



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

NEWSLETTER 5 – FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Gosh just one more week of this term before we break. We must be having so much fun as this term has flown by! Children this week filled the gem jar and so a reward is on its way. We have spoken to the children and are having a fun filled hour on Monday afternoon – the children have been able to pick from: watching a film (short one!), cooking, Lego/board games, in the hall with gym equipment and mats and finally computing. Now the jar is empty we need to get working on filling it again!

We welcomed Reverend Terry Richards into Worship on Thursday. He shared a lovely story about a young girl receiving a bible as well as showing us a number of his own bibles. There was one ever so tiny – it was very hard to read as the font was minute! He then presented all the children in KS2 a Bible. This will remain with them at school until the time they leave when they will take it with them as they depart our church school and start their new journey. We hope this will be a special reminder of their time here. Moving forwards, we will be presenting children in Year 3 a bible each academic year. One of our Health and Safety standards is a regular fire drill. This week we practiced this and the children did a great job of walking out sensibly onto the top playground and lined up at their fire evacuation points. We as staff were able to assess what went well and if there were any improvements we could make.

Tuesday's assembly was a little different as the NMPAT String Team visited school and performed a variety of pieces which the children enjoyed. Some songs they recognised and were able to sign along too! The team were very impressed with their knowledge! We welcomed Mike Fawcett, Head of Longtown Education Centre to a virtual meeting on Tuesday where the parents and children of Maple, were able to learn more about the upcoming residential trip. There were a lot of excited faces, along with naturally some apprehension, but I am sure the meeting provided everyone with some further much needed detail. We also informed them of the adults attending: Miss Davis, Mrs Wilmot, Miss Curtis, Mr Nixon and myself. A further letter will be out very soon.

Next week we have arranged a Book Look; we have taken on board comments that not everyone can make after school so are trying to vary this – this time it will be on Friday at 8.30am before celebration assembly.

Have a lovely weekend, take care

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Diary – WB – 6th Feb
Children's Mental Health Week

Monday

2.15-3.15 Gem Reward time

Tuesday

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday

Swimming for Y5/6

Y2/3/4 to Oxford

Synagogue - am

Equilore Horse Therapy

pm for 4 x chn in Y3/4

Thursday

Y6 x 7 Leaders Day at

Steane

Friday

8.30 Book Look

9am VIP assembly

PM Forest School for

Chestnut class

Last Day of term

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.

The **Lost Property Box** for Chestnut and Beech is overflowing! Please take a look at drop off and pick up to see if any can be claimed! This will go to the PTFA 2nd Hand Uniform Shop, or as part of the Bags2School collection if unnamed and still there by half term.

Attachments:

Beech/Chestnut Trip to London (paper-Thurs)
WUW Digital Lives
PTFA Newsletter
Shrove Tuesday Flyer

Class	Headteacher Value Award	Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe Award	Sport
Beech	Ruby W	Oscar P, Lola N	Oran R
Chestnut	Myla S	Jasper R, Liam O	Ollie S
Sycamore	Lewis W	Phoebe L, Amelie P	Emma H
Maple	Henry B	Estelle G, Alfie G	Reuben S

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: 93.67%
Target 96%