



28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back - we hope that you enjoyed your Easter break!

We had an exciting day yesterday when we hosted an Able Maths Workshop here; we had 27 children from other schools and six Owls who took part in the event exploring various aspects of mathematical concepts with Dr Tandi May.

We will be having a bit of a focus on walking/cycling this and next term - using these great keep fit activities to support a number of charities. We will be having a non-uniform day next Friday to support Lorraine Hill who is cycling The Way of the Roses, Morecambe to Bridlington, passing through Lancaster & York then back again (340 miles!) next week raising money for Cancer Research UK. Good luck to her!

We also had Andrea from Maggie's Cancer Care charity talking about their Stroll in the Park family walk on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of June at 3pm, which they warmly invite you to take part in -<https://www.maggiescentres.org/how-you-can-help/take-part/all-events/stroll-in-the-park-2017/> Maggie's provides free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their family and friends and their professional staff provides support, information and practical advice in a caring, welcoming environment. Maggie's Cheltenham is situated in College Baths Road, Cheltenham GL53 7QB, near to Cheltenham General Hospital, and is open from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and 10am-4pm every second Saturday in the month. Finally you will be receiving a letter about our whole school (& family) charity walk on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of June soon.

#### FOGS NEWS:

Thank you to all that took part in the Swimathon - we raised nearly £400 for school! Thanks as well to all the children and families who watched and cheered us on. We hope to enter more teams next year and go to tea at Simpsons Fish and Chips after! This term it's eyes down for Bingo after school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Cost is £5 a child, which includes snacks. Please leave a named envelope with the money, in the office.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                     |  |
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| Monday 1st May      | BANK HOLIDAY                                     |
| Wednesday 3rd May   | HAVE A LOOK AFTERNOON Y1-Y6                      |
| W/C Monday 8th May  | KS2 SATS   |
| Thursday 11th May   | ROBINS TO BUTTERFLY FARM                         |
| W/C Monday 15th May | KS1 SATS   |
| Wednesday 17th May  | ROBINS TO HAVE HEARING TEST                      |
| Thursday 18th May   | UGLY BUG BALL ROBINS                             |
| Saturday 20th May   | SCIENCE DAY                                      |
| W/C Monday 22nd May | Y5 CYCLE TRAINING                                |
| Tuesday 23rd May    | EAGLES STRING QUARTET WORKSHOP & WINCHCOMBE WALK |
| Thursday 25th May   | BINGO STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL<br>PARENT FORUM 6PM  |

#### CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Friday 5th May - ROBINS (HAVE A LOOK SESSION STRAIGHT AFTER ASSEMBLY)

Friday 19th May - OWLS

#### NEWS FROM CLASSES:

**Robins** - Robins have begun their new topic of 'Minibeasts' by bug hunting around school and at Forest School. They have been finding facts in non-fiction books and on the internet and have learned that a minibeast does not have a skeleton on the inside of their bodies. We collected snails in a tank to see how their muscular foot helps them move as they produce slime and have made a wormery to learn more about the important job they do in our gardens. We also have caterpillars in the classroom which will become Painted Lady butterflies. In Art we made clay minibeasts and have baked some cinnamon snail biscuits (no snails were hurt in the making of these!).

**Kingfishers** - Kingfishers have kicked off our new topic, Me, Myself and I, in a variety of ways. We have been using mirrors to really study our faces and then having a go at drawing our self-portraits paying real attention to detail. We have loved looking at all of the baby photos and discussing how we have all changed over time (one child helpfully noticed how Mrs. Jones had changed the most!). We enjoyed a lovely PE lesson outside, learning lots of new games to introduce us to our Games part of the PE curriculum this term.

**Owls** - Owls have shown great interest in their new topic of Battle of Britain this week. We started by looking at major events of the 20th century and tried to identify and order these from pictures. We used clues such as whether the picture was black or white, any technology we could see in the pictures and what clothes people wore. In our next lesson we learned about the causes of World War II and started writing newspaper articles describing the events of a Britain declaring war.

**Eagles** - Eagles kicked off their Romans topic with the story of Romulus and Remus. We decided that Remus was a very unlucky brother indeed! We talked about the governance of Rome - the Kings, then the Republic, then the Emperors. Each pair of children gave a presentation about one of the types of leadership. We also found out that Caligula made his horse, Incitatus, consul! Look out for some of Year 5's writing based on TS Eliot's Book of Practical Cats in the hall.

**Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Kelly**

## This week's 'Golden Children'

**Gold Book:**

**Robins** - Jasper for his good listening skills and answering questions so thoughtfully.

**Kingfishers**- Alessio for working hard to improve his handwriting and Liam for practising and remembering key words for reading.

**Owls**- Ellis for the hard work he put into his newspaper article.

**Eagles** - Jack and Lauren for their 'Cats' writing

**Attitude Tree:** Stanley for being so keen to learn and developing such a positive attitude, Jake for a super, grown up attitude towards learning in lessons & Grace M for constantly improving in the Big Maths Challenges, learning from mistakes and achieving 10/10.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Santino, Leo & Theo

| NEXT WEEK'S MENU                       |  |   |   |                                |
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| MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                                 | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                         |
| Beef Burger in a bun with Wedges       | Chicken Curry with Rice                          | Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy  | Organic Beef Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic        | MSC Battered Fish with Chips   |
| OR                                     | OR   | OR  | OR  | OR                             |
| Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel with Wedges | Vegetable Cottage Pie                            | Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Slice                 | Vegetable Pasty with Chips     |
| OR                                     | OR   | OR  | OR  | OR                             |
| Jacket Potato with Cheese              | Homemade tomato soup with half a filled baguette | Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo            | Homemade Vegetable Soup with half a filled Baguette | Ham Salad with Chips           |
| Garden Peas & Carrots                  | Carrots, Cauliflower                             | Green Beans, Swede                        | Mixed Vegetables                                    | Baked Bean & Garden Peas       |
| Vanilla Cookies                        | Chocolate Crunch with Chocolate Sauce            | Neapolitan Ice Cream                      | Vanilla and Mandarin Sponge with Custard            | Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie |