

Friday 5th July 2019

Dear all,

I hope you all received a copy of our recent inspection report this week.

We are all extremely pleased with the good/outstanding result and were really pleased to be able to share it with you. In other news, this week our Yr 6 children enjoyed their transition days to secondary school. They came back excited and some of their worries had been sorted having now spent more time there. They are definitely looking ready for the next phase of their education.

Sycamore and Rowan Class had a super time at the Estuary on Tuesday. They learnt all about the creatures that live in the estuary and they used nets to find crabs, shrimps, shells and some fish. They then had a picnic lunch at Manor Gardens. Many thanks to all the staff and helpers who made the event possible.

Rowan Class also then performed their assembly yesterday. It was based on their topic of 'Commotion in the Ocean' and they read poems, sang songs and gave us lots of facts. They showed what a lot of learning they had done, well done Rowan Class.

Yesterday, after school I went with Maple Class to see the fantastic learning they had done as part of their Kingfisher Award project. They displayed all the work they had been doing and it was then looked at and judged by other schools and members of the community. Maple Class' project work was excellent and everyone was really impressed. I am delighted to inform you that Maple Class won the Kingfisher Award, beating five other schools! Well done and thank you to Mr Edmunds and his class.

Yesterday evening was also successful for our Yr 6 boys' football team who won the Vernon Griffiths Shield following the tournament at Withycombe Raleigh Primary School. Further details, and photos, will follow next week. Congratulations to the team!

Then last night Cherry Class had their class sleepover. They had lots of fun with games provided by Mrs Turner and then snacks and a DVD. Many thanks to Mrs Owens and Mrs Briggs for making this possible.

Online safety - Facebook

Although Facebook isn't as popular with children and young people as it once was, there's still a great many that do use it. Frustratingly they keep saying how child safety is at the heart of what they do and yet no sooner do they say that they introduce a new 'feature' which potentially puts children at greater risk. 'Meet New Friends' is algorithmically driven, which means a bit of code will suggest chosen strangers for you to meet based on things such as your school, workplace etc.

I am making you aware of this so if your child does use Facebook you can talk to them about this new feature.

Summer Fayre

Our PTA are busy organising this year's summer fayre which will be held after school on Friday 19th July. It is a big event to organise and they need your help. If you are able to volunteer to help set up the stalls or if you can man one of the stalls for part of the event please can you either let one of the PTA or the office know.

The PTA also need donations for the plant stall, tombola stand, cake stall and sweets in jars. Please bring donations to the office on the morning of the event.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 10th July – Beech Class to Mass in Church, 9.30am

Thursday 11th July – Cherry and Willow Class Ancient Greece day

Thursday 11th July – Governors day

Thursday 11th July – Public Speaking competition. Parents whose children are involved will be informed.

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

Headteacher's Awards: FSU – Barney, Jonah, Rowan – Gemma x2!, Finlay, Cherry – Zaylea, Willow – Patrycja, Summer, Beech – Hannah

Diamond Award: Rowan - Chloe

Platinum Award: Rowan – Harry H, Ellis

Gold Award: FSU – Brooke R, Shiloh, Daisy, Cohen, Amelia, Arthur, Isla, Jack, Rowan – William, Sycamore – Lucy, Cherry – Brooke, Zaylea, Gina, Ellis, Elizabeth, Willow - Nell

Silver Award: FSU – Mia, Hollie, Rowan – Fraser, Finlay, James, Teddy, Cherry – Ben, Amber, Azi, Annie, Freddie, Willow – Patrycja, Lewis, Silva

Bronze Award: Cherry - Sienna

Stars of the week: Oak - Finley, Rowan - Finlay, Sycamore - Queenie, Cherry – Sienna, Evie, Edith Willow – Liam, Maple – The whole class!

Breakfast Club star of the week: Willow - Emmie (last week), Nell