of learning and our routines in school and children have been working hard in this first week in a number of subject areas. We started to look at our new value this term of 'forgiveness' and discussed a number of areas within this including giving and receiving forgiveness, telling the truth and being honest as well as moving on and not having a grudge. We have also explored the bible quote '*Do not be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, then forgive him. Forgive each other because the Lord forgave you.*' The value of forgiving is pertinent to Ash Wednesday and the purpose of having Shrove Tuesday. The PTFA provided an excellent pancake service on Tuesday afternoon enjoyed by many -thank you to them for giving their time and serving school in that way. On Wednesday the school visited church for a service where we learnt about the Ash linked to Ash Wednesday and the importance of these two days in the Christian calendar – has anyone given up anything for Lent? Reverend Terry Richards led a wonderful service and the children sang well too!

Next week we remain with lots to embark upon. On Monday we have the rearranged special visitor to Beech (fingers crossed no unexpected events lead them to not make it this time!) We also have parents evening. Please see a separate letter attached to learn about how the events will run. As well as my weekly teaching in class on a rotation throughout school, I am also going to work a little more with Year 6 and deliver maths in the coming weeks. I will be teaching 2 maths lessons a week to a small group.

We also have, a highlight for me in the school calendar, World Book Day on Thursday with a fun packed day of activities. It would be great if children could dress up as a well-known book character, it could be a little touch to 'give us a clue' to their character or it could be a whole outfit – if homemade then even better! I look forward to spending the day in a world of books!

We have been trialing a new system where children have a few minutes less outside and more time afterwards to sit and have five minutes, chill and enjoy a piece of fruit and a drink of water. Children in EYFS and KS1 are entitled to free fruit as part of the national scheme but those in KS2 are not. Please could you give your child a piece of fruit if they would like for this break. As part of the first parent forum, I would like to discuss a few ideas around this.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Smith

Diary – WB: 27th Feb

Monday

Beech special visitor pm (rearranged from previous week)

Parents Evening 1 - 3.30-6pm

Tuesday

Parents Evening 2 5-7.30pm

Wednesday

Swimming for Y5/6

Thursday

World Book Day

Friday

9am VIP assembly

PM Forest School for Beech Class

Staff Emails – we have class emails that we, as a school, are happy that you use to contact teachers on. However, it is important you understand that an immediate response is not always possible nor realistic and ask you give 24 working hours before chasing a response.

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:

- *Longtown letter/ kit list and forms (Maple)
- *Tower of London + Social Story (Beech and Chestnut)
- *Staffing update
- *Parents' Evening
- *WUW Spotify
- *Attendance letters - specific children

Class	Headteacher Value Award	Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe Award	Sports Award
Beech	Felicity O	Willow A & Jack C	Ruby W
Chestnut	Liam O	Emmett M & Myla S	Barney W
Sycamore	Albie B	Blake F & Harriet E	Harvey A
Maple	Adam E & Darcey W	Hetty W & Jacob W	Bradley H

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: 94.16%
Target 96%