

# Weekly Newsletter



9th February 2018

It really is hard to believe that we are at the end of the half term, time really has flown by. Forty-three Year 4 children left for Burwell on Wednesday for two nights away and had a great time despite the cold weather. Mr Abbs has been keeping us up to date with events on Twitter and there are lots of pictures to look at on the website. I enjoyed a visit to have dinner with them last night- hot dogs followed by a campfire and toasted marshmallows – I think they will be ready for a good night's sleep tonight!



The Year 4 children back in school have enjoyed rehearsing and filming a breaking news report on 'Theseus Slays the Minotaur'. They followed this up by creating their own stop-motion animations (think Wallace and Gromit in the making!). The children selected part of the Theseus myth; created a storyboard; made their own characters and props, then carefully recorded an animation, one frame at a time. This took a lot of patience and skill and has produced some great results.



## Book Week

Book week will take place week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February. Miss Candish is busy planning the week. Date for your diary – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – dress up as your favourite book character.

## Behaviour For Learning of the Week

Cooperation

## Strictly Manners

**This week's Manners of the week are:** Good Morning! Good Afternoon!

Last week's **Manners of the week were:** Please, thank you & excuse me. Staff scored it 54 out of 60.

## Reception News

What a hardworking week! The children have been busy trying hard to independently use their phonics knowledge to sound out and write words. It is also great to see children develop in confidence when reading, practising hard to segment and then blend words. Please try to read with your child as often as you can because it really helps to develop them into confident readers. Don't feel you have to read the whole book, if you are busy a couple of pages are better than none.

In Maths children have been shape spotters, naming and describing the key features of 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been on a 2D shape hunt around school and found the most common shapes.

This week we have also moved onto the next stage of our Design and Technology project. We are designing and then building something to get the Gingerbread Man safely across the river. The children have drawn what they want to make and then chosen the equipment that they will need to use to enable them to make their designs.



## Pre-School News

This week Preschool have continued to focus on traditional nursery rhymes. In Oak Room they have been singing 'Jack and Jill go up the Hill' and enjoyed making their own hills out of wooden blocks then carrying buckets of water up them without spilling the water. In Acorn they focused on 'I'm a little tea pot' and had their own tea party. After half term Oak Room will continue with Nursery rhymes but also will be looking at shops within their environment. On Thursday 22nd February Oak room will be going for a walk around Chatteris town.



## Attendance

This week's winners of the attendance cups are:

### Lower School

1<sup>st</sup> place: 2SC  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: 1MN  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: 1RB

### Upper School

1<sup>st</sup> place: 4SS  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: 4AP  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: 6VH

Whole school attendance is 92.1 %

## Diary Dates

Date	Events
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
19 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC in school
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 6 Quixsticks competition at Cromwell
w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Book week
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Dressing Up Day
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to Stibbington
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Team building event Year 5
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Preschool New parents information evening
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents evening
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents evening (including Preschool till 5pm).
27 <sup>th</sup> March 6pm	Year 3 and 4 Production
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2 pm	Year 3 and 4 Production
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Visit to Cambridge Museums (Rebooked)
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
16 <sup>th</sup> April	School returns (Preschool staff home visiting)
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Preschool returns
7 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 SATs
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 SATs
28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June inclusive	Half term
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Preschool New parents information evening
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and 6 Production
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and 6 Production
18 <sup>th</sup> July 3-6 pm	Parent open evening to discuss reports
19 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm	Preschool last day of term Kingsfield's Got Talent
20 <sup>th</sup> July 8.50am 8.45am-11.45 am	Leavers' Assembly Preschool Oak room leavers party School's last day of term