

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear all,

The children have had a super week.

On Monday a group of us went with our Pupil Chaplains to Plymouth. We spent the morning with Sister Judith, Director of EducareM and author and then in the afternoon we attended a Commissioning Service for the Chaplains. It was a lovely day out and we were really pleased that Father Philip could also join us for the event.

Yesterday all the children from Nursery up to Yr 6 watched 'Space Cats', a production performed by Boo to a Goose theatre company. The children were transfixed. Many thanks to the PTA for paying for this event for the children.

Maple and Beech Class have been doing some fantastic learning about The Tudors. This week Beech Class were doing some fantastic writing about what it would have been to be like in Spanish Armada. Sycamore Class were doing some fantastic acting of what it would have been like to be crawling through tunnels and they were coming up with some fantastic vocabulary!

Today we have been visited by two Headteachers from Dartmouth and Newton Abbot. They spent time in the classes and looking through children's books. They were really impressed by what they saw. They said the atmosphere in all classes was calm and purposeful and all the children were focussed, polite and respectful. They said the work in books was of a high standard and well-presented and the learning was engaging. It is always good to have visits from outside professionals to ensure we remain on track and it was lovely to hear all their positive feedback.

### **Parent's evenings**

Times have been sent out this week for parent's evenings. Please remember teachers are not able to offer appointments after 6pm as they have their own families to get home to and lessons to plan for the next day. Fitting in all the appointments for parents and making sure sibling appointments etc don't clash is quite tricky so please only rearrange if absolutely necessary.

### **ParentPay**

The lunch time system of paying and ordering in advance is working really well, many thanks for your support. We do still have over 60 payments outstanding for Nursery, Breakfast and After School Club; please can you check your account and clear any outstanding payments as soon as possible.

### **E-safety magazine**

The first DITTO of 2020 is now available for download, this month they're taking a look at: Socialisation or social isolation? IWF Update (live streaming), Monkey app, 2020 Visions and Social Media Pressures, plus a few other snippets of information. It can be found on our website under – parents – e-safety.

### **Next week:**

Diary dates were sent out earlier this week please check them for upcoming events.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Fire Service, Staying Safe session - Sycamore and Maple Class

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Parent's evenings – times have been issued.

**Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Headteacher's Awards:** FSU – Evie K, Sycamore – Cattaleya, Cherry – Maizie, Beech - Bart

**Bronze Awards:** Rowan – Riley, Cherry – Max, Willow – George, Maple – Sofia, Nicole

**Stars of the week:** Oak – Connor, Rowan – Brooke A, Sycamore - James, Cherry – Adam, Willow – Amelie, Maple – Jasmine, Beech – Oliver

**Breakfast Club Star of the week:** Willow – Charlie Hi

**Lunch Time target this week:** Using Good Manners