

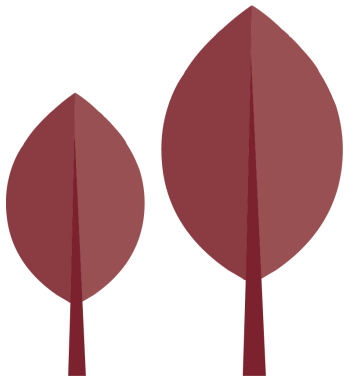


Friday, February 9th, 2018

# Newsletter



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# Maths Maestros

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended the Maths Morning last Wednesday, over fifty in total! Mr Davies and Mrs Stranger had prepared a very informative presentation outlining the concepts behind Maths Mastery and how we adapt the approach in each key stage.

Parents experienced a typical Maths lesson and, judging by the positive responses in the evaluation forms, found it a useful and enlightening session. A number of parents have requested that we do something similar for Literacy, and this is certainly something that we can do in the summer term.

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that

we will be running an Internet Safety Workshop on Tuesday, 27th February. We have decided to hold this at 9am in the morning, as this seems to be a convenient time for a lot of parents to attend.

Miss Anderson will be running through some topical issues concerning the internet. We do ask that you do not bring younger children with you for this session, as some of the content will be inappropriate for them.

I feel that this issue is of the utmost importance for all children, especially those in key stage 2, and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come.

Last, but definitely not least, we had a fantastic assembly yesterday from Larch class. They had

learnt all their lines, made props and even written a song about knocking the school down!

It is lovely to see how enrapt the rest of the school have been during these assemblies– they are a good introduction to the topics they can look forward to higher up the school.

I wish you and your families an enjoyable and relaxing half-term.

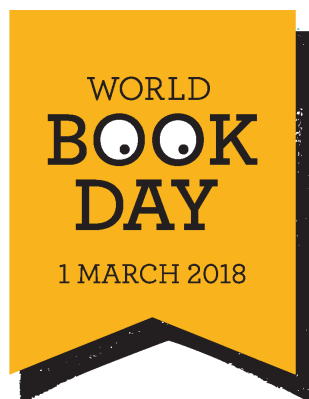
Rebecca Loader

*Headteacher*



## WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday, 1st March

We are all looking forward to this day where we focus on lots of lovely stories and books, and there is the chance to really delve into what makes a crack-ing good read.



As last year, we would like to offer the opportunity to children to dress up as a character or an author even, if they would like; or they might simply choose to bring in an accessory that marks them out as a character.

Some children might not want to dress up, but they can wear home clothes on that day so they can comfortably take part in the fun activities we have up our sleeves such as quizzes, drama, games, illustration and much, much more.

Oh yes, and Cedar class are going to organise a very special World Book Day Assembly– what could be better?!



## News

This year the school council has focused on the schools natural environment and safety; for example last November they planted at least 100 trees and 60 bushes. Also they have been focusing on the outside quiet area by the pond and as you come in from the gate.

This year is the welcoming of the house captains and charities. The house captains are: Thomas and George for **Pashler**, Violet and Aurelia for **Castle**, Rory and Jake for **Clarence** and Ethan and Olivia for **Nethergate**. We have now introduced the house charities

**Pashler** has World Wildlife or WWF **Nethergate** have Cancer Research UK, **Clarence** has Childline and **Castle** has The Rainbow Ward.

**Pashler** won the house points this term so they're going to have a surprise.

Torin Howard and James Cornwell

## HILARIOUS HAZEL NEWS

Our topic this term in Hazel class is... ANCIENT GREECE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**OVER THE LAST FORTNIGHT WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY IN HAZEL CLASS!!!**

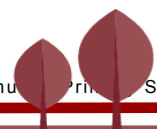
**We have been collecting boxes to make a... MOUNT OLYMPUS out of cardboard!!!**

**Hetty, Becky and Grace**

### LARCH NEWS J

In larch class we have recently started our History lessons about the Anglo -Saxons. We learnt about Runes and we created our own Illuminated Letters. And for maths... we are doing... fractions. We are thinking of equivalent fractions, improper fractions and simplifying. For our literacy, we are learning about word classes with the fabulous and one and only Mrs. Beers!! And we are writing about the book we are reading, The Hobbit, with the great teacher Miss. Illingworth!

By Sadie



# The Oak Attack!

WE STARTED THIS YEAR WITH A BANG!!!!!! quite literally because we are learning about World War 2 with the lovely Mrs Beers. **So far we have learnt about the Blitz, which is when the Germans came to Britain and bombed us. 32,000 people were killed and 82,000 people were seriously injured. We also performed an assembly all about WW2. We made Mock banana, which is a war time recipe made with parsnips instead of bananas because bananas were rationed. We tried them and they were horrible, but it was the only thing that they had or they starved!!!!** We have a display board in our class room, based on WWII, made by Mrs Beers with our War Diary on.

Last week we had a class assembly which was great. We had two of our favourite scenes from 'Mid-summernight dream' acted out by Oliver and Isaac and George and Olivia played out one of the love scenes! Obviously we had a lot of war world 2 facts including the great British fake off (a World War bake off). We had great fun ballroom dancing to the white cliffs of Dover by Vera Lynn who inspired the world war soldiers to carry on fighting.

In Maths we've been learning about multiply, adding, dividing and subtraction fractions. We have also been having fun with decimals and percentage. Our newest subject in math is angles and word problems. We are using pictures to help us solve the word problems and posters.

In English (one of our favourite topics) we are learning a huge amount of sophisticated punctuation including dashes, colons and semi colons. We are also doing a lot of big write work with our head teacher Mrs Loader- at the moment we are doing evacuee letters and autobiography.

We are progressing massively in French with Mr Davies by describing local places in Clare such as the park, the school, the doctors and the churches. Also we are learning the alphabet in French. In P.E we have our eight year six house captains and our four house charities. Green team is cancer research, yellow team is child line, blue team is world wildlife foundation and red team is rainbow award. Year six have a hockey match coming up, which was cancelled as it was too cold.



Olivia, Tilly and Lilly

## HAIR SAFETY

Please can I urge parents to ensure that children with hair beyond their shoulders, come to school with it tied up out of the way. Hair needs to be tied up anyway for PE and Science, and I mentioned before that we narrowly avoided a nasty accident in the playground where a child with long hair became entangled in play equipment. Thank you for your co-operation on this.



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## DFE Visit

**On Tuesday afternoon, we were visited by Pippa Bull, an advisor for the Department For Education. Pippa was shown round the school by the chair of our School Council, Jack Gibbs and our Vice-chair, Joe Webb; they both did a fantastic job answering all her questions and telling her about how the school is run.**

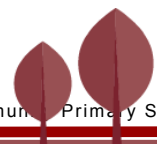
**She then met with myself and the Senior Leadership Team, our Chair of Governors, Gayle Mallows, Chris Inchley, CEO of the Stour Valley Educational Trust and Keith Haisman, the Trust Chair. It was a very supportive and constructive afternoon, and Pippa praised the direction the school was moving in.**

**I was very pleased to receive an email from her yesterday thanking me for an enjoyable and informative afternoon, and the delightful children who showed her round the school.**

## Clare Primary Football Team Report

Clare football club got off to a winning start this calendar year with a big victory over league leaders Kedington. Taking the lead early on through Oliver Rodwell, (goalkeeper at the time!), Kedington soon brought it back to 1-1 with a well worked goal and a fine finish. Keeping players fresh and warm in the cold, quick rotations saw Clare tire a resilient Kedington, taking a 4-1 lead. Kedington clawed one back in the final minutes. An entertaining game sees Clare right back in contention to retain the title although there is a long way to go yet.

A big well done to all the players involved and thank you to all parents!



## PARKING BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

The very small school carpark is for our staff and visitors only. A big thank you to the vast majority of you who abide by this, and walk to school or park away and walk up. This rule does apply when picking up from school clubs also; there are staff and children leaving the site at this time, and we need to minimise the risks to their safety by limiting additional traffic on the site to deliveries and visitors.

I would also politely request that parents who are driving to school respect the right of the nearby residents to leave and enter their properties safely, and not to park right up on the verges, where some of the green areas are being churned up beyond repair. As the weather slowly gets better, hopefully it will be easier for families to walk to school as much as they can.

## Important Dates

**HALF TERM** 12th February—16th February 2018

**PARENTS' EVENING** Tuesday 20th February 2018 3.30-6.00pm

**PARENTS' EVENING** Thursday 22nd February 2018 5.00-7.30pm

**PARENT INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING** Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 9.00 am

**YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY (PARENTS WELCOME)** Thursday 1st March 2018 at 9.00 am

**YEAR 4 GREEK DAY** Monday 5th March 2018

**CEDAR CLASS TRIP TO CLARE COUNTRY PARK** Monday 5th March 2018

**YEAR 6 DUXFORD TRIP** Wednesday 7th March 2018

**YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY (PARENTS WELCOME)** Thursday 8th March 2018 at 9.00 am

**KS2 SATS INFORMATION EVENING** Thursday 8th March 6-7pm

**ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW WEEK** 12th March—16th March 2018

**RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY (PARENTS WELCOME)** Thursday 15th March 2018 at 9.00 am

**CEDAR CLASS TRIP TO ANCIENT HOUSE MUSEUM** Mon 19th and Tues 20th March

**YEAR 3 & 4 PERFORMANCE** Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 1.30 pm

**YEAR 3 & 4 PERFORMANCE** Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 6.00 pm

**ELM CLASS ROMAN DAY** Monday 26th March 2018

**WHOLE SCHOOL INTERACTIVE MUSEUM AFTERNOON** Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 1.30 pm

**EASTER ASSEMBLY AT SCHOOL** Thursday 29th March 2018 at 2.00 pm

