

Friday 8th November 2019

Dear all,

Environmental workshops

Rowan, Sycamore, Cherry and Willow classes had a great time taking part in environmental workshops this week. Cherry and Willow Class learnt how to make paper and Rowan and Sycamore learnt about different materials to recycle and then made them into a fridge magnet.

The other classes have their workshops next week to look forward to.

Many thanks to the PTA for paying for this event, making it possible for the children to have this experience.

CAP UK assembly

Yesterday the children had an assembly run by CAP UK (Child Assault Prevention). This was a follow up to the workshops they have done previously. It reminded the children about how to keep themselves safe and what is and isn't appropriate. This is really important information for the children to have so please chat to them about what was discussed. For more information you can visit the website: <https://safestrongfree.org.uk/>

Reading

In school we are working hard to make sure children can read fluently and with understanding. Reading is one of the main life skills. If a child can read it opens up every other aspect of their learning as well as ensuring they can access opportunities in the future. We are starting to notice that children are not reading as much at home and this is showing in class. Please ensure you read with your child regularly. The amount of homework we give is comparable to other schools and it gets a lot more when they go to secondary. We are not being unrealistic by asking parents to please support your child by ensuring they read at least 5 times a week. For younger children this may just be a couple of pages but it needs to be frequent. The older children need to be completing longer books and then quizzing on them in school. Many thanks for your support with this.

New playground equipment

The children have been enjoying playing with the new science equipment outside and using the chalk board at lunchtimes. They were also very excited to see the new grass sofa this morning. Hopefully we'll get some better weather so they can make the most of it!

Children in Need Day, Friday 15th November

Next Friday, for £1 the children can come to school dressed in something that makes them smile! All money raised goes to Children in Need.

Next week:

Monday 11th November – Hi5 Netball competition at ECC, 2.15-4.15pm, team from Maple and Beech Class.

Wednesday 13th November – BigFoot Arts theatre company, Anti-bullying workshops for every class.

Thursday 14th November – Environmental workshops for FSU, Maple and Beech Classes.

Friday 15th November – Children in Need day. For £1 dress in something that makes you smile.

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

Headteacher's Awards: Oak – Chloe, Rowan – Cohen, Sycamore – Cattalaya, Cherry – Adam, Beech – Chloe, Lola S, Olivia S.

Bronze Awards: Maple – Halley, Beech – Lola S, Ralph

Stars of the week: Oak – Poppy N, Rowan - Barney, Sycamore - Gemma, Cherry – Owen, Willow - Poppy, Maple - Max, Beech – Laila.

Breakfast Club star of the week: Cherry - Maddie