

What a great start to this half term!

As always, it has been lovely to welcome you all back to school and see the children smiling as they enter the school gates and their classrooms. We have got lots to look forward to this half term, including cake sales, World Book Day and our first ever Year 3 and 4 production, which will be of Peter Pan. The songs are already sounding fantastic!

Read on for a round up of other events from this week...

Mr Chris Butler Headteacher

Sensory Garden

This week has seen the introduction of our Sensory Garden. This is designed to help create a calm and safe sensory experience for children when they need it. This is set up daily and children are starting to use it for a sensory break. The children who have used it have found it a really positive experience and it allows them to resettle into work calmly.

Future plans for the sensory garden include a water fountain, a light show and scented plants. We also hope to be able to grow food to allow the children to taste home-grown produce.

If you have any ideas, or items, which can be added to our sensory garden, please speak to Chrissy Childerley.





House Points

House Points have been reset to zero for the start of our new term. Congratulations to **Robinson**, who were the winning house from last term:

Churchill 443

Robinson 455

Trinity 412

Newnham 406

World Book Day

Next Thursday (2nd March) is World Book Day! We are excited to be celebrating this in school again with lots of fun reading activities and events throughout the week.

Children and staff are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day on Thursday and classes will be teaming up with each other to read for pleasure in our newly decorated library with Book Buddies happening throughout the week, as well as our traditional "Drop & Read" which will be happening at a random time each day, too! We will also be visited by two local children's authors, Rebecca Patterson and Keith Hatton, who will be hosting workshops for Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2.

Keep an eye out for posters and information about our special Roald Dahl themed lunch on Thursday and for the whole-school homework competitions that will be coming home this Friday; children will have the opportunity to enter either our Writing or Art competition and will also be completing lots of reading and writing related fun in classes, too!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Miss Jolly or Mr Holt.

Miss Yarwood

Miss Yarwood is so excited and happy to share with you the news that she is pregnant and expecting her first child, a baby boy, in June. I am sure you will join us in congratulating her, her partner, Alex, and their family in this wonderful news.

Celebration Assembly

A huge well done goes out to everyone in school for working so hard and demonstrating our core values this week. Our focus this week has been our Core Value 'Respect'.

Well done to all of those celebrated in our assembly.

Ash **Mia and Georgio**

Maple **Mikey and Emma**

Birch **Heath and Ruby** Lime **Harriet and Ted**

Cherry **Eyal and Jacob**

Willow **Anna and Marcus**

Oak **Reuben, Charlie and John**

Upcoming dates

24th February
Oak Class Cake sale

1st March 5pm **KS1 SATS meeting**

2nd March
Birch virtual teaching session with The
Polar Museum

2nd March **World Book Day**

13th March
NHS Vision Screeners (Ash Class)

14th March
Birch trip to The Zoology Museum

27th March **Easter Assembly**

28th March 14:00 – 15:00 **Year 3 and 4 Production**

28th March 15:40 – 17:30 **Parents' Evening**

30th March 09:00 – 10:00 **Year 3 and 4 Production**

30th March 15:40 – 19:00 **Parents' Evening**

31 March **Willow Class Cake Sale**

31st March
FOGG Easter Event, including non-uniform day

31st March
Last day of term



World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2023

Join the teachers in dressing up as your favourite book character and enjoy the following readingrelated fun:

Book Buddies Drop & Read **Author Visits** Roald Dahl Themed Lunch **Art Competition** Writing Competition

Look out for more information in the school newsletter or contact Miss Jolly or Mr Holt with any questions.



