

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

We have been extremely busy this week. Key Stage Two have spent the day at West Stowe as part of their Anglo Saxon topic and enjoyed time in the Anglo Saxon village and museum where they got to experience a completely different way of life. They certainly came back to school with some interesting observations.

You may have heard about our 'break in' from the children in Cherry class, who have worked closely with the police this week to investigate after their classroom was left all topsy turvey. There were strange muddy footprints all over the windows and tables, several of which were overturned. After some serious detective work they concluded that they may have had a nocturnal visit by 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea.' We are enjoying reading the children's writing about their discoveries on Thursday morning when they arrived at school.

I have received a letter from Kate Goddard the PTA Chair this week, which I have included below for your information:

"After five very happy years as the Chair of the PTA I will be stepping down at the AGM this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee, staff, parents and friends of Coldfair Green Primary for all their help and support.

If you feel you would like to take up this role or others on the committee, or just get involved if and when, please come and join us, your support will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,

Kate Goddard. "

I am sure you would like to join the staff and I in thanking Kate for all her tireless hard work on behalf of all of the children and hope as many of you as possible will join us at the AGM on October 10th at 6pm, where we will be able to thank her formally.

Governing Body

There are two vacancies for Parent Governors from this Autumn Term and parent nomination forms came home this week. We are very pleased with the expressions of interest so far. We are looking forward to welcoming new parent governors to help us in moving the school forward on its journey towards outstanding.

Stars of the Week

This week our value has been TOLERANCE. Our pupils of the week for being tolerant are Molly in Oaks class, Daisy in Cherry class, Ellie-Mae in Hawthorn class, Taylor in Rowan class, Shantos in Chestnut class and Harry N in Silver Birch class and Warren in Redwood class. Our focus on British Values this week has been 'Mutual Respect.' We have thought about how our lives and journeys are all so different and how some people have made huge sacrifices for others or have injuries we cannot see. We have considered the question 'How can hope triumph after times of great difficulty?' and have discussed what this means to each of us. Next week the value we will be focussing on is SELF-CONFIDENCE.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the year so far is 98.2% and for this week is 96.7%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as possible. The classe with the best attendance this week is Rowan with 99%. We will be holding return to school meetings for all absent children to ensure they catch up on key learning missed and they can make the most of all opportunities to progress.

An attendance board in the hall and new information added to the website explains in more detail why we feel it is so important not to miss any school unless absolutely necessary.

Two weeks missed a year (the amount of time taken on average for a holiday) for every year during primary school is like missing nine months of a child's primary education and this is the most important time for embedding learning needed for future success as adults.

Class Dojo

It has been great to see so many parents signed up already. It works on your phones too as an app. It has been really pleasing for the teachers to have had so many messages from you this week and they are pleased to have been able to get back to you so fast. We are hoping this will help with communication as we are able to message you about things your child has been learning during the day too as well as hearing about things from home. This can be a more efficient way of getting a message to your child's class teacher than the diary as the Dojo app is open all the time. Please let us know if you would like another sign up code if yours has been misplaced.

House Points

House	Points so far
Red - Mars	71
Yellow - Saturn	118
Green - Earth	190
Blue - Neptune	121

The following children have gained ten house point certificates this week: Ellis, Maddie, Nicole , Lucas, Lily, Cooper, James and Freddie.

Silver Behaviour Certificates were awarded to ten children this week.

Random Acts of Kindness Awards

These have been awarded to Freddie, Jonty, Michael, Millie and Amelie. The children have been looking after each other well this week and helping each other get used to being back at school again. Well done everyone!

In the Community

Amelia has earned a gold medal for 50m butterfly when swimming; Chelsey has gained a certificate for the Summer Reading Challenge and Georgina has earned seven rosettes for her horse riding at Iken Gymkhana. Well done everyone, what lovely things you do outside of school.

Dates for your Diary

27.09.17 Year 3 and 4 children - Computing - Using Scratch Junior across the Curriculum

28.09.17 Sponsor forms out re: October Readathon

28.09.17 NSPCC Assembly and KS2 workshops

29.09.17 Ruby in Year 4 Macmillan Cancer research Sponsored Head Shave -2pm at Aldeburgh Hospital

02.10.17 2.30pm KS2 Share Session / Learning Café - Reading Detectives project launch

03.10.17 PARENTS' EVENING 3.30-5pm

11.10.17 PARENTS' EVENING 5-7pm