Dear Parents

Last week ended with our termly House Assembly and everyone was pleased to work together in their Houses to hear about the exciting House challenges this term, ending with the annual Sports Day House Shield!

This term is all about living to a happy and healthy old age and accordingly our good behaviour initiative features an animal famous for living to a grand old age: a ‘Terrific Tortoise’. The children were delighted to see these laminated awards and have already shown ‘terrific’ manners, acts of kindness and exceptional effort and last week’s recipients can be found on page 4.

Our School Council has been hard at work thinking of ways that we can make the school even better. Inspired by Dr Ranj’s assembly, the Council wrote to me to request a greater selection of fruit of vegetables at break time. I was delighted to be able to take their request to Mrs Stubbs who is happy to trial this beginning this week with carrot sticks as a break option. We do have a small team in the kitchen who create the most delicious lunches and their preparation time is limited but we are all looking forward to Friday’s feedback which will take place in an assembly on Friday run by the Chairs of the School Council Nathan J and Lily T. Watch this space!

Congratulations to the School Council for their courage and initiative.

We all enjoyed some mathematical magic this week as a record crop of Times Tables Stars were awarded. Well done to our Silver Star champions: Esme T, Daisy M, Iman O, Mia P, Seth J, and Frederick K. Congratulations too to the magnificent Bronze Star winners: Sophia M, Lottie R, Niamh H, Henrietta L and Kaila K.

The Philosophers of the Week are partially rewarded for their wonderful collaboration as well as their question and this arose from the stimulus; the book, Brother Eagle, Sister Sky which if you can should borrow or buy as it is a thoughtful book beautifully illustrated by Susan Jeffers.

This week’s Lunchtime Superstar is Henry M who is our own Lunch Captain. He has impressed the catering team by inspiring others with his excellent organisational skills and impeccable manners. Well done Henry!

Congratulations to Donaldson for earning the most Housepoints during the first full week back. A super total of 225 Housepoints have taken you to the top!

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Weekly News
Friday 27th April 2018

Work of the Week

This week our Work of the Week is by Jasmine C in Year 2. Jasmine in Mercury Class wrote this lovely piece of news writing all by herself about her amazing trip to Harry Potter World last weekend. Well done Jasmine!
Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Our first full week of the summer term is complete! Welcome to our new Twinkles - what a great start they have had. We are very proud of them all. Out topic this term is ‘If I Were’ and we are looking different careers. After our visit from Dr Ranj, our role play hospital has been very busy. The children have been performing all sorts of surgery, bandaging limbs and taking temperatures. I have had my heart listened to many times! Our writing area is a Post Office and the children have been writing letters, designing stamps and posting them in our own post box. A ‘careers’ photo booth has been a source of interest, where the children have been dressing up as people with different jobs ranging from an astronaut to racing driver to bumble bee! Outside, our cottage has been turned into outer space. The children have helped to create a starry black background and painted planets to hang from the ceiling. A rocket ship has been found in the cottage so the children have been exploring space and finding aliens. It was St George’s Day on Monday and the children have been creating St George’s Day shields using natural materials in their Woodland Adventures, as well as using hammer and nails to create our 80th birthday planter. The weather has been very nice this week so we have made full use of all our outside areas including the field, trim trail and woodland garden. The road area has seen the mechanics at work, petrol attendant and road workers being kept in line by the police, a great role play opportunity.

Reception News

Our topic this week is ‘I like to move it, move it!’ We will be focussing on our bodies, healthy living and exercise. This week we have been learning through the story ‘Funnybones’ by Janet and Alan Ahlberg. The children have greatly enjoyed the stories and were very animated when discussing how the skeletons could ‘frighten somebody’. We looked at the characters and thought about what they might say. The children wrote their sentences in a speech bubble and wrote them independently too!

 Later in the week we looked at the human skeleton and started to identify the different bones we have in our bodies. We discovered that the skull was a very important bone as it kept our brains safe! We made our own skeletons using cotton buds and we even painted some too!

Reception have been continuing to learn lots of different counting strategies. This week we have been learning to count in 2’s. We have learnt a song to help us and have been practicing our counting in our independent learning both inside the classroom and out. Our shoe station has become very popular with the girls, who love trying them on and putting them in twos! The children really help me with my washing on Tuesday. Mr Taperell couldn’t put the socks in pairs, luckily the children knew what to do and were even able to count how many pairs of socks I had altogether.  

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 30th April 1.30pm – Y2 to sing at Linden House.
Tuesday 1st May – Pre-Nursery sessions start.
Wednesday 2nd May – House Day Maths 80 theme – Please see below.
Wednesday 2nd May 7pm – Evening event at CLFS with guest speaker Victor Allen – Entry by ticket only, please email the school office if you would like to reserve a ticket.
Thursday 3rd May – Y2 visit to British Wildlife Centre, Lingfield.

MONDAY 7TH MAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING CLUB INFORMATION:
FRIDAY 11TH MAY – NO PERCUSSION CLUB
WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY – NO ART CLUB OR YOGA CLUB

HOUSE DAY ON WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY

All children to wear their games kit with their House T-shirt on. No additional uniform will be required. They should bring in ‘80 of something’ in to school for our Maths Focus Day.

Mathletics: Many congratulations to Jessica H, Max T, Millar W, Clara H and Caitriona O on gaining their Gold Awards. Well done also to James W on achieving his Silver Award.

Our wonderful PTA who run our Second Hand Uniform Sales are looking for volunteers to help run this highly valued service to parents. Please contact the school office if you feel you could help in any way.

Many thanks.

TERRIFIC TORTOISES
This week’s Terrific Tortoises are: Theo R, Isaac F, Clara H, Rafferty O, Kaila K, James H, Jessica H, Ebba R and Joshua C.

PARENT FORUM – Please remember that any submissions for the Parent Forum must be made by Tuesday 1st May. Thank you.