



17th November, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Health and Wellbeing Week



What a week we've had; one of which that we hope has had a lasting impact on our children. Our week started with Collective Worship at the Methodist Chapel where we used Christian Mindfulness to learn about the bible story, Jesus Calms the Storm. Many children especially enjoyed the meditation part where we learned to relax and clear our minds to find our 'inner peace' as so many of our children explained. Collective Worship continued in the same vein, introducing the children to other ways in which we relax or find contentment. We enjoyed a very uplifting singing session where we learned Bruno Mars, Count On Me. As always, our children took to it very quickly and by the end of the session were singing beautifully. Finally we enjoyed a concert led by Mrs Dickson, on the piano, and Tom, on the violin, where we listened to a romantic composition of Elgar's which had been written for his wife-to-be. There we learned how music can affect our mood and how composers write with intent to communicate certain feelings through their music.

Following this everyone watched a powerfully dramatic performance called 'Hope' which told a story of three young people whose lives were affected, quite differently, by bullying. The children then explored emotional and health issues of relationships, decision making and friendship. Lessons followed promoting positive behaviours and respect for others, our friends and those whom we may socialise with. As a result, many children in Key Stage 2 wrote creatively about friendship and its importance to our wellbeing.





Our Team Event on Wednesday was lots of fun! Coach Charlie led a competitive yet team building sports activity on the playground while the rest of the school worked in their teams to make their relaxation bottles. We all joined together to walk the Golden Mile (briskly) before making the swap of activities. It was a pleasure to see children of all ages working together in a supportive environment.



Towards the end of the week, Coram Life Education joined us to launch a specific Personal, Social and Health Education programme which we shall be following. Many of our children met Harold who taught our children about various aspects ranging from the importance of sleep to understanding some of the key risks and effects of smoking and drinking alcohol. We had hoped that they would have been able to bring their mobile classroom onto site but due to access issues this was not able to go ahead.





Some of you may be asking why we have not requested voluntary contributions for these additional events designed to enrich our curriculum. We are pleased to inform you that due to some recent changes in our sports funding, we have been able to fund this through our school budget.

Staff Update

I regret to inform you that due to personal reasons, Mrs Longhurst, recently appointed as learning support in Oak Class, was unable to take the position. In the interim period before another LSA is appointed, Miss Sharpe will be supporting Miss Etheridge in the afternoons.



PTA Fireworks

What an impressive display with so many from our community and beyond to enjoy it. I hope you agree that the fireworks lived up to the promotional material and were 'Spectacular!!' A huge thank you to our PTA for organising such a success event that raised in the region of £1600 (exact total still to be confirmed).



Star of the Week

Ash	Rafferty	For being a Persevering Pig with his writing and making an amazing "fit" book!
Beech	Michal	For his super sentence with adjectives, a conjunction and finger spaces! Wow!
Oak	Amber	For her superb gingerbread ballerina story!
Sycamore	Charlie	For showing fantastic friendship skills when helping another member of the class.
Willow	Isabella	For her thoughtful poem about friendship using similes, metaphors and personification to reflect her feelings!
Yew	Poppy L	For reasoning well about multiplying pairs of fractions, showing great understanding of the concept.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Joseph	For sharing great ideas about how to keep fit and healthy and for naming some of his body parts such as ribs correctly!
	Wilf	For showing great care for Harold Giraffe and suggesting an idea to stop him feeling sad.
Beech	Georgie	For being a thoughtful and caring learning partner to Tamsin.
	Ru	For excellent focus during phonics this week.
Oak	Venne	For her thoughtfulness during our mindfulness sessions this week.
	Alexie	Taking care over her writing by using her purple pen and redrafting.
Sycamore	Violet H	A lovely sense of atmosphere in the setting for her story The Arrival.
	Wiktor	Super skills when writing his recipe for friendship – and thinking of the adverb respectfully!
Willow	Christian	Creating superb imagery in his friendship poem using similes, metaphors and personification.
	Evie	Her super perseverance in maths this week exploring fractions and equivalents!
Yew	Julia	For her thoughtful responses when asked to provide reasons for and against the destruction of a memorial tree.
	Katie W	For excellent progress in a Reading assessment.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	
21st November	Parents' Evening
23rd November	Parent's Evening / Parent Consultations Yr 6
28th November	Willow Class Trip to Winchester Science Centre
30th November	Football Friendly Match v Otterbourne Primary – KS2 Football Club
4th December	INSET Day
8th December	Christmas Fayre 4-6pm
11th December	Dress Rehearsal for Nativity

12th December	KS1 Nativity @ St Mary's Church 2pm – details to follow next week
13th December	KS1 Nativity in the School Hall 9:30am – details to follow next week
19th December	KS2 Carol Service @ St Mary's Church 9:30am
21st December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
21st December	Last Day of Term!

Spring Term	
4th January	First Day of Term
18th January	Children's Concert at Southampton Central Hall – Beech and Oak
26th January	INSET Day

Warm Wishes



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