

20th May 2016

MELDRETH MESSAGES



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their teachers to receive a Head teacher's award:

Kristal LS, Oscar N, Emma D and Grace B
Robin class Learner of the Week: Zac D-S

Olympic Values Trophy

For respect, excellence and friendship in sport our trophy winners this week are...

Mille U, Toby L, Ella HB and Laura B

Writer of the Week

This week's star writer...

Emma B in Swallow class for her thoughtful thank you letter following her class blossom walk.

Home learners of the Week

This week **Daniella W** in Chaffinch class is our home learner this week, nominated by Mrs Haines her piano teacher. Daniella received the award for her dedication to piano practice this week.

House Points

This week's house point totals are....

Elm
1224

Beech
1193

Oak
1621

Ash
1395

Well done Oak House!

It is a wonderful thing to witness someone setting themselves a goal and meeting or exceeding this and there have been many instances of just this in school this week.

In **Chaffinch class** this week special dignitaries (Mrs Robinson, Mrs Plumb and myself), were invited to share a Mexican fiesta. Chaffinch chefs, with support from Mrs Millington and Miss Harvey, chopped, mixed and prepared their way to success. The children were rewarded with a feast of homemade guacamole, salsa, chicken fajitas and churros.

In the playground this week, learner cyclists have challenged themselves to improve and are working hard to succeed. It's good to see that the number of children cycling has increased and last week's cycling data gave us the first prize point in our bike to school competition. **Swallow class** had more cyclists now than two weeks ago and those that cycled to school won bike lights for the whole class.



At Grafham this week challenges have been the order of the day and our Year 4 and 5 children have challenged themselves to climb the high ropes, tip the kayak, build the den in bush craft, cycle the Grafham hills and literally hit the target in archery. Highlights also included children challenging themselves to perform in the Grafham talent show, which included a magic and comedy act, carefully rehearsed dancing, gymnastics, beautiful singing, the masked bird song and a clever and impromptu pick a stick routine.

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Our attendance target is:
Sept-April
95.4%
96%

Diary Dates

(more dates on the website!)

May

Friday 20th PTA Discos

Wednesday 25th **Chaffinch & Y4**

Swallow swimming begins

Friday 27th May School closed

HALF TERM - Mon 30th – Fri 3rd June

June

Tuesday 7th Y6 Scarborough
meeting

Thursday 9th Y5/6 Quad Kids
New Parents meeting

Friday 10th Y5/6 Kwik Cricket
PTA Discos

Tuesday 14th Year 1 Multi-skills

Tuesday 21st Year 4 mini Olympics

Friday 24th Sports Day

Swimming

Robin & Jay class - swimming starts next week. Due to assessments Kingfisher will start after half term. Please remember your **named** swimming kit bag with a costume, towel, wet shoes, brush and swimming cap in.

Swimming hats available from the school office at £1.50

We still need helpers – please let us know if you are available

Thank you

Attendance Matters

You may have noticed that our attendance reminder has turned red. Unfortunately our attendance has now dropped to an all-time low this year.

Why is high attendance important to my child's education?

As a parent/carer wanting the best for your children you know that having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life.

But did you know that:

- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third of these achieve no GCSEs at all.
- poor exam results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to employers that these students are unreliable.

At primary school GCSEs may seem a long way off, however, there is a clear link between poor attendance during primary school years and low levels of achievement. Absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their motivation
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their desire to attend school regularly
- affect their confidence in school
- mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra-curricular opportunities and experiences
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

Please continue to do your best to keep appointments and absence to a minimum. Many thanks to all parents/carers who attend well and who remember to report their child's absence to school before 9.00am so that we know that they are safe. If a child's absence is not reported to school this raises a question about their location and safety.

Once again a huge thank you to those of you who ensure that your children are in school on time and learning during term time.

Chaffinch class Mexican feast

