

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear all,

The children have had a lovely final week before half term. On Tuesday it was Safer Internet day so the different classes learnt about being safe online, including what information is safe to share, password protection, when people aren't who they say they are, what to do when things go wrong and false news.

**Residential**

This week Maple Class had a fantastic time at Magdalen Farm.

They held the chickens and stroked the chicks, pigs and goats. They fed all the animals including the horses and cows. The children built dens in the forest, swung on a big rope swing and went on the mud slide. They ate edible leaves – apparently sorrel was a favourite as it tastes like sour haribos! They also made pizzas and smoothies before roasting marshmallows and singing songs around the campfire. Everything the children eat at Magdalen is organic and they learnt about the carbon footprint of fruit before it makes it to a supermarket. They came back muddy and tired but having had a wonderful time!

**New Reading books FSU, Year 1, Year 2**

We would like to purchase some new books which are phonetically decodable for Foundation and Key Stage 1. Reading is an essential skill for all children and at St Joseph's we highly value reading for pleasure. Therefore we would like to get some new books to support the children's love of reading. We need to fundraise in order to purchase these. We can purchase 205 new books for £707.00 which would support reading from Foundation to Year 2. Last year we bought a number of books for KS2 and earlier this year Year 6 had a lot of new books due to the cake sale they ran. As part of our fundraising for KS1, we will be holding a cake sale on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the playground, after school. We would really appreciate any cake donations to come into school that morning. Thank you for your support with this.

**Bedtime Stories Event**

We are also holding a Bedtime Stories Event to promote a love of reading, which will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 5:00pm for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2. We will provide more details after half-term.

**Diggerland 20% off voucher**

Due to some artwork and photos that we sent in, we have been sent a 20% voucher off entry prices to Diggerland. It has been emailed to you with this newsletter. It is valid until 1<sup>st</sup> November but not for use during August. Hopefully it may be useful if any of you are visiting over half term or Easter.

**After half-term:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Non-pupil day

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Group from Maple and Beech to FairTrade conference

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday Mass in School with Father Philip, 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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

**Have a lovely half term**

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Headteacher's Awards:** Rowan – Hollie, Daisy, Riley, Isla, Amelia, Lusi, Damian x2!, Sukie, Jake, Noah, Finlay x 2!, Sid, Cohen x2!, Shiloh, Sycamore – Cattaleya, Lydia, Gemma, Ellis, Cherry – Queenie, Maple – Imogen, Beech – Jaydn, Lily, Emilia, Millie

**Gold Awards:** Beech – Izzy

**Silver Awards:** Beech – Lola S

**Bronze Awards:** Rowan – Jack, Sid, Damian, Sycamore – Daisy, Willow – Ellie, Maple – Patrycja, Kobi

**Stars of the week:** Oak – Isabelle, Rowan – Lusi, Sycamore - Mia, Cherry – Lucy & Maizie , Willow – Charlie Hi, Maple – Orla, Beech – Indigo

**Breakfast Club Star of the week:** Rowan – Amelia & Willow – Annie

**Lunch Time target this week:** Trying new foods