

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

Welcome back! I hope you all managed a good rest with the children and enjoyed having them at home for half term. They have certainly come back with renewed vigour and enthusiasm and have been impressing us even more this week with how hard they are working. Maybe that extra hour in bed on Sunday made all the difference!

With the clocks changing and darker mornings and evenings it is important that any children cycling to school consider the need for lights on their bikes as well as helmets. We are still awaiting news regarding the return of the lollipop lady, who is still recovering after knee surgery. We hope she will be back safely on her crossing soon, helping us all arrive and leave safely.

The School Council are busy planning the Careers Fair and have been busy writing and sending out letters this week to potential visitors. The children would love to hear about as wide a range of job and employment opportunities as possible as they are already beginning to think about High School and what comes next after school. If you are able to support us or know someone who would be interested in talking about their job and answering questions from the children, please do get in touch via the school office or complete the reply slip on the letter that came home this week. If you would like additional copies of the letter for friends or colleagues these can be printed from the letters page of the website or collected from the school office. Thank you for supporting us in raising aspirations for all of our children.

## Stars of the Week

This week our value has been BEING PROUD OF OURSELVES. Our pupils of the week for being proud of themselves are Harrison in Oaks class, Dexter in Cherry class, Noah in Hawthorn class, Isla in Rowan class, Samuel B in Chestnut class, Joseph in Silver Birch class and Tommy R in Redwood class. Our focus on British Values this week has been 'The Rule of the Law' and we have been thinking about how we have rules and laws in place to keep everybody safe. We have discussed how rules will need to keep changing as technology changes to ensure everyone continues to stay safe. We have also thought about robots and artificial intelligence as this has been in the news and how programming of robots will need to ensure we are all kept safe. We have considered the question 'Should we teach robots how to think?' and have discussed how this might cause problems as well as having potential benefits. Next Week the value we will be focusing on is Resilience.

## In the Community

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Sponsored October Readathon. Please could any remaining sponsorship money be handed in to the school office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November so the children can begin planning which books to buy for their classrooms and library. Thank you for supporting with them. Some children read over twenty books, which is a real achievement!

Daisy S has gained her 400m swimming award in the Rainbow Swimming Award Scheme. Brrrr! I bet it's quite chilly on the poolside this time of year Daisy! Well done for persevering!

## The Samaritans Purse

We are collecting shoeboxes of Christmas gifts to donate to the Samaritans Purse Charity again

this Christmas. Leaflets are coming home shortly and gifts can be chosen for boys or girls. More details to follow. Mrs Duggan will have a supply of shoeboxes if wanted and these can be ordered via the school office for a small cost of 40p.

### Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the year so far is 97.85% and for this week is 98.07%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as possible. The class with the best attendance this week is Chestnut with 100%.

*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.*

### House Points

House	Points so far
Red - Mars	245
Yellow - Saturn	349
Green - Earth	403
Blue - Neptune	299

The following children have gained **ten house point certificates this week**: Katie W, Esme, Corey, Jemma and Finley **Twenty-five house points have been awarded to**: Cooper, Jack B, Hollie G, Toby and Bobby. **Silver Behaviour Certificates** were awarded to Ollie, Max, Summer, Alex, Taylor, Amelie, Chelsy T and Lily L.

**Random Acts of Kindness Awards** this week go to Shanjay and Edie who have both gone above and beyond to prove to everyone that kindness makes the world go around and have managed to put smiles back on the faces of others this week. Great news!

### Dates for your Diary

- 07.11.17 PTA Meeting
- 10.11.17 Van Cols School Photograph Day
- 13.11.17 RE Day
- 15.11.17 Full Governing Body Meeting
- 21.11.17 Year 6 Sizewell for Science - Dragon's Den
- 23.11.17 Flu Injections NHS - Years R,1,2,3,4 children
- 24.11.17 Education Welfare Officer in School
- 29.11.17 Raising Aspirations Careers Fair
- 30.11.17 The Nutcracker Theatre Production - Funded by the PTA
- 06.12.17 Christmas Fayre
- 11.12.17 2pm & 5pm Wriggly Nativity
- 13.12.17 2pm Wriggly Nativity
- 14.12.17 Christmas Dinner
- 15.12.17 Carol Service
- 19.12.17 Last day of Autumn Term