

Message from the Head

Dear Parents,



I have really enjoyed getting into class this week to see all the great things that are going on. In particular seeing how the children are learning in maths by using concrete, pictorial and abstract methods; otherwise known as CPA.

The concrete element is the 'doing stage' where concrete objects are used to model learning. P is the 'seeing' stage and stands for pictorial where the children use representations of the object to solve problems. Once a child has shown a solid understanding of concrete and pictorial then the teacher can introduce the more abstract concept such as using mathematical symbols.

So feel free to get creative this weekend and encourage your children to use bananas and coins to help them with their homework!

Kind regards

Mrs Jearrad

★ Stars of the Week ★

- Oak Y6
Aaron & Grace
- Rowan Y5
Ivan & Macie
- Sycamore Y4
Charlie & George
- Holly Y3
Bobby & Violet
- Willow Y2
Amia & Oliver
- Birch Y1
Marshall & Megan C

House Points

Mitchell	1575
Templeton	1720
Watts	1885
Miller	1750

Our Church



Helping Others

Hebrews 13:16 (NEW TESTAMENT: LETTERS)
Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God.



School Photos

If you would like a family photograph including pre-school children, you are welcome to bring them along and queue outside the library doors (right hand side of the school building) from 3p.m. on Monday 16th October. Please ensure your child has their school jumper/cardigan.

Yellow Zig Zag Lines



It has been drawn to my attention that some parents are stopping on the yellow zig zag lines outside of school to drop their children off in the morning. This is very dangerous to the children and other road users. Please abide by **Rule 238** of the **Highway Code** which states 'You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to pick up passengers, on school entrance markings.'

Attendance

Oak Y6	94.79%
Rowan Y5	96.83%
Sycamore Y4	94.44%
Holly Y3	97.78%
Willow Y2	92.22%
Birch Y1	94.91%

Whole School 95.04%

Parent Questionnaire



Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire at parents evening this week. It is really good to get the parents perspective. The results are in and I thought you'd be interested to know the outcome;

- 96% of parents feel the new home-school communication books are a welcome addition to the school.
- 96% of parents say their child has settled well into class and are enjoying coming to school.
- 100% of parents say the newsletters are informative and read every week.
- 86% of those that use breakfast club agree is value for money and an asset to the school.
- 100% of those who attended the maths workshops thought they were informative and useful.
- 75% of those who responded, expressed a preference to a change in residential trips with 2 nights in Year 4 and 4 nights in Year 6.
- 68% of those who responded, expressed a preference to change the end of the time of day in KS1 to 3:25 in line with KS2.

In response to the comments written regarding the maths workshops, we realise that many parents were unable to attend due to work commitments. Therefore we are prepared to offer two further workshops (KS1 and KS2) to start at 5:30pm to enable working parents to attend. Mr White will set up an online booking on system and if we have enough parents book on we will run sessions for you.

Diary Dates	
Monday 16 th Oct	Individual photos (younger siblings @ 3)
Thursday 18 th Oct	KS2 Challenge afternoon 2p.m.
Friday 20 th October	Last day of term
Mon 23 rd – 27 th Oct	Half term
Thursday 4 th January	INSET Day
Friday 5 th January	INSET Day
Friday 9 th February	INSET Day
Monday 23 rd July	INSET Day

Parent Visits for 2018/19	
Wednesday 1 st November	Parent Tour
Tuesday 7 th November	Parent Tour



Keeping our children safe

It is important at this time of year that your children are aware of 'stranger danger' as well as road safety. We will be discussing these issues during our collective worship times after half term and encourage parents to talk to their children about keeping safe during the darker winter months.

