

**Theme of the week:**

Last week was anti-bullying week, and the slogan for the national drive this year is "Choose Respect" which fits in with one of our four expectations (you probably remember them by now – the others are Ready, Kind and Safe. We watched the official video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wdYttIm5S8>

We talked about what respect means, including the words you use, your tone of voice and the actions you choose.

Reception didn't join us for our assembly on Tuesday as we felt it more appropriate for them to share their ideas about kindness and respect within the classrooms.

We all make mistakes from time to time and need to listen to each other about how we can improve, and in many cases when a child makes a wrong choice, the most appropriate consequence is to discuss it, explore why it was wrong and try to put in place actions which mean that action is not repeated. However, there are times when more of a consequence is needed. This can be missing some of break time to think about something (either still outside with others or inside,) writing an apology or making amends in another relevant way. On rare occasions, a choice needs a more serious consequence and may result in a temporary exclusion. Our aim, at all times and in every choice we make, is to help children to understand the right choices to make and help them to make these independently.

**Value of the week:**

Minibeasts: Kaila J  
Minibeasts: Isla F  
Tigers: Zoe W and Mila W  
Zebras: Rory K  
Turtles: Winifred Z  
Penguins: Sean M  
Panthers: Evie B  
Lions: Elsie C  
Squirrels: Eva W  
Eagles: Jack G  
Meerkats: Beau L  
Bumblebees: Yasmin B

**Achiever of the week:**

Minibeasts: Henry M  
Minibeasts: Milly D  
Tigers: Henio M  
Zebras: Mitchell L  
Turtles: Gabby  
Penguins: Imogen R  
Panthers: Courtney B  
Lions: Luke W  
Squirrels: James F  
Eagles: Ella C  
Meerkats: Stacey M  
Bumblebees: Charlotte S

**Notes, reminders and changes for next week:**

- We are now fully into rehearsal season for Christmas performances! This means that the ballroom is often needed for rehearsals for one group or another. **Reception children** don't need to come in PE kit for the next two weeks.
- We have had a report of threadworm in Primary – please be vigilant about handwashing at home and we will do the same at school.

**Visitors...**

This week we had two inspectors from Ofsted visit us to conduct a section 5 inspection. The lead inspector will write a letter which will be published in a couple of weeks. Until then, we are not

able to give further news on the inspection. However, I would like to thank those parents who took the time to speak to one of the inspectors on Wednesday morning to give their views, and to all those parents who filled in the online surveys. If you didn't get round to contributing, we also shared the parent questionnaires that were recently filled in at parents' evenings. If you took a copy of the questionnaire and still need to return it, please give it to the office or to the person on the door in the morning.

I would also like to thank all the staff for their hard work, and to thank the pupils, who, when asked, had a really clear idea of what they wanted the inspectors to know about us – that we respect others, that we are kind, that we like learning and that “we aren't perfect but we are trying.”

### **Staffing Update:**

Please see the attached letter regarding a staffing change at Easter.

### **Year 4 residential:**

March next year will be a very exciting time for the children in Year Four as they will be taking part in their first residential! We will be travelling to Northamptonshire and staying at the Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre near Daventry. This is a beautiful, rural location which will enable us to explore the countryside whilst taking part in some outdoor learning and team-building activities. The Everdon centre is perfect for a first residential as it is small and homely. Due to the centre's capacity, we will be taking one class at a time. Squirrels will be staying from Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th March and Lions will be staying from Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th March. The total cost for the two-night, three-day stay will include home cooked meals, equipment and ranger-led activities and should be no more than £150 (we are in the process of getting quotes for coaches etc.) A letter detailing exact payments and the dates these are due will be coming home shortly. We will hold a meeting in January to discuss the exact timetable for our residential, to explain some of the fantastic activities that we are going to take part in and to answer any questions you have. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to grow their confidence and independence away from home and we can't wait! If you have any immediate questions, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Residential – for our current Year 5s when they are in Year 6:**

Please remember there is a meeting to discuss this on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm, where questions can be answered and any concerns can be raised. The Manager from CRS Adventures is also coming to our school to present to all parents/carers what the residential entails and answer any questions: this will be on the 22nd January at 6pm; we will remind you of this meeting closer to the time.

### **Nursery News:**

This week we have travelled back in time to the time of the dinosaurs. We have been exploring hidden caves for new dinosaurs and building our own from play dough and bones. We have also been mud painting in the garden and putting dinosaur bones we found into size order as well as making dinosaur dinners. Show and Tell was very exciting with many interesting things being brought in and spoken about.



### **Miss Brightmore needs...**

...empty, clean 4-pint milk containers for Thursday – we need quite a lot for a project for Year 4. Please give them to whoever is on the door in the morning on day next week. Thank you.

### **Christmas Concert clarification:**

There has been a little confusion, I believe, over two different Christmas events.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, we will have a KS2 Carol Concert at 2pm, where children from Years 3-6 will sing and some will do a little performing e.g. a poem. We welcome parents and carers of children in years 3-6. There is no charge for this and no ticket required.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, there is a Christmas Concert which Mrs Beckett is organising. Tickets are available for this on Parent Pay. This will mostly be secondary children performing, but any primary children from Years 3-6 who are in the choir will also be able to perform – more information on this will come from Mrs Beckett.

I hope that clears up any confusion.

**Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	2.30pm Residential meeting for parents and carers of children currently in Year 5
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Girls' Focus Festival (afternoon – selected children in Year 3) – they should be able to get their Christmas dinner in first!!
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 will stay at the OM to do PE this week – please collect from here at the normal time. Thank you.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 – advent workshop at the chapel
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Selected children to Oxfordshire Cross Country Event (note the change in date from previously advertised)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Decoration Day across Primary – volunteers welcome! Year 5 and 6 will spend some time on another day decorating too, as they will be out for much of the morning.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	School Vision Screening (NHS) – Reception only.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 dress rehearsal to the rest of the Primary school (afternoon)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Play 2pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Play 6pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Play (SC) 2pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm (for parents and carers Years 3-6)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Secondary Rewards Trip
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert (whole school)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y10 Parents' Evening from 2pm (Primary children have normal finish times that day)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset day for staff (no children in school)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school

*Have a lovely weekend. Mrs. Hughes*