



# Newsletter No. 5

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022



## Chinese New Year

This week we have looked at Chinese New Year and in reception, both the children in school and those working from home, had fun completing activities such as making their own dragons and Chinese lanterns, creating fireworks and even eating Chinese Food!



## Items from home

Please can we remind you that children should not be bringing any items into school from home (e.g. toys, jewellery etc.). Having them in school means that they could get lost and we are also having some issues with children bringing things in from home and giving them to other children. Could we also remind you that children must only have one small, sensible keyring on their bookbag. Some children have large keyrings which prevents their bookbag from fitting in their drawer. Many thanks.

## Parking in neighbouring streets

If you park in the streets around the school, please be mindful of the residents and not block their driveways. Can you also be extra vigilant of children who may not be able to see clearly when parking. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Chinese New Year continued!

Acorn class have been celebrating Chinese New Year too. From cleaning and decorating the classroom, to making dragons and dancing to music and enjoying a feast.



## Outdoor and Adventurous

The Year 4s enjoyed following the maths questions clues to find the checkpoints in the playground as part of our 'Outdoor and Adventurous' PE lesson.



## History

This week in History, Year 1 were lucky enough to see and hear a real gramophone, which is about 80 years old. The children were very excited.





Today we have taken part in Number Day for the NSPCC. Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and in the future. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive 'can -do' attitude towards it. Today we have had a fun day of maths and we have dressed up for digits. Well done GMA for taking part and making a difference to the NSPCC.



## Can you help?

We have been contacted by the Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre to say that they are just starting a clothing bank asking if we can help them support families in need by doing a 'Nearly New' collection to help them. They are collecting more than clothes and all of the items listed below would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your items into the front of school by 9am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

- Books (for all ages but particularly for children aged 5-10)
- Clothing for children of all ages (girl's clothes aged 11 to 12 years are a particular need at the moment)
- Unused art and craft materials
- Jigsaws
- Board games
- New Toys
- Nappies (unopened packets)
- Baby formula (unopened)

## Reading Corner

This week's book recommendations are on the theme of Poetry. Please let us know if your child has a favourite poem and we can tell other families about it in our next newsletter.

Reception/Year 1: Bathe the Cat – Alice B McGinty

Year 2/3: Once upon a Rhythm – James Carter

Year 3/4: Tiger Tiger Burning Bright – various poets (selected by Fiona Waters)

## A lovely little story

This little girl from Acorn discovered her baby has a missing shoe! She's worked really hard to first look for the shoe, before making a poster, with a little help. She has stuck the poster on our door in the hope somebody in our school finds the missing shoe.



## Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Principal's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Ash	Reuben	for the amazing effort he has put into his phonics and his writing this week, he is making fantastic progress!
Oak	Corey	for his effort and concentration in phonics.
Beech	Ida	for using bright colours and brushstrokes in her landscape painting and artistic presentation of her writing in English.
Elm	Alara	for making lots of new friends in her new class and for being confident to offer good ideas in lessons.
Maple	Hugo	for showing a great understanding of addition and subtraction in maths and for making great progress with his writing.
Willow	Riley	for his continued effort in phonics which is paying off during his spelling checks.
Chestnut	Laurie	for her brilliant attitude towards learning in class, she has put so much effort into her English work this week and taken real pride in her writing.
Sycamore	Sophie	for her fantastic effort and hard work during maths and in our ukulele lesson this week.
Birch	Oakley	for his enthusiasm, effort and teamwork when taking part in our Outdoor and Adventurous P.E. lessons.
Hazel	Jack	for his engagement and contribution in English when writing a class version of our information text.



### Other awards to mention

Well done to Harley from Elm class. Harley had trials for Jack Wilshere Elites Football. Harley was accepted into the academy for his fantastic football skills and training.

Well done to Amber from Willow class who has received her Level 8 and Level 9 in Gymnastics.

#### Premier

Multisports Yr 4

Poppy  
George

Birch

Birch

Gymnastics

Tiarna  
Rose

Willow

Willow

#### ASFC

Year 3

Freddie

Chestnut

Year 2

Elliot

Maple

Zumba

Rosie May

Willow

#### Tidy Ted

Well done to Sycamore class for getting Tidy Ted. Sycamore has been very tidy throughout January 2022.

#### Job Vacancies

A great opportunity to work with our wonderful team.

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