

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

There has been much in the news recently about the cuts to school budgets in real terms. Although our number of pupils on roll is growing, and this does bring additional funding into school, there is increasing pressure on school budgets. With this in mind we have introduced a number of cost cutting measures to ensure we remain able to keep our staffing ratios high as we feel that staffing is the investment which makes the biggest difference to your children's

achievement and progress. We are going cashless in the office. This will be phased in but our new payments system will mean that you can pay by card, or through an app on your phone or online for any school meals, school trips etc. We are hoping that this will help parents and make life a little easier. It means you will be able to book meals online in advance or on the day through school in the normal manner, although we will not be able to take any money in the office. Letters will come out through this system for trips too and will make it harder for the children to hide them in bags and forget to give them to you, which will hopefully further aid communication.

The children have been challenged to save money. A lot is spent on electricity wasted when classroom lights, computers and whiteboards are left on when nobody is using the room. They are all being very conscientious as I have told them that every penny saved, when we compare next years' monthly bills with this years' will be spent on their outdoor play spaces, to give them more to do at lunchtimes. They did agree that this would be a much better use of nearly five thousand pounds rather than spending it on electricity we didn't need to use. The challenge has begun. Hopefully they will be more aware of electricity costs at home helping you drive down bills too.

Next week's newsletter will be the last coming out in its current format. Due to the spiralling costs of both paper and photocopying we have reluctantly taken the decision to go paperless. Now the new website is up and running and we have sorted out initial teething problems, newsletters will continue to be uploaded to the website each Friday. We will not be sending out paper copies unless these are specifically requested in writing by anyone who is unable to access these at home. We are planning to spend the savings on updating and extended the Early Years Outdoor Area and on outdoor play equipment requested by the children.

## Stars of the Week

This week our value has been RESPECT. Our pupils of the week for showing respect are George in Oaks class, Oliver in Hawthorn class, Emily in Rowan class, Warren in Chestnut class and Freddie in Silver Birch class. We have been thinking about events in the news this week and considered the British Value of 'Tolerance' and talking about why families have been fleeing their homes and ending up as refugees. We know that wherever people come from and whatever journey they have made we need to treat them all with respect. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be DOING MY BEST.

## In the Community

The Spring 2017 Newsletter from the School Nursing Team has arrived in school today by email and is now available for you to download from our website. There has been terrible news from London this week. The children will no doubt be talking about it and airing their concerns. If you are worried about how to respond to their questions we have tweeted some links to some good advice we found. We hope this will be helpful. If you are not on Twitter, this is embedded in the twitter feed on the front page of the website, although you may have to scroll down a little bit.

## School Council

The School Council have been working with Mrs Fewkes this week to begin to develop their own School Improvement Plan. The children have been considering improvements they think are necessary to their

school to make it a better place in which to learn and play. This work will continue next week.

#### Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the year so far is 95.37% and for the week is 97.44%. The class with the best attendance this week was Chestnut with 99.55%

#### Good Behaviour Awards

The following children have gone on to **GOLD** this week: Kyra, Sam, Corey, Noah, Bettymae, Hannah, Elsie, Tom, Sam and Cooper, Lily, Edie, Thomas, Oliver and Dion. There have been some fantastic improvements in attitudes towards learning and some excellent progress seen in books and in lessons as I have been on my various journeys around the school this week with my visitors. Lots of children on both silver and gold this week! Keep up the excellent attitudes.

#### Sports Fixtures

Match report from Year 4 and 5: 'On Wednesday we played Tag Rugby at Alde Valley. We played against Saxmundham, Peasenhall and Benhall. We lost against Saxmundham, however we didn't stop trying and that's how we tied the next game.'

A big well done to all who played and for being great sportsmen and women. You did us proud. Thanks too to Mr Butcher and Mrs Staff who stood out in the cold and cheered the children on, as well as to those of you who managed to come and watch. Great team effort.

#### Junior Road Safety Officers

The JRSOs have been busy this afternoon monitoring the traffic on Judith Avenue and down by the main road. We have become increasingly concerned about the speed traffic travels at outside the school, as well as drivers on the pavements and the JRSOs are planning to write to the Council about the possibility of having a twenty miles per hour speed limit zone or road humps on Judith Avenue, near the school, to slow traffic down and ensure everybody's safety.

#### House Points

House	Points so far
Red - Mars	1051
Yellow - Saturn	1122
Green - Earth	1116
Blue - Neptune	948

**Twenty - five house points** were awarded to the following children this week: Harry, Bettymae, Olivia, Lily, Adele and Thomas. The following children have received their **fifty house point** certificates: Alex, Summer, Isla, Louis, Charlie, Jake and Toby. **Seventy - five house points** were awarded to: Bobby, Jack and Pearl and **One Hundred House Point Certificates** were presented to: Amelia and Thomas.

#### Random Acts of Kindness

Small acts of kindness can really make a difference to our relationships with each other and they are often the basis of making new friendships. This week's 'Random Acts of Kindness Awards' go to Maddie, Freddie and Emily. It is lovely how kind our children are to each other, especially when they don't know we are watching.

#### Diary Dates

27.03.17 Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Competition

30.03.17 RE Day - Where do People Worship?