

AUTUMN TERM 2017

# NEWSLETTER NO. 13

Friday 8th December 2017

*Our value for this month is: Hope*



## Christmas performances

Thank you everyone who attended the children's Christmas performances this year. I thought the speaking and singing was of a particularly high standard and all of the children did incredibly well to learn lines and stand up confidently! Thank you as well to all of the parents and staff who contributed to and who organised the performances. It was no easy task for some and I really appreciate your commitment to the children. I hope that the joy from the performances carries you happily and humming songs into the Christmas season!

## Cancer Research UK

We would like to say a massive thank you for your kind donations for Cancer Research UK, our charity of the year, collected after the school Christmas performances this week. The total money collected was nearly **£600!!!**

## Chocolate tombola

We are collecting chocolate for our chocolate tombola which we will be running at the Winter Wonderland Fair on Friday 15th December. We would appreciate if you could send in any chocolate bars, selection boxes, etc. by Wednesday 13th December please.

Please can you check that any bars sent in do not contain nuts. Many thanks.

## Starting School September 2018

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 should apply for a reception year place in the starting school 2018 round. The closing date for applications is Monday, 15 January 2018. Applications received from Tuesday, 16 January are deemed late.

## PFGM Winter Wonderland

There are only a few spaces remaining for our Santa's Grotto on Friday 15th December, 3.45-6.45pm. Please call the school office to book. There will also be a lovely fair in the hall with a fantastic selection of vendors plus a stall from each year with some really fun games to try! We will also be selling refreshments including delicious hot chocolate and some yummy festive treats! Hope to see you all there!

## Christmas Tree

Thank you again this year to Travis Huckle's mum and dad of Arcade Nursery in Arlesey who have given us a tree for our school front entrance. Like last year, we'll be donating the value of the tree to our charity of the year. The tree is absolutely beautiful thank you and we look forward to showing it off to all of our visitors!

## Team Points

Pix – Red	1137
Hiz – Blue	1116
Purwell – Yellow	933
Ivel – Green	931

## Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** this year. If they would like to take part, please send your child into school wearing their school uniform and replace their jumper/cardigan with a Christmas jumper. If your child does not want to wear a Christmas jumper, then they should come into school wearing full school uniform. Many thanks.

## Consultation on the BEST Admissions policy Sept 19

There is a six week consultation on proposed changes to the admissions policy which started on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November and will close on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Further details can be accessed on our website [here](#)

## ParentMail Kitchen Payments

The payment options that are available this week until Sunday 6.00pm include Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December so will be paying for 7 days.

## Kitchen News - Autumn Term

**3<sup>rd</sup> January – 9<sup>th</sup> February - 28 days**

The first week back will be **Week 2 (Wednesday)** of the Autumn Term menu which will be on the website by the end of next week.

£56 dinner money, £10 per week or £2 daily.

1 x snack = £7.00 term or £1.25 weekly

2 x snack = £14.00 term or £2.50 weekly

Please state what snack your child would like. If nothing is chosen they will receive toast.

Lunchtime drinks are £14.00 per half term or £2.50 weekly.

**You can pay via ParentMail otherwise, put all money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and what the money is for. Please hand this to your child in the morning to place in their class kitchen pot. Thank you.**

## Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Head Teacher'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 Oak	Georgia Grounsell Olivia Hall	for amazing phonics and excellent sound recognition. for taking great pride in her work.
Beech Elm	William Evans Adam Conway	for his fantastic reading. for writing clear instructions, using words from our writers words.
Maple	Lacie-Marie Peters	for working very hard in Maths and demonstrating pride in her work.
Willow	Charlotte Stanton	for having an improved, positive attitude and taking more responsibility around class.
Chestnut Sycamore	Jessica Thompson Megan Kolodziczeyk	for her enthusiasm in all aspects of her school life. for her fantastic effort in her spellings.
Hazel Birch	Kai Whelpdale Niamh McGann	for his excellent verses in Haiku poetry. for her enthusiastic contributions during our poetry lessons.

## Celebration Assembly

### Football

Connor Morton                      Man of the Match

### Tag Rugby

Niamh Taylor                      Year 4 Player of the Week  
Jim Rooney                        Year 3 Player of the Week

### Swimming

Elizabeth Emery                      Stage 3  
Keira Roberti                        Level 2  
Cydney Page                         Level 4

### Hotshots

Taylor Spackman                      Player of the Month

### Tae Kwon Do

Finley Chastney                      Yellow Belt

### Gymnastics

Carter Smith                         Level 7

### Drama

Kaysie-Rose Brown                      Cast Award for Most Improved  
Dancer & Commitment Award  
Tabitha Miller-George                      Medal for Most Improved Actor &  
New Member Award

### Brownies

Mikayla Pedley                        Enrolment into Brownies &  
Circus Performer Badge

### Premier Sports

Evie Bayfield                        Premier Sports Medal  
Amelia Farrow                       Premier Sports Medal

### Others

Amelia Farrow                        Mascot for Stevenage Ladies FA  
Cup last Sunday

### Kitchen Staff Awards

William Davis  
Nicole Hall  
Ruby Deakin  
Harrison Harvey

## Book Club

The Book Club will be in the Library on Wednesday lunchtimes as follows:

13<sup>th</sup> December    Sycamore

Brand new books are available to purchase at half price. Most are priced between £2 and £4. All proceeds go towards new books for the school.

If you are happy for your child to choose a book, please send money in a named envelope on the day. Please note that you are under no obligation to buy.