



## Message from the Head

Dear Parents,

We were all very intrigued on Monday when school descended into darkness as the sky turned orange! It felt eerie and strange, so much so, I popped outside and took a couple of photographs.

Apparently, Storm Ophelia caused a dust phenomenon and turned the sun red after pulling in tropical air, dust and debris from southern Europe and Africa. It was a great talking point between the staff and the children!

I actually can't believe it is already half term; I'm not sure where the time has gone! I wish you all a very happy and safe week off and look forward to seeing you all raring to go and ready to learn on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind regards

Mrs Jearrad



## ★ Stars of the Week ★

Oak Y6  
 Olivia & Archie  
 Rowan Y5  
 Leo & Harry  
 Sycamore Y4  
 Ashton & Faith  
 Holly Y3  
 Samuel & Beth  
 Willow Y2  
 Elliott & Evelyn  
 Birch Y1  
 Liam & Eliza

## House Points

Mitchell	1880
Templeton	2095
Watts	2285
Miller	2085

## Our Church

### Acts of Courage

Ezra 10:4 (OLD TESTAMENT: HISTORIES)

We will support you; so take courage and do what needs to be done.



## P.E kit

Throughout the winter months we advise that the children come in with extra layers, plain tracksuit bottoms and tops can be worn with their usual t-shirts.

## Attendance

Oak Y6	96.81%	
Rowan Y5	94.85%	
Sycamore Y4	95.78%	
Holly Y3	96.73%	
Willow Y2	94.76%	
Birch Y1	95.07%	

Whole School 95.61%

## LIGHT PARTY

**31st October, 5.30 - 7.30 pm**

**St John's Church, Rownhams**

After the success of the gigantic lighthouse and last years UV glow party, this year we're going traditional ( well sort of)

Pumpkin carving, pumpkin skittles, pass the pumpkin ( with a twist)  
GAMES, GLOW ACTIVITIES, CRAFT,  
PARTY SNACKS & FUN



This is an alternative to Halloween so fancy dress is welcome but please don't send your children in Halloween outfits

To reserve a place for your child or if you have any questions please email [youth@twinspires.org.uk](mailto:youth@twinspires.org.uk)  
Places are being allocated on a first come first served basis.

### Redecoration

We are very excited to see the transformation to our main corridor, the new blue carpet and fresh, clean walls make such a difference. I want to thank our KS1 teachers for all their hard work in developing our new phonics wall! It is beautifully bright and a great learning tool whilst working with small groups on their phonics and word recognition.



It has been really nice to hear positive feedback from the KS1 parents regarding the morning entrance since it has been decluttered and the pegs are now in easy reach of our children making them more independent in coming into school.

When we come back after half term, we will have a nice new carpet in the KS2 area too!

### Diary Dates

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	KS2 Challenge afternoon
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Start of new term (After school clubs commence)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	KS1 Reading Workshop 2:45
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	KS2 Reading Workshop 2:45
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	KS1 & Year R Phonics workshop 2:30

### Reminder

After school clubs are now available to be booked for after half term. Check the website under clubs and activities for more details.

### Food tasting report

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017, the Learning Leaders tried some food on the new menu. We have decided on some key points that made these treats delicious. Firstly, we tried the vegetable chilli. Then we came up with these points. One was that it contained just the right amount of spice. It was enough to make you feel considerably warm inside but not too spicy. Secondly, it had a large plethora of textures. These all complimented each other and worked well as a whole. The last statement was that with all of the different vegetables, you ended up with a variety of flavours. They all came out together while you tasted each individual vegetable. Over all the vegetable chilli was succulent and a delightful success!

For dessert, we tasted the apple taco. The taco was a dessert you will never forget. The taco had a smooth inside with a wrap for its base. The apple was made with a texture like apple pie. This sweet delight was sprinkled with a coat of icing sugar. The apple surrounded by mixed spices. The texture of the wrap and the apple makes a perfect mix and is a desirable treat that your children will not regret having.

Overall, the new menu is the best so far and the learning leaders love it. They think that it is the best option. "A heated lunch is the best when it is winter!" Mrs Jerrad quoted. We all think this opinion is correct. Vegetable chilli is served on Wednesday week 2. Apple taco is served on Friday week 3.

By Michelle and Edward (Year 6 learning leaders)

