



21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an exciting year full of new experiences for all. We have a strong sense of community which celebrates every child as an individual and for that our children are truly blessed. Thank you for your ongoing support; it really does make a positive difference to all aspects of school life. Our children have shown our Christian values of Courage, Joy, Care and Respect in every aspect of our school life. Their innovative ideas of how they can make our school an even better place to learn never stops amazing me. Next term our rich, meaningful learning opportunities continue as we enjoy learning about another culture during Diversity Week and welcome something new: Health and Well-being Week. We wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back after a well earned break with their families and friends.

### **Happy Retirement Reverend Jonah**

This week we had a very special assembly for Reverend Jonah's retirement. We had the grand unveiling of our art project celebrating our school's link with the church, shared happy memories of Jonah and finally gave him some very special cards and three cheers!



We wish Reverend Jonah all the best for his well deserved retirement! We will miss him very much, but we are so grateful for everything he has done in helping develop the spirituality and Christian character of our school. Good luck Reverend Jonah!

## Tea Parties and Celebrations

It has been a week of celebrations and thank you's this week! On Monday we held our annual Strawberry Tea Party to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in school this year. We are so grateful to have such engaged parents and carers at our school as it contributes to the varied and exciting learning experiences we are able to provide to each and every one of our pupils. Thank you again!

On Tuesday we held our annual Senior Citizen's Tea Party. Children from Year 6 served drinks whilst children from across the school entertained our special guests with songs, dances and music performances. Mrs Wright even treated us to some community singing towards the end of the afternoon! A great time was had by all and everyone enjoyed sharing out Christian values of the care, respect and joy in our community.

On Wednesday children who have contributed to the school by being in the School Council or by being a Team/Vice Captain were invited to a celebratory picnic. There were cakes and team games in the sunshine to thank the children for their time and efforts over the past year.



## Beech and Oak Class Castle Banquet

The hall was transformed into a castle on Thursday afternoon when Beech and Oak Class held a castle banquet. This banquet was to celebrate all the fantastic learning they have been doing as part of their 'Yes, Your Majesty' topic. There were lots of delicious cakes made by Beech with the help of Mrs Greig, and Oak Class displayed their bunting and poetry they have been creating over the last few weeks. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and a good time was had by all.



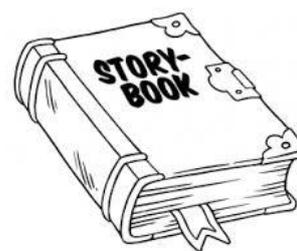
## Listen 2 Me Concert

On Thursday Sycamore and Willow class held a Listen 2 Me concert for their parents. During the concert, they showed us all how far they had come in their ability to play the clarinet, which is a very difficult instrument to play. The classes both performed four songs, including Groovy G, Drifting Away and Clarinet Cha Cha.



## School Library Books

A plea to all children, parents and carers to please look carefully at home for any outstanding library books and bring them in before the end of term, as a stock-take will need to be carried out in the first week of the next term.



## Silver School Games Mark

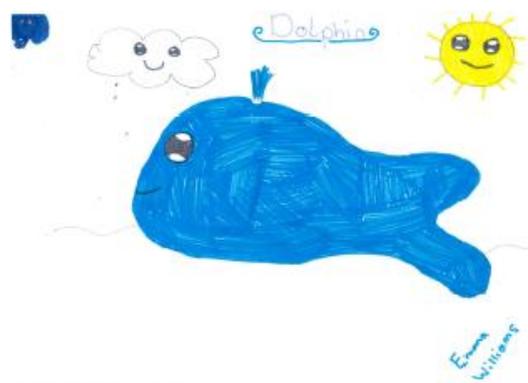
We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the silver School Games mark! This is an improvement on our bronze award from last year due to increased variety and pupil participation in competitive sports throughout the year. The silver School Games mark is awarded to schools that provide high quality sports provision to all pupils and we are delighted to achieve this standard.



# Let's get COOKing

Mrs Greig and Mrs Carr-Roberts have been leading this Golden Time club with great success, sharing their duties from week to week. It's always very popular with children across the school. With Mrs Greig increasing her hours in school, she is no longer able to commit to this club for September. If you are a parent and are keen to lead the cooking with our children, please contact the school office. We have had one offer from a parent – thank you! - but would ideally need one more parent to put on a rota.

## Lunch time Art Club



Two delightful pictures by Cuba Ferris and Emma Williams. Lunchtime art club is led by Mrs Cohen.

### Staffing changes

My last update to you introduced Ellen Dine, Learning Support Assistant for Oak Class. Unfortunately, she is now unable to take the post so we're delighted to announce that Miss Sturmey has agreed to stay on until we are able to recruit again. Our children will now continue to benefit from her support and commitment to TSM.

### Dinner Money – Year 2 children

A reminder that as your child moves into Year 3 they will no longer be eligible for universal school meals. This means if your child has a school dinner there needs to be sufficient credit on your dinner account to pay for the meal. School dinners are priced at £2.15.

We urge parents to use our online payment system, which allows for greater visibility of balances and dinners. An online set up code is available via the school office.

### Uniform Reminder

Before parents begin to renew and replace school uniform ready for September, I would like to remind parents of our expectations:

- Red polo shirt
- Dark green school sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo affixed
- Girls should wear knee length grey skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or red check dress
- Boys should wear grey trousers or shorts
- All shoes need to be flat and suitable for use on the field or playground. Trainers, pumps, canvas shoes or fashion wear are not acceptable for school.
- Boys should wear grey socks and girls should wear red, white or grey coloured tights/socks





## Star of the Week

Ash	Evalyn	For settling in so well in her first term at Twyford St Mary's and for developing into an amazing learner!
Beech	Audrey	For having the courage to try all of the new experiences in Beech. Well done Audrey!
Oak	Angus	For his well-designed and executed bunting piece for our castle banquet.
Sycamore	Brooke	For her skill on the computer publishing her final outcome piece and for also helping others during ICT.
Willow	Katie Pollard	For her lavishly decorated headdress, truly befitting of a Mayan queen.
Yew	Dylan	For persevering to complete his multi-media coastal environment presentation – and not giving up, even though he sometimes found it hard. Super result!



## Roll of Honour

Ash	George	For always remembering to put his hand up without interrupting others during carpet time.
	Lauren	For her thoughtful comments during our discussions on the RE theme “belonging”.
Beech	Jude	For showing great care to Lola when she hurt her knee and to Jack when he was feeling a little sad.
	Betsy	For her enthusiasm and joy for learning.
Oak	Saul	For demonstrating care and maturity by looking after our school equipment well.
	Megan	Excellent use of her perseverance when publishing an information leaflet.
Sycamore	Alice	For showing great consideration in helping Mrs Aitken during a break time.
	Monty	For his fantastic set of Rock Trump cards showing features like hardness, type and density.
Willow	Samuel	For working excellently together to produce a truly spectacular map and guide for their own prehistoric park.
	Dominic	
Yew	Daisy	For all her hard work re-writing the words of the Y6 leavers' song. Well done!
	Milla	For the imagination and creativity shown in her coastal-themed shoe art.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Summer Term</b>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 BBQ at Hunter Park – 4.00 – 6.00pm
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Service – 9.30 – 10.30am
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last Day of Term!

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	First day of the Autumn Term
<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 6 Calshot Residential
<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Beech and Oak trip to Beaulieu – details to follow
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	INSET Day
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Diversity Week
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	HALF TERM
<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Yew Class trip to Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson – details to follow
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Health and Wellbeing Week
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	INSET Day

Warm Wishes



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