



# Elm C of E Primary Academy

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### Everyone learning, everyone caring!

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018

Dear Parents,

#### Year 5 Staffing changes

Mr Dexter will continue to teach in Year 5 next week, supported by Mr Steeden and Mrs Thurgood. The class will then be taken over fully from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March by Mrs. Ackah whom we expect to be with us for the rest of the academic year. We look forward to working with her. We will ensure that parents have an early opportunity to meet with her. Mrs. Ackah will continue to receive support from Mr Steeden and Mrs Thurgood.

#### World Book day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

We are asking children to come to school in the costume of their favourite book character. We are also asking them to bring in a favourite book from home to share with another child later in the day. Children will receive a £1 book token to encourage them to buy another book they would like. On **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March the ESA are holding a Bring and Buy Book sale** at the end of the school day. Children can bring in a book they no longer want which can be sold on for a small amount of money.

#### Lent Challenge

This week the children have all completed activities introducing Lent. In our worship we have looked at the idea of getting ready for a challenge and also what to do about temptation. Children have looked at Lent Calendars and each class has made a class promise, as follows:

- Robins: we promise to share, tidy away and look after our equipment.
- Owls: we promise to help each other with our work.
- Swans: we promise to be more polite, helpful and thoughtful to the dinner ladies.
- Magpies: we promise to be kind to each other.
- Kestrels: we are going to be kind and help other people in the playground. We will try our best to be sensible and always have a positive attitude.
- Kingfishers: we promise to be good role models and help everyone.
- Eagles: we promise for Lent that we will be a good friend to each other, by respecting everyone, the environment and property; helping others; allowing people to learn; showing kindness and consideration, showing compassion to all; showing manners to all.

The theme this week has been TELL. Children should be able to tell you what they have done this week and why Lent is important to Christians.

Next week each class will take a different New Testament Bible story to write about and retell to another class, in keeping with World Book day. The theme is TEACH.

#### Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Reception (Robins) with 99%. Well done!! Overall attendance was 97.13%. That is a bit better!

| Class       |           | Attendance |
|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Robins      | Reception | 99%        |
| Owls        | Year 1    | 97.67%     |
| Swans       | Year 2    | 96.67%     |
| Magpies     | Year 3    | 96.79%     |
| Kestrels    | Year 4    | 96.56%     |
| Kingfishers | Year 5    | 96.87%     |
| Eagles      | Year 6    | 96.33%     |

## **Achievement awards**

**Good to be green certificates:** Daisy Burton, Maisie Bishop, Ethan Smith, Alice Lines, Jake Ford, George Hircock, Daisy Rayner, Addison Williams, Peter Full, Kieran Wakefield, Maddie Doughty, Fletcher Wilson, Flynn Dawson and Chloe Wright. Well done!

**Learning awards:** Sophie Jimson, Jack Gower, Mason Barnes, Ben Strauss, Joshua Jones, Verity Baines and McKenzie Burton. Well done!

**Lunchtime awards:** Kasey O’Gorman, Thomas Ryan, Molly Whitby and Lily Whyte. Well done!

**Lexia:** Jenson Chapman. Well done.

We also presented some swimming awards and Tackling Tables awards in assembly.

## **Dates for the diary**

- Science Day – 12<sup>th</sup> March.
- St. Patrick’s Day – wear something green – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.
- Easter concerts for Years 3, 4 and 5 on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2 p.m.
- The spring term ends on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March and the summer term begins on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.
- The Spring Term consultation evenings will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher