

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half term. This is a very short half term leading up to Easter and we have a lot to pack in. This week we have been busy planning our end of year performance. Key Stage Two will be putting on a show on a grand scale and more details will follow regarding dates and ticket availability after May half term. As every child in Key Stage Two will be involved and we anticipate a high demand for tickets we will be putting on two evening performances and two day time performances to increase the number of tickets available. We have organised a number of events, trips and activities recently where requests have come in after deadlines. These cause a significant amount of additional work for our office staff and we have therefore taken the decision to make all deadlines finite moving forward. Please do check your children's bags for letters, keep an eye on the newsletter for dates and deadlines and read your texts to ensure you don't miss anything you would like to be involved in.

## What is Prayer ? Day

Reverend Mark Lowther joined us in school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February to help us begin to answer the question, "What is prayer?" He worked with each class to discuss the children's thoughts and ideas and children created their own and class prayers.

## Tractors in to Schools

On Friday we had a very large visitor to school. A tractor visited as part of our work on careers and getting the children to consider the different areas of work they may wish to consider as part of their future career paths. Chestnut class children were able to talk to the farmer about what farming actually involves and why it might be a good career choice and had a chance to experience the scale of the machine up close.

## S.T.E.M. Astronomical Visitor

It has been a good week for visitors coming in to school. David Gwynne from Stemnet, a local astronomy group based at Westleton, came to talk to a group of children about everything that is out there in our night skies, beyond the earth. Children considered dwarf planets and stars, asteroid belts, far galaxies and many other extremely interesting facts as part of their Science work on Space. Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) are ones not often considered by young people and we have been trying to broaden their horizons by introducing the children to opportunities that might be their future career choices. Dash-Astro with Lyra are having a free open day at Westleton on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June on International Sun Day. During this day you will be able to use their specialised solar observation equipment to look at the sun and there will be a range of activities for children and families. Please see Miss Porter for more details.

### Saxmundham Free School

Some of our Year 6 children have been making the most of the opportunity to attend Saxmundham Free School on Wednesday afternoons as part of their maths work. Children have attended a series of master classes and will continue to develop their own deeper thinking about maths and mastery of the new skills and methods they have been introduced to. A big 'thank you' to Mr Battle at the Free School for organising this project and for inviting some of our young people to take part. They thoroughly enjoyed their learning and came back in to school eager to talk about what they had learned.

### Mother's Day Lunch

We are very pleased to announce that we are going to be welcoming record numbers of mums to join us for our annual Mother's Day lunch next Thursday. Ninety-three of our one hundred and twenty two mums will be joining us, which is fantastic. Due to the unprecedented demand we have had to change the times slightly to ensure we are able to feed everyone on time. There will therefore be three sittings for lunch. Please arrive for the sitting for which you are booked in as we will be unable to offer additional lunches at any other time. Your child will have brought home a slip on Wednesday stating the time for which your lunch has been booked. Please check with the office well in advance if you have not seen this.

### Stars of the Week

This week our value has been HELPING OTHERS. Our pupils of the week for helping others are Mollie in Oaks class, Daisy in Hawthorn class, Florence in Rowan class, Thomas in Chestnut class and Samuel in Silver Birch class. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be BEHAVING WELL. This ties in neatly with our new behaviour management system and the number of children striving to achieve silver and gold awards for outstanding behaviour and attitudes towards learning.

### In the Community

Well done to Bethany who has completed her 400m swim and achieved her badge and certificate for swimming.

### Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the school year so far is 96.4%. This is an improvement and we are really pleased. The class with the best attendance this week were Rowan and Silver Birch with 100%. Well done everyone.

### Ten House Points

Well done to Lily, Liam, Charlie, Aulaini and Nicola who have achieved ten house points this week. Some children are well on their way to twenty-five house points and are really challenging themselves to do their very best and achieve as highly as they can. We had our first gold awards this week too. Well done to Nicola who achieved a gold for her excellent work and progress in maths.

### Homework Club

Mrs Chatten-Berry is running a homework club every lunchtime for children who wish to take

advantage of using their time to complete homework at school, or who wish to ask for support in doing their homework or understanding what it is they have to do. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this facility if they find it difficult to get their homework done at home.

#### Eco Club Competition Reminder

If you plan to enter the competition this is your final weekend for preparing your entry.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February. Please hand in to the school office for the attention of Eco Club. There will be prizes !!

#### Sport Relief Penny Shoe Boxes and Great British Bake Off

The School Council will be holding a Great British Bake Off Sport Relief showstopper competition, with the proceeds to Sport Relief on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Cakes with a sporting theme should be handed in to the office on the morning of 21<sup>st</sup> March and they will be judged during the school day. Cakes will be sold after school on the playground. School Council members will also be collecting pennies in their shoeboxes on the playground during that week.

#### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We will be dressing up as characters from our favourite books and will be focusing on reading for enjoyment and how to look for clues in the texts to infer authorial intent, predict what might happen next and infer meaning. We are always looking for ways to develop children's reading experiences and plan to develop outside reading spaces during the Summer Term. We are trying to source pallets to create outdoor seating areas for reading and if any parents are able to help us with this mission we would be most grateful.

#### Parents Evenings

We will be holding two parents evenings this half term. In response to the requests from parents last term to hold a later meeting the second of the parents' evenings will run between 5pm and 7pm. Please sign up on the clipboards in the playground. Mr Pritchard will talk in detail to Silver Birch parents about preparations for SATS and how the SATS this year have changed for their children. Due to the increased standard and level of challenge for this group of children and children's individual preparation needs we have taken the decision not to hold a separate meeting about SATS but to discuss specifics as part of individual meetings with Year 6 parents.

#### Diary Dates

03.03.16 World Book Day  
08.03.16 Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm  
15.03.16 Parents' Evening 5pm - 7pm  
16.03.16 Community Dentist in School (R-Year 4)  
24.03.16 Art in Music / Music in Art Day  
24.03.16 Last day of term.  
BANK HOLIDAY \_ GOOD FRIDAY 25.03.16  
28.03.16 - 08.04.16 EASTER BREAK