

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

This week we have been very proud of our school as we have shown it off to a number of visitors. As I have toured the school with parents in every room the children have been working hard, to the best of their abilities, and behaviour for learning has been excellent. You should be very proud of your children's achievements. It has been a pleasure to show them off. We have been working with the children considering how they feel about learning spellings this week. Interestingly Year One enjoy learning their spellings and could tell us about a number of strategies they use and enjoy. Miss Lewis and Year 5 had a spelling week and used a number of whole body, fun, sensory experiences to practise their spellings and the children talked about these with enthusiasm. We are always updating our thinking around how children learn and it has been useful to get the children's perspectives on spelling. It is something we will be following up further through our literacy cafés before half term. Miss Lau has updated the Phonics Policy which can be seen on our website. This describes our approach to teaching phonics at school. Don't hesitate to talk to her if you have any questions about it.

Star of the Week

This week our value has been **COURAGE**. A number of our parents have bravely entrusted us with their children who have been off to Kingswood on the Residential Trip this week and have had an excellent time, building their resilience and bravely trying things they haven't done before. Some of them have been staying away from home for the first time too. All of these children deserve a mention for their courage.

Our pupils of the week for courage are Willow in Oaks; Elsie in Hawthorn; Jake in Rowan; Heather in Chestnut and Bulcsu in Silver Birch. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be **DIVERSITY**.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket" Our whole school attendance figure for the school year is 97.8% and for the week is 96.1%. The class with the best attendance this week was Chestnut with 99%.

In the Community

These children brought in their certificates and medals to share with us in assembly today: Ruby took part in the Big Friendly Read at the library, Amelia has learnt all her tables and answered a number of multiplication questions at speed to gain her place in the 56 club, and we received a certificate as a school for raising £780 for our Race for Life event last term. It has been great to share in all these successes in assembly today and also to know that the money we have raised will make a difference and to consider how it will be spent.

Good Behaviour Awards

Jake and Heather went onto gold this week on the behaviour chart for working very hard to learn their nine times tables both forwards and backwards. This is showing real mastery of the multiplication facts, not an easy task. Well done you two!

Lots of children have been working very hard to get house points for their efforts and excellent learning behaviours. The following children have attained their ten house point certificates this week: Jake, Daniel, Jack, Tommy, Joseph, Amelia, Annabel, Mason, Amber, Oliver and Florence. Well done everyone, you have all been working hard!

PTA AGM and Social Evening

Message from Kate Goddard, PTA Chair: The PTA is holding their Annual General Meeting in a slightly different way this year. With the demands of everyday life and time being so limited we have tried to pull together an evening that can achieve a number of things.

The PTA would like to welcome new parents and provide an opportunity for us all to catch up socially whilst at the same time covering our AGM agenda. More importantly we would like our PTA to be open to all parents. Feel free to join us for as much or as little of the evening as you are able. We value your views, ideas and opinions.

The evening will consist of a short report, with the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas through a questionnaire or a chat with a committee member. This will be followed by cheese and wine and an opportunity to do a bit of early Christmas shopping at a few small stalls. A percentage of sales will go towards PTA funds which support the school and all of our children. If you are unable to attend but would like the opportunity to complete the questionnaire, get involved with events or join the committee please collect the paperwork form the school office after the 19th October. Kate Goddard.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school between Monday 10th October and Tuesday 18th October. It will be open after school every day until 3.45pm and there will be an opportunity to have a look at the books during the Parents' evenings and Literacy Cafés. A leaflet has come home today too. Whilst there will be multiple copies of the books we will take orders for additional copies once we only have one left. These will be ordered and available on 19.10.16 when the trolleys are collected. Please do come and have a browse, we are hoping there will be something for everyone and a chance to start thinking about stocking fillers maybe. A percentage of sales comes back to the school to spend on books for the classrooms and library.

Parents' Evening

The clipboards will be on the playground for you to sign up for the two parents' evenings. This is an opportunity to talk to the Literacy and Maths teachers about the progress your child is making and how they can be helped to continue to improve or to speak to their class teacher about how they have settled in and their behaviour for learning this term. The children have been talking to us about their learning and how they feel about it and it would be useful to bring them with you as we would like the meetings to be child led so the children have their voices heard. They are very proud of the progress they are making and all of them are able to tell us what they do well and what they would like to develop further. We hope you will be able to join us to share this conversation and look at their books.

Homework Club

There will be no homework club on Monday as Mrs Palmer has been called to a meeting. Lunchtime homework clubs will run as normal next week.

Diary Dates

- 12.10.16 Settling in Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
- 12.10.16 Full Governing Body Meeting
- 14.10.16 RE Day - Diwali
- 14.10.16 Paired Reading
- 18.10.16 Settling in Parents' Evening 5-7pm
- 19.10.16 Literacy Learning Café
- 19.10.16 PTA AGM and Social Evening 6.30pm - 8pm
- 21.10.16 KS1 Theatre visit to Stick Man
w/b 24.10.16 HALF TERM