

Friday 8th March 2019

Dear all,

It has been a very busy week!

The children had a fantastic day dressed up yesterday. I was sorry not to be here to see them but I have seen some lovely photos.

Our Foundation Stage Unit had their parent activity session on Wednesday. Their focus was on writing. Thank you to all the parents who came and joined in. The feedback has been very positive that it was a useful, fun and informative session.

On Tuesday Maple Class went down to the Beacon School to meet with other local schools and take part in a FairTrade conference. The children had a fantastic morning learning all about where the food comes from and how we can ensure farmers receive a fair price. They listened to speakers and took part in activities including making a bracelet out of banana fibre.

Unfortunately, the 3/4 Quicksticks hockey was cancelled on Monday due to the weather but it has been rearranged for later in the term.

Today was the first session of our Mental Health Ambassador training as I mentioned in last week's letter. Six children from Year 5 met with groups of children from three other local schools and the training is led by Early Help 4 Mental Health. The children really enjoyed the session and enjoyed the opportunity to mix with children from other schools.

Ash Wednesday

We had our Ash Wednesday service to start Lent this week. Father came and spoke about the meaning of Ash Wednesday and Lent, then if the children wanted they could have some of the ashes on their forehead or hand. The children will be learning about Lent as their next RE topic. I have heard lots of different ideas of things people are giving up for Lent. One I particularly liked was the idea of giving up one thing a day from home that isn't needed any more, putting it in a bag and then at the end of the 40 days of Lent, giving the 40 items to charity. I am trying this at home myself with my own children.

Linked to Shrove Tuesday, all the children in Sycamore class have been making pancakes this week and learning about why pancakes were first made.

Ash Wednesday also tied in with our first edition of the Wednesday Word. Our parish Church has kindly agreed to pay for this for the year, so every Wednesday your child will receive a copy with the gospel and activities in. I hope you enjoy sharing this with your child.

E-Safety magazine

The latest edition of DITTO, the online safety magazine for schools and parents is now on our website under the parents tab and then E-safety tab. There is quite a diverse range of topics this month: Viral challenges, Parental advice - from children, Vulnerable children, Miscommunication, YouTube repulsive comments and Popular apps.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 12th March – Beech Class parent activity session 9 - 10am

Wednesday 13th March – Sycamore Class parent activity session 9 - 10am

Wednesday 13th March – Cherry Class parent activity session 2.15 - 3.13pm

Thursday 14th March – Willow parent activity session 2.15 - 3.15pm

Friday 15th March – Rowan parent activity session 9 - 10am

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's awards: Sycamore – Annie, Adam, Amelia, Cherry – Mischa, Beech - Jeff

Gold Awards: Beech – Charlotte, Laura

Silver Awards: Sycamore – Annie, Cherry - Gina, Beech – Erin, Hannah

Bronze Awards: Willow – Oscar, Imogen, Isabella

Star of the Week Awards: Oak - Damian, Rowan – Emily, Sycamore - Amelia, Cherry – Bella E, Willow - Jack, Maple – Jaydn, Beech – Jack

Breakfast club Award: Adam