

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a restful break as we have lots planned for this term and will be certain to keep you all very busy. As the weather continues to improve we will be encouraging the children to use the outside learning and play spaces even more and the PTA have kindly purchased new table cloths for the picnic area so children can

begin eating their lunches outside again if they would like to.

We have welcomed a number of new children and parents to our community this week and have again been impressed with the warmth of the welcome they have received from both the pupils and yourselves. We feel this is a great part of what makes our school community so special.

On a sad note, Mrs Tibbenham leaves us today. We would like to thank her for all her hard work across the school and wish her well for the future. We know she will stay in touch and pop back to visit when she can.

## Stars of the Week

This week our value has been CONFIDENCE! Our pupils of the week for confidence are Lucas Cracknell-Burrows in Oaks class, Summer Johnson in Hawthorn class, Tommy Brown in Rowan class, Amy Heather in Chestnut class and Mari O'Dwyer in Silver Birch class. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be TOLERANCE.

## Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the school year so far is 96.4% and for this week was 97.6%. The class with the best attendance this week was Silver Birch with 98.6%. 73 children had 100% attendance last half term and we would like to see if we can beat this figure this half term. The bar has been set high!

## Ten House Points

Well done to Elijah Parker, Daniel Baldry, Harry Mayhew and Bulcsu Kakuszi who have achieved ten house points this week and to Heather Tibbenham, Lilly Lister and Liam Buggs, who have achieved twenty-five house points for their efforts and achievements.

## In The Community

We are proud to have two new pupil Librarians, a first for Coldfair Green. Taylor Rennie and Matilda Clements have been working in the library to ensure it is organised and books returned by the children are replaced correctly. They will also be supervising the outdoor reading spaces once these are completed.

Over the Easter holidays Lily Smith has completed Stage Four of the Kellogg's ASA Swimming Awards and Mollie Clayton has swum 400m and achieved her certificate under the Rainbow Swimming Award Scheme. Well done. These are such important skills to learn.

### Coffee Morning at Knodishall Playgroup

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, between 10am and 11.45am Knodishall Playgroup are holding a stay and play session for parents of pre-school aged children. Please see the attached green slip for further details.

### Chicken Pox

We have several unconfirmed cases of chicken pox in school at the moment. It is worth parents being aware as this can cause difficulties for any expectant mothers who have not had it or been immunised against it.

### Writing for Real Purposes and to Real Audiences

As part of our work on developing the quality and style of children's writing, we have been focusing on writing to real people as the audience for our writing. In addition to using persuasive language to attract sponsors for our new Ecopod classroom, Bethany Cook in Chestnut Class decided to write to the Duke of Wellington to tell him all about her experiences of taking part in the Jubilee Opera and the role that she played. She has recently received a reply from the Duke's Private Secretary and an invitation to Aspley House in London to find out more about the Duke and his family. Well done Bethany!

### Polite Reminder

Now the weather is improving we have been asked by our neighbours to remind parents that there is a car park next to The Butcher's Arms that they are able to park in at the beginning and ends of the school day. There is a lollipop lady on the main road and parking away from Judith Avenue will help us to keep the area around the immediate vicinity of the school safer for everyone coming to the building. It is also good for the children to walk a little further. Please consider your parking arrangements and think about maybe leaving five minutes earlier to enable you to walk this distance with your children.

### 'Marathon in a Month' for British Heart Foundation

The British Heart Foundation are running 'Marathon in a Month' for the month of May. We are aiming to complete our own version of this during the first half of the summer term. Children can choose if they wish to collect sponsorship money (see Mrs Fewkes for a form if they would like one) or can choose simply to run and enjoy being outside in the fresh air and getting fitter. We will aim to complete a number of laps of the field each day, with ten laps adding up to one mile. Mrs Fewkes aims to run with the children and complete her own marathon. Please contact her via the school office if you would like to sponsor her. To complete the 26.2 miles to make up a marathon children will need to complete 262 laps of the field. They will record the distances they run on a Marathon card and tally up their mileage each week.

### PTA Update

**The Easter Event** was a great success and raised £252. Many thanks to all who supported and provided Easter goodies for our tombola and raffle. A very big thank you to the Easter Bunny for joining us again this year and making our Easter Egg Hunt extra special!

Rumplestiltskin - The children were delighted to be entertained by Rumplestiltskin performed by The Norwich Puppet Company, on Tuesday as the hook in to our new topics this term of Magical Movement (KS2) and Traditional Tales (EYFS / KS1). Although the children themselves raised some of the money towards the cost of the show the PTA generously covered the

shortfall. We are very excited about the potential for high quality writing that will come from this and the performance was enjoyed by all.

**Recycling 'Month' Fundraiser** - Time to Spring Clean! The PTA will be holding a recycling month running from now through until the end of May to raise money for our school. We will be collecting :- Ink Cartridges - these can be small ones from home printers as well as the larger ones from business machines. There will be a box in the school office into which these can be put; mobile phones; clean unwanted clothing, shoes, bags and belts - please bag these and label for recycling. Posters and flyers will follow with additional details.

**Friday Tuck** - As you are aware, money from this event goes towards the purchase of electrical items for the school. This event has already provided the school with six digital cameras and one tablet computer and profits are now going towards purchasing additional laptops for the classrooms. Thank you for your continued support of this.

**Long Term Fundraiser** - We are raising funds to allow the school to build tree houses and a raised walkway in the woodland area we paid to have fenced off last summer holidays. The school has received a quote for two tree houses and a raised walkway and would like to turn the woodland area into an enchanted forest area, using the tree houses as reading spaces and inspiration for outdoor writing and learning in the natural environment.

#### **Forthcoming PTA Events -**

**21.06.16:** Please join us for refreshments after the Midsummer Festival.

**29.06.16:** Non Uniform Day - Bring in an item for the Summer Fete.

**02.07.16: (Saturday)** Summer Fete - Help needed.

**5.07.16 or 12/07.16:** Sports Day (dependent on weather) Cream Teas following Sports Day.

If you would like to help in any way we welcome your support. Please get in touch via Mrs Fewkes or the school office. Many thanks again for your continued support in helping to provide all the little extras for our children and their education. **Kate Goddard.**

#### School Council

The new School Council; have been democratically selected by the children for this term. They are Nicole Cook and Oliver Whale in Oaks; Toby Goddard and Summer Johnson in Hawthorn; Heather Tibbenham and Jack Balls in Rowan; Bulcsu Kakuszi and Amy Heather in Chestnut and Alex Tye and Lily Armstrong in Silver Birch. Miss Green will be taking over the running of the School Council this term and she is excited to be working with the children. One of their first tasks will be to interview candidates for our HLTA post next week.

#### Clubs

Clubs start next week. Please sign up in the usual way, via the school office. If it is necessary to limit the number of places due to health and safety guidance, children will be allocated spaces on a first come first served basis and a reserve list will be kept. Fees for the Tennis Club need to be paid up front and failure to do so by the deadline means the place will be reallocated as there is a long waiting list for this ever - popular club. Please help us to help you by ensuring money is in a clearly marked envelope. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Club	Day / Time	Member of Staff	Number of Spaces
Marathon in a month	Weds, Thurs, Fri lunchtimes (field)	Mrs Fewkes	No limit
Tennis (£45.00)	Wednesday 3.15- 4.15pm	John - Tennis Coach	12
Multi - Sports Activity Club Years 1/2	Tuesday 3.15 - 4.15pm <b>Starting week after next</b>	Mr Butcher	unlimited
Lego Club	Monday Lunchtime (cabin)	Mrs Lewington	15
Chatterbooks (reading club) Year 5 and 6	Friday Lunchtime (cabin)	Mrs Lewington	15-20
Eco and Gardening Club	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	Mrs Atherton Mrs Chalker	open
Recorder Club	Thursday Lunchtime	Miss Porter	open
Choir	Wednesday Lunchtime	Mrs O'Dwyer	open
Homework Club	Every lunchtime (Chestnut room)	Mrs Chatten-Berry	
56 Club / 56 plus Club	Every lunchtime (Chestnut room)	Mrs Chatten-Berry	
Lion King Auditions and Rehearsals	Lunchtimes - to be announced	Miss Porter / Mrs Fewkes / Mrs O'Dwyer	All KS2

### Swimming

Swimming starts on Tuesday for Key Stage Two. A separate letter has gone home. Please also ensure your child has their full PE kit in school every day over the Summer Term as we will be working with the FA still for additional football sessions and there will be a number of additional opportunities for your child to get active. It is particularly important that kit is available on PE days and useful on other days.\_

### Diary Dates

April / May PTA Recycling 'Month'

18.04.16 Governor's Steering Committee

19.04.16 Swimming for KS2 Pupils

20.04.16 Paired Reading

02.05.16 Bank Holiday - School Closed

04.05.16 Reception Class children - Heights and Weights

09.05.16 - 12.05.16 Year 6 SATS week

13.05.16 Paired Reading

19.05.16 Art and Music Day