

17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Swallow class visit to the Fitzwilliam  
Museum Egyptian display

# MELDRETH MESSAGES



## *Headteacher's Award*

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

**Millie K, Zacky C, Sam F,  
Henry H, Charlie and Alfie R**

## *Olympic Values Trophy*

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

**Olivia H, Joni M, Chloe-Ella C  
and Finn H**

## *Writers of the Week*

In assembly we presented writers awards for each class. **Isla H-P, Maisie H, Chloe P, Effie B, Finn P and Cuan H** showed us why their fantastic writing had wowed their teacher.

## *Home Learners of the Week*

**Jay class** were our home learners for their fabulous weather diaries. Well done!

In school this week children and teachers have been thinking about how each of us can play our part in being a friend to those around us with the anti-bullying theme **'All Different, All Equal'**

Children have taken part in lessons, activities and assemblies all aimed at raising awareness of bullying, knowing what bullying might look like, knowing how those who are bullied might feel and most importantly what to do if a child or a friend suspects that they are being bullied.

Children know they can turn to any member of staff if they see any bullying or feel that they are being bullied. Our Anti-bullying councillors, are proud of working together to prevent bullying are always on hand in the playground alongside our Peer Mediators who help support understanding between children when playing outside.

Thank you to all of our families for donating so generously. With our change, we raised £343.03 for Children in Need. The whole school came to school showing their spots and at break time school councillors entertained us with their inventive activities and stalls. Well done to Eva R and Tilly W for raising an extra £16.78 by baking and selling cake to friends and neighbours – we are very proud of your thoughtfulness!

## *Important Announcements*

The window for **applying for a place for a 4 year old** at primary school opens on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 until the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Please do not leave completing the application until close to the deadline as **late applications are considered after all first places have been offered.**

Thank you for all your donations so far to our Christmas Class Hampers. If every family could donate just one item to the hamper raffle prizes, we can make something really special for our winners. It could be you! Donate a new item in the colour chosen by each class. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 1st December from 3-4pm in the School Hall.

This year's class colours are:

**Robin - red    Jay - purple    Kingfisher - green**  
**Swallow – gold    Chaffinch – silver/white    Woodpecker – blue**

Come to school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December dressed in your **Christmas jumper**. In exchange for this, we ask you to bring in a jam jar for the children's raffle filled with sweets, toy cars etc. If you don't mind a bit of glitter and glue and would like to help **please come and join us**. If you can help either all day or a half day please let the office know in advance.

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## Diary Dates

### November

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> KS2 Egyptian Assembly  
for Parents **2.15pm**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisation

### December

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Decoration Day

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nativity

Performance

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nativity Performance  
6pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> KS 2 Church Concert

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch &  
Jumper Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Puppet show.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

### January

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> School closed for  
staff training**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Term begins

## The Sculptor

I dreamed I saw a studio

And watched two sculptors there.

The clay they used was a child's mind

And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher – the tools she used

Were books, music, and art.

The other; a parent, worked with a guiding hand,

And a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled

With a touch that was careful, deft, and sure,

While the parent laboured by her side

And polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last, their task was done,

They were proud of what they had wrought.

For the things they had moulded into the child

Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed they would have failed

If either had worked alone.

For behind the parent stood the school

And behind the teacher, the home.

Our attendance target is:  
**96.3%**

## What's been going on in the PTA ...

At the last PTA meeting as we nibbled Jammy Dodgers next to a lovely wood burner round at Sarah H's house (Annabelle – Woodpecker, Alexander – Chaffinch, and Henry – Swallow class), we thought it might be good to share a 'behind the scenes' view of the PTA. It may not be glamorous (although we have booked our post- Christmas dinner at the British Queen), or cutting edge (although we are all rather enjoying 'WhatsApping' each other), but it is in fact rather fun. Yep – what else would Laura B (Esmee – Robin class) have been doing during younger daughter's nap time, other than stuffing Decoration Day raffle tickets into envelopes with Debbie L (Matthew – Chaffinch) and Sarah H? How else would Becky B (Poppy – Robin) known that she has a talent for persuading the small businesses of Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire to donate to the raffle? Yes, it's been a busy couple of weeks with the run up to Christmas fun.

Look out then for Dianne D's sparkling Decoration Day poster and I hope you have all got your raffle tickets ready for the celebrations on 1<sup>st</sup> December from 3 to 4.30 pm – hope to see you there and please do get in touch with any of the PTA committee or via the email below if you have a bit of time here and there for tombola ticket folding or wriggly worm, glow stick selling at the upcoming school disco.

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Action from our first all girls football friendly with Melbourn Primary. A fabulous game was played by all with a 2:2 final score



Learning about electrical circuits in Swallow class

**Look at our class website pages for  
more exciting information**