



Newsletter No 21 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Weekly Attendance Award goes to Ducklings class



Dear Families,

It seems impossible that we have reached half term already! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their topics which continue into next half term. As part of this years Academy Improvement Plan, Maths continues to be a focus. Therefore, to help us unpick Maths at Wimbotsham, we initiated a Maths Audit led by Alison Borthwick. She has a passion for Maths and is an international education and maths adviser. She spent a whole day with us observing lessons, looking at books, talking to children and meeting the Maths subject leader.

She enjoyed her visit to our school and has provided us with a report and action plan to move forward with. Within her report she says:

- *Pupils' behaviour in lessons is very good. Teachers can get on with teaching mathematics and do not have to deal with poor behaviour.*
- *Children in early years have daily opportunities to practice their mathematical skills through routines such as snack time.*
- *In Years 1 to 6 pupils are exposed to challenging mathematical concepts in line with age-related expectations.*
- *Teachers are knowledgeable with regard to teaching mathematical content and work very hard in lessons – too hard sometimes!*
- *All leaders have high aspirations. They want every pupil in the school to be confident and fluent mathematicians. They are ambitious for pupils' achievement and are determined to put plans into place to succeed.*
- *Leaders are committed to ensuring that all staff have the skills necessary to deliver mathematics well.*
- *The school makes the most of external opportunities, such as the NCETM National project focusing on Y5-Y8 pupils.*

Her support was really helpful, and she was able to give us some clear advice on next steps as a school to raise standards in Maths. Teachers have already begun to adapt their practise and we will work together over the coming terms to implement her suggested timeline of actions.

Have a fantastic break.

Miss Hayes and Mrs Arrowsmith ~Heads of School

## Week Commencing 24/02/20

### After school clubs start

### No pupil progress meetings until w/c 02/03/20 **Red Week**

- Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Swans Swimming
- Thur 27<sup>th</sup> – Omnes Games Volleyball Taster session

## World Book Day – 05/03/20

To celebrate World Book Day, we are holding a dress up day, linking in with class Topics.

Hérons – Come dressed as your favourite Harry Potter character.

Swans – Come dressed as a Character from any David Walliams book.

Kingfishers and Ducklings – Wrap your favourite book in paper, dress up as a character from that book and we will play guess the book title.

## Bravery Box

One of our Pre-school children is undergoing treatment at Addenbrookes for Leukemia. While she is there the staff use a 'Bravery Box' as a little reward for being brave after the numerous injections and procedures. We are collecting small toys (e.g. stickers, hairclips, colouring books etc.) to add to the boxes.

If you would like to contribute, please send in any donations to the office.

Thank you

## Hérons Class

Mrs Sheppard has been working with the Herons class this half term in completing the BBC's 500-word challenge, lots of Heron's took part and wrote some fantastic stories. All stories have now been submitted. Good luck and I hope you all win!

## Afterschool Clubs will start the week back after half term WC 24/02/20

Tuesday – Dodgeball – fully booked

Wednesday – Badminton - there are still spaces available

Thursday – Science Club – Fully Booked

## Swans Trip – Billionaire Boy – 20/03/20

Letter going home tonight  
£12.00 and permission slip  
back by 16/03/20.

Thank You

Have a lovely week, stay safe and  
we will see you all on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
February!



# Upcoming Events 2020



## February

Feb 17-21<sup>st</sup> – Half Term

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Back to school

## March

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Omnes Games Volleyball

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – RSE Parent Workshop @ St Germans 6-8pm

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Swans Trip Billionaire Boy

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> – Cluster First Steps Netball Tournament

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> – Bags 2 school pick up

## April

**Thur 2 – 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter holidays school closed**

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Back to school

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> – Cluster Tri Golf

Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pret a Portrait Class photos

Thur 30<sup>th</sup> – Swans Trip to Norwich Castle

## May

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Omnes Games Curling

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – Cluster Mini Tennis

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May – MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED**

W/C 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - SATS Week

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – Y6 London Trip for Leavers

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – Cluster Cricket Event

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last day break up

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – Half Term School Closed**