



9th June, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



TSM go to the Polls!

On Wednesday we held a mock general election. This was to teach children about the democratic election process and to prepare them for life as active citizens. Several children from Years 4, 5, and 6 opted to be representatives for each of the main parties we were voting for. They made sure that

the other children in the school were familiar with their manifestos. The ballots were counted, and the results were revealed in an afternoon assembly. Miss Etheridge made the following announcement:

“The results of the poll for the election of Member of Parliament for Twyford St Mary CE Primary School on Wednesday 7th June 2017.

The total number of votes given to each candidate was as follows:

- Jeremy Corbyn, Labour party candidate: 43
- Tim Farron, Liberal Democrat party candidate: 47
- Caroline Lucas and Jonathan Bartley, Green party candidates: 30
- Theresa May, conservative party candidate: 33

Therefore I give public notice that Tim Farron, Liberal Democrat party candidate is duly elected Member of Parliament for the Twyford St Mary CE Primary School constituency.”

Once we heard the election results on Friday morning, we were able to compare our ballot to the different constituencies in the UK. The children agreed it was an exciting and interesting experience whichever party they voted for.



Oak Class parents join us for lunch

We welcomed parents from Oak Class into school this week to try our tasty school lunches as the children showed them how we have our lunch in the hall. It's lovely to see so many parents taking up the invitation, thank you to all of you for coming. One Dad commented how much school dinners have improved since he was at school! The children demonstrated our school value of joy when playing and relaxing on the playground with their adults. They really enjoyed this special time, showing all the fun activities and opportunities they have at lunchtime.

We would like to also say a big thank you to Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Southon in our kitchen for working so hard to ensure that everything runs smoothly for these lunches!



We are looking forward to welcoming Willow Class parents in next Wednesday 14th June, followed by Sycamore Class on Tuesday 20th June. The form went out yesterday for Sycamore parents to order their meal if they are attending, so please fill that out as soon as possible if you haven't already.

Countryside Day on Monday 12th June

We are very much looking forward to our Day in the Countryside at Manor Farm on Monday. Please remember that all children should come to school in non-school uniform suitable for a day on the farm. Wellies are essential, as is a light-weight coat or jacket as it may be chilly when riding around on the trailer. We will be returning to school for lunch before walking back to the farm for the afternoon activities.

Ash Class visit Longdown Activity Farm

Ash Class had a fantastic trip to Longdown Activity Farm on Thursday where we became farmers for the day. Emily, our leader, worked us hard as we collected eggs, fed the baby goats and gave the pigs their feed. We then learnt how to handle chicks carefully, we met Pearl the shire horse as well as guinea pigs, calves, donkeys, bunnies and alpacas, followed by a very bumpy tractor ride! After a busy day Ash class had some much needed R&R time driving mini tractors and leaping on and off hay bales. Who knew farmers had so much fun!?! Everyone agreed that it was one of "our best days ever." Ash class wondered if we could turn the role play area into a stable and have a real cow in there so we could practise milking it, but the coach driver said no cows were allowed on the bus on the way home. Shame...(but I think the cow was pretty relieved!).

Mrs McQueen was impressed at how well her "flock" behaved, following our core values; courage,(keeping going despite the rain!), care for the animals, joy in their learning and showing respect to others who were also using the farm that day. She would like to thank the adult shepherds who came along to help for the day too!



Willow Class visit Cadbury World

It was a busy day for trips on Thursday as Willow Class travelled to Cadbury's World for a fantastic and interesting visit linked to the topic of the Mayans. We took part in a Mayan workshop which taught us all about how the Mayans believed the world was created, their fashion and also the sports that they played. After this workshop, we explored the Cadbury factory in which we learnt all about the company's history and how chocolate is made. We even got to try some! Overall, it was a great experience and one that we can't wait to follow up in class!



Summer Fayre News

We are looking forward to an exciting Summer Fayre later in the term. There are a few things to let you know in advance, with more details following next week.

Veggie Head Competition!



Enter our Veggie Head Competition in this year's Summer Fayre. Only £1 entry. Veggie heads to be brought on arrival to the fayre and taken to the viewing gallery. Prestigious rosettes awarded to the most creative.

Crazy Hair Day – 23rd June

Crazy Hair Day where children bring in a bottle or box of chocolates in exchange. These are to be placed in the shelter on the morning for PTA to store away.

Hungry Caterpillar Cakes – 30th June

Children can bring in cakes to sell at the fair and lay their cakes on the caterpillar.

INSETS for 2017 - 2018

I am pleased to share our INSET days for the next academic year. Please note that, although it is unlikely, these are subject to change should there be the need.

Monday 2nd October

Monday 4th December

Friday 26th January

Monday 4th June

Monday 23rd July

P.A System for Sports Day

We are looking to borrow a P.A system for use on Sports Day on Friday 30th June. If anyone can help, please contact the office.



Star of the Week

Ash	Arabella	For her wonderful care and friendliness towards the animals on our trip to Longdown Dairy Farm!
Beech	Lola	For being an Incy Independent all week when telling the time in maths!
Oak	Daniel	For his confident acting and super inference during our drama lesson!
Sycamore	Florence	For her excellent work on equivalent fractions and fractions of amounts.
Willow	Isabel	For her fantastic and detailed work on Mayan social hierarchies.
Yew	Katie	For some super writing, making great use of the skills we have been practising. Also for really developing a 'can do' attitude to maths!



Roll of Honour

Ash	Thaleia	For her perseverance when describing a farm number problem.
	Tommy	For being an Evaluating Owl when creating a model out of duplo. He went back to add to it to make it <i>even better!</i>
Beech	Jack	For super Incy Independent fluent reading.
	Roscoe	For writing using the suffixes ing, ed and er.
Oak	Tom	Thinking carefully about the properties and purpose of materials in our science lesson.
	Chloe He	For demonstrating perseverance and independence when solving division problems.
Sycamore	Isabella	For her predictions and reasoning on our 'Weslandia' text in Literacy this week.
	Ila	For her good prediction work on our text 'Weslandia'.
Willow	Robert	For dressing up as a Mayan King and efforts to participate.
	Finley	For his excellent use of the short method of multiplication when solving 2x2 digit problems.
Yew	Josh H	For a super investigative approach and write-up in the 'which shoe has the best grip?' experiment.
	Annabelle	For some super thinking (and diagrams!) for fractions mastery questions in maths.

Dates for your diary

Summer Term	
12th June	A Day in the Countryside – Whole School visit Manor Farm, Twyford
13th June	Yew Class trip to Hengistbury Head
14th June	Willow Class Parents invite for lunch
15th June	Year R Bible Presentation Assembly – Parents welcome
15th June	Winchester Cathedral Year 6 Leavers' Service
16th June	Penguins Swimming Gala at River Park Leisure Centre
19th June	Rabbi Zvi visit in school – Beech and Oak Classes

20th June	Sycamore Class Parents invite for lunch
22nd June	Science Day
23rd June	Crazy Hair Day for the Summer Fayre – details to follow
27th June	Final Swimming lesson for Years 4 and 5 Class
27th June	Beech and Oak trip to Portchester Castle
28th June	Yew Class Parents invite for lunch
30th June	Sports Day
30th June	Hungry Caterpillar Cakes for the Summer Fayre – details to follow
1st July	Summer Fayre
5th July	Year 6 Performance - afternoon
6th July	Year 6 Performance - morning
7th July	Enabling Enterprise Event at IBM Hursley
11th July	Parents' Evening
13th July	Parents' Evening
14th July	Final Yew Class Tennis session
25th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service
25th July	Last Day of Term!

Warm Wishes



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