

February 23rd 2018

Dear all,

I hope you have all had a lovely half term. The children have all come back well rested and eager to learn. The parent activity sessions are running this week and next, they are focussing this time on Science. Maple class had a fantastic time researching plants that have adapted for life in the jungle. They then made some excellent models of jungle plants. Rowan class made rain water gauges so they can measure the amount of rainfall we have. I'm sure there will be plenty to measure! Cherry Class had great fun looking at the best ways to make an aeroplane before having a competition to see whose could go the furthest – turns out some of our parents are quite competitive! Willow class investigated the digestive system with a practical exploration – “where does food go in the body?” Very exciting results!

Ice-cream competition

Thank you to all the children who entered the ice-cream designing competition. I am really pleased to say 3 out of the 6 children in the final are from St Joseph's. The three Finalists from St. Joseph's are Mylo from Rowan class with Chocolate Orange Cheesecake, Orla from Cherry class with Lemon and Mango and Charlie from Sycamore class with Coca Cola Smash.

All the finalists are invited to a presentation at Antonio's to announce the overall winner on Monday 26th March at 4.15pm. The overall winner will have their ice cream on sale from the following day and win their own 4litre tub to enjoy. The other 5 finalists will receive gift vouchers so everyone will get something!

Ballet

Well done to Mischa, Silva, Maddison B, Radina, Halley, Mason, Ariaah and Isabella G who have all danced in the recent South West Ballet Arts show, Mixed Messages. They were Primates, Ice Cream Eaters, Pigeons and Hunters! They have practiced and perfected many beautiful dances and we are delighted with their hard work and commitment to ballet.

After School Club

As you are aware our After School Club is starting after Easter. It will run every day from 3.30pm (3.15pm Nursery) to 5.45pm. We want to make After School Club as fun and relaxing as possible, not just to be an extension of the school day. We are therefore currently buying toys and equipment for the club. If you have any good quality toys, jigsaws, footballs, children's magazines etc that your own children no longer need we would be very grateful if we could have them for After School Club. Please give them in at the office.

School uniform

I have noticed that some children are coming in without the correct school cardigan or jumper. Please remember the school uniform is a green jumper or cardigan with the logo on. These are available from our supplier Shipshape. The children also need to be in black shoes not boots or trainers. If there is a reason why they cannot be in the correct shoes please send a note to the class teacher.

World Book Day

World Book Day is next Thursday; could children please come dressed as their favourite book character.

Bags for School

Thank you to everyone who supported bags for school this week; it made a fantastic £116 for the PTA. We now have fences around all class patios. Thank you also to the PTA for the lovely planters.

Next week:

Tuesday 27th February – Beech parent activity session 9.00 am

Tuesday 27th February – Sycamore parent activity session 2.00 pm

Wednesday 28th February – Acorn and Oak parent activity session 2.00 pm

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day – Children to come dressed as their favourite book character

Thursday 1st March – PTA Annual General Meeting 7.30 pm

Friday 2nd March – Beech Class Mass 2.45 pm

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: Rowan – Alicia

Bronze Award: Cherry – Ben, Imogen, Vince, Alfie, Elliot

Silver Award: Oak - Archie, Sycamore - Freddie, Bella E, Cherry – Orla, Nicole, Isabella

Gold Award: Sycamore - Gina

Stars of the week: Oak - Maria, Sycamore - Lewis, Rowan - Hamish, Cherry - Frankie, Willow - Oliwia, Maple - Freddy, Beech - Jack W

Breakfast Club Star of the week: Emma