

***We will aspire to great things, shine our light and reach our God given potential.***

*‘let your light shine.’ (Matthew 5:16)*

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Dear Parents/ Carers

**Collective Worship**

This week we have been practising out oracy skills (speaking clearly, explaining our ideas respectfully and valuing the opinions of others). We linked our discussions to the school values. KS1 thought about the question 'Would you rather be kind to everyone in your class or be really good at helping your teacher?' KS2 used a concept cartoon (below) to think about the question 'Is it right to fight at school?'.

**Christmas Dinner**

The school Christmas dinner will be on Thursday next week. This year KS1 and KS2 will eat dinner at their own site (as it can be a little overwhelming for the younger children when if they all eat together in the KS2 hall / dining room). To help get into the Christmas spirit we are asking all children to please wear a Christmas jumper. If your child doesn’t have a Christmas jumper please don’t worry, they can attend in their usual school jumper.

**Christmas Party Day**

All classes will be having their very own class-based Christmas party events on Friday afternoon. Your child is more than welcome to bring a change of clothes to change into after dinner time.

**Mr McLeavy**

Mr McLeavy will be leaving us at Christmas. Mr McLeavy has worked at Brampton Ellis for the past 22 years. He has devoted many years of his career to the children and community of Brampton. During his time at Ellis Mr McLeavy has seen many changes and helped to shape the education of many, many children. I know that he will be greatly missed and I would like to thank him for his hard work, dedication and the difference that he has made.

Mr McLeavy has thought long and hard about his decision to leave. He is leaving to spend more time with his family and to pursue a career outside of education. This is a big loss to the teaching profession as he’s a very talented teacher. Nevertheless, I am sure you will join me in wishing him every success for the future.

 **Special mentions**

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| **Year**  | **Learning Award** | **Value Award** | **Reading Award** |
| **F2** | **Kingfisher -** Bradley – mixing his paint to create a beautiful backdrop for his Christmas card. | **Kingfisher -** Rory – For washing and tidying up the painting pots. | **Kingfisher -** Lena – Recognising lots of tricky words in phonics and reading. |
| **Y1** | **Skylark** - Oliver - for becoming more confident in class.  |  **Skylark** - Theodore - for being a respectful member of the class and setting a good example to others. | **Skylark** - Daisy - for becoming more fluent when reading  |
| **Y2** | **Nightingales** – Harper (Y1) for being passionate about learning. Harper loves challenges and always takes pride in producing high quality work. **Puffins** – Every Puffin received 3 dojo points this week. | **Nightingales -** Lilly (Y2) for always being resilient, Lilly gives 100% effort towards everything. She is determined, hard working and I am really proud of her! | **Nightingales** - Mason P (Y1) for being a talented and enthusiastic reader. Mason reads clearly and confidently with expression.  |
| **Y3** | **Swift** – Antonina -a fantastic Christmas setting description.**Housemartins** - Tiarna - excellent effort and attainment in her assessments.**Swallows** – Lucas - his resilience towards math's this week, well done ! | **Swift -** George S- taking responsibility for his own behaviour.**Housemartins** - Amelia - always showing respect and resilience in all aspects of learning**Swallows** – Olivia - doing the right thing, ready to listen, follow instructions and do her best. | **Swift** – Bethany C- excellent expression in her reading.**Housemartins -** Ava - reading champion - great attitude to reading in class and contributions during reading practice lessons**Swallows** – Alex - his enthusiasm to read and learn about new things. |
| **Y4** | **Oystercatchers –** Theo - for working extremely hard on his Bouddica biography.**Avocets** – Hector - I could choose Hector every week, but this term he has shown fantastic skills in his maths learning.  Keep it up!**Curlews** – Isla B, for her amazing attitude towards all learning. She has been really challenging herself and showing a lot of resilience to improve and edit her work independently. Keep up the incredible work! | **Oystercatchers –** Ollie - for being so responsible and enthusiastic when helping at the fayre.**Avocets** – Ronnie- For never giving up even when her maths work is really tricky. You are amazing!**Curlews** –Oliver, for being super resilient in class and always following all of our 3 R's in school. Well Done! | **Oystercatchers –** Ava - for improving her reading skills.**Avocets** – Lacey-Mae -for her incredible focus when reading independently and always sharing her recommendations with the class.**Curlews –** Isla M, for trying really hard in reading practice lessons by working on picking out answers from the text. Well Done! |
| **Y5** | **Merlins** - Dexter for his resilience and responsibility when sitting his summative assessments, we are very proud.**Kestrels** - Isaac for the responsibility and resilience he showed towards his end of term assessments.**Peregrines** - Sophie - Star Learner for contributing fantastic ideas in lessons | **Merlins**  - Isabelle for her amazing score in both reasoning maths papers, she blew me away with her hard work and determination.**Kestrels** - Millie M for always following the 3Rs. Millie is a huge asset to the class with her energy and enthusiasm**Peregrines -** Rocco - Star Value for being an excellent role model to others | **Merlins –** Polly for her amazing and detailed book review on the 'The Last Bear' and sharing her stars.**Kestrels** – Isaac for his hard work in his reading assessment showing what he can achieve when he tries hard and is resilient.**Peregrines** – Susie for sharing her love of books and improving her own reading skills |
| **Y6** | **Kites** – Liam - for providing excellent explanations of his learning in all subjects**Eagles –** Amrit- For always giving 100% effort in her learning**Sparrowhawks -** Oliver -for showing great pride in his work and working hard to edit and improve his writing. | **Kites-** Layla - always being a brilliant role model and showing excellent resilience towards her learning**Eagles** – Rossi- For always being respectful to everyone in school.**Sparrowhawks -** Eddie - for demonstrating great responsibility for his work by being focussed and on task. | **Kites -** Riley H - Nominated by Miss Love for the reading award due to his fantastic resilience in phonics**Eagles –** Poppy- For trying to include evidence in 3 mark answers. **Sparrowhawks-**Ava - Reading Champion - for working hard and improving her reading scores. |

**Important Dates Coming Up**

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| **W/C 16th Dec** | **W/C 6th Jan** |
| 16th \_ FS Nativity 9am & 2pm17th – KS1 Nativity@church 9am18th – Panto Visit KS119th – Christmas Lunch20th – Class Christmas Parties @ Last Day**23rd Dec - 3rd Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY** | 6th – Return to School |

**Attendance**

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| **Class** | **Weekly Attendance Figure**  |
| **F2 - Kingfisher**  | **93.46%** |
| **F2/Y1 – Skylark** | **90.8%** |
| **Y1/Y2 - Nightingale** | **95.71%** |
| **Y2 – Puffin**  | **93.71%** |
| **Y3** | **House Martin** | **Swift** | **Swallow** |
| **94.35%** | **95.56%** | **91.67%** |
| **Y4** | **Avocet** | **Oystercatcher** | **Curlew** |
| **95.4%** | **96.67%** | **94.83%** |
| **Y5** | **Merlin** | **Kestrel** | **Peregrine**  |
| **85%** | **98.58%** | **94.83%** |
| **Y6** | **Sparrowhawk** | **Eagle** | **Kite** |
| **89.57%** | **90.43%** | **88.33%** |

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Adam Minor