

**Value of the week:**

This term we are starting to ask two questions:

Who are we?

What do we value?

I would like children to begin to reflect on the school and the community and what we stand for. We looked at our motto, Bonum Commune Communitatis, which translates as “the common good of our community” and the value of this week is awarded to children who demonstrate that value of doing things for the good of others. We will continue to think about this next week, and look at what we want to say about ourselves as a community.

**Achiever of the week:**

Minibeasts: Kelly M

Minibeasts: Kasey W

Tigers: Alexander S

Zebras: Harry H

Penguins: Abi F

Giraffes: Eva W

Lions: Charlotte B

Meerkats: Yanislav D

Eagles: Miranda McC

**Value of the week:**

Minibeasts: Ava B

Minibeasts: Annabelle K

Tigers: Henri C

Zebras: Chloe H

Penguins: Alba C

Giraffes: Ellie R

Lions: Rafal S

Meerkats: Oliver M-H

Eagles: Archie S

**Welcome to the sun!**

It was so lovely to see the sun this week, and Mr Steward, our site manager, thinks that we might be able to start using the field from next week all being well as the sun should dry it out a little!

Some reminders and other information:

- Please make sure that children have a **named water bottle** in school – they can have a drink and lunchtimes in the hall, but the water bottle is their source of water for the rest of the day.
- Please make sure that children have a **sunhat** in school when the forecast is hot. There is little shade on the playground, and PE lessons will also still take place in all but the most extreme weather.
- **Please do not send suncream into school with children.** We can't apply suncream to children at school, nor can children keep their own suncream in school. However, there are many brands available that advertise 8 hour coverage: if you apply this before school this will last children until the end of the day.
- Once the sun isn't quite as prominent, please make sure children have a waterproof in school – this can be a small one in their bags, but it does mean if the weather turns that we can still go outside even in drizzle.

We had a fantastic morning on Wednesday going down to the chapel to watch a theatre production of The Jungle Book. The children loved it, and the Year 5s had an added bonus of taking part in a workshop to find out how the production was put together.



Thank you to the Chapel for letting us use their space and being so welcoming to us.

Thank you to the FoHPFS for funding this treat, which many classes are also using in their learning.

Thank you to the company – M&M productions – for being so accommodating to some of our children who might have found the lights, the costumes or the noise difficult.

Thank you to all families who have supported the fund-raising events at school that made this possible.

#### **Attendance:** 96.4%

We are hoping with the improved weather that the sickness bugs have disappeared and our attendance will creep back up.

#### **Curriculum Overviews and Home Learning:**

You will find as attachments to this email the **curriculum overviews** for every year group and the **"Pic 'n' Mix" homework** for Reception and classes in Key Stage 2 (year 3 and above.) Key Stage 1 classes will continue to send out weekly tasks.

#### **Year 4 and Year 5 parents:**

Please remember that payments should be added to your child's parent pay account for the year 4 and 5 **residential trips**. Payments for the Year 4 residential need to be paid by the end of June, and for Year 5 children by the end of August.

On Monday 30th May at 4pm, a member of the CRS Adventures Team in Devon will be coming to talk to Year 5 parents about their week away. This will give parents the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the trip. We are planning an information session for parents for the Year 4 trip to Hill-end in July. This meeting will be towards the end of May - date tbc. If you want to discuss anything about the residential trips please speak to Mrs Dallas.

#### **Parents of children in KS1:**

Could you bring in a glass jar for next Monday please? We will be growing beans in them so they don't need lids. Spares would also be gratefully received for any children that forget! Thank you.

### **Uniform Reminders:**

As it is getting warmer, please can I remind you of our PE kit? Our uniform is:

- A pair of black gym shorts. Any logos or embellishments must be small and discreet.
- A black or dark coloured gym bag. Any logos or embellishments must be small and discreet.
- One pair of trainers with non-marking soles. These must not be studded.
- Plain black jogging bottoms
- White school logo polo shirt
- Black jumper with school logo

Some children are coming in with PE kit that is not part of the uniform, but it is especially important that the rules are followed as our children are in their PE kit all day on their PE day and therefore representing the school in the community.



### **Evenley Wood Gardens:**

Many children had a go at creating a design for an Easter trail around Evenley Wood gardens over Easter. Congratulations to Samantha who we can see here with her winning entry having been turned into a 3D model. I know that some other families also went and enjoyed the trail.

### **Information for Reception families:**

Mrs Walker will be sending home a sheet of 'Conversation starter' recording sheets. These are for families to send in individually after recording a conversation with their child. They start with "Tell me about..." and should record their exact spoken words for our Communication and Language evidence. It would be really helpful if you fill them in for our child. Thank you.

There are still some consent forms outstanding for the trip to Woburn Safar Park. Please send these in as soon as possible, as without these we will not be able to take children on the trip. Thank you.

**Dates for your diary:**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm – meeting for parents of children in Year 5 about the residential in September 2018

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May- Reception trip to Woburn Safari Park

Wednesday 9th May—Parents Voice Drop In 2pm and 6pm (see attached poster)

week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 SATS week

*Have a lovely weekend – let's hope this sunshine continues!*

*Mrs Hughes*