

***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

**Christmas Fayre**

We held our Christmas fayre yesterday. It was a great success. The children really enjoyed the event and we raised just over £1108. The PTA are currently saving for a trim trail for our KS2 children. The money raised from the Christmas fayre will be put towards this. Thank you all for your donations and to Mrs. Welch for organising the event.

**ASDA Cashpot**

We raised an amazing £613.21. We will receive this next term and I will keep you informed about how we will spend it. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**KS1 Morning Drop Off Questionnaire**

Thank you to everyone who completed the KS1 survey. The survey is now closed. I will be looking at the responses next week and update on an any outcomes / changes.

**SMSAs**

Sadly, we will be losing Mrs Emson and Miss Robinson at Christmas. Miss Robinson has work at our school since 2022 and Mrs Emson has worked at Brampton Ellis since 2014. During this time, they have supported hundreds of children during the dinner time period. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their hard work and the difference that they have made to many. They will be missed but we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

**Are you interested in becoming an SMSA?**

If this is something you are interested in, we currently have two vacancies available. The positions are currently advertised on the JMAT website here: <https://www.jmat.org.uk/jmat-vacancies> Alternatively, you could pop into the school office and ask for an application form.

**House of Willow Event**

We have held our second house event today and the children have loved it. Children from both our KS1, KS2 and Cortonwood all came together to enjoy their lunch and take part in some fun activities. This included orienteering and an inflatable. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to get to know each other and celebrate their achievements so far.

**Changes to Breaks and Lunch times**

From next week Y3 and Y5 will have their break together and then Y4 and Y6 will have their break. Y3 and Y5 will have their lunch at 11.45-12.30 and Y4 and Y6 will go at 12.15 and return to class at 1pm. We have made these changes to further support our effort to improve behaviours.

**Important Dates Coming Up**

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| **W/C 9th Dec** | **W/C 16th Dec** | **W/C 6th Jan** |
| 9th – Open Evening for new to F2 starters  10th – Y3 Christmas Carol Concert @church 9am | 16th \_ FS Nativity 9am & 2pm  17th – KS1 Nativity@church 9am  18th – Panto Visit KS1  19th – Christmas Lunch  20th – Class Christmas Parties @ Last Day  **23rd Dec - 3rd Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY** | 6th – Return to School |

**Special mentions**

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| **Year** | **Learning Award** | **Value Award** | **Reading Award** |
| **F2** | **Kingfisher -** Karlie - being so proud of herself when writing a sentence.  She explained what she needed to do too. | **Kingfisher -** Isabella – For ALWAYS following the 3R’s and wanting to help out in the classroom. | **Kingfisher -** Lilly-Mae – Significant improvement in phonics and reading.  Lilly-Mae gives 100% into everything she does. |
| **Y1** | **Skylark** - Kian - for being enthusiastic about his learning and keen to share his ideas on the carpet. | **Skylark** - Miles - for always being respectful in the classroom and around school. | **Skylark** - Alannah - for spotting digraphs when blending to read. |
| **Y2** | **Nightingales** – Finn - for always being a passionate and enthusiastic learner. Finn loves learning and I hope that never changes!  **Puffins** - Louie - for his hard work and determination during our assessments this week. | **Nightingales -** Lottie - for always being a smiley superstar in Nightingales! She is a ray of sunshine and a joy to have in school, keep shining your light!  **Puffins** –for being responsible for his learning and being respectful in class. | **Nightingales** - Felicity - for reading so confidently and fluently, she is reading with expression and her love of reading is clear to see!  **Puffins** – Evelyn for doing so well and working hard in her reading assessments this week. |
| **Y3** | **Swift** – Alice – for doing really well in her assessments.  **Housemartins** - Scarlett - learning award for excellent effort in assessments and always producing work to an excellent standard.  **Swallows** – Eva - for giving 100% to all of her assessments this week, well done. | **Swift -** Jackson - for taking responsibility for his own behaviour.  **Housemartins** -Ava - values award for resilience and respect - she has worked hard to improve these and was a great example on Tuesday as part of the choir.  **Swallows** – Darcey – for resilience in maths and always trying her best, well done. | **Swift** – Ava – for sharing her passion for reading.  **Housemartins -** Aarush - reading champion for always engaging with reading and enjoying reading for pleasure time.  **Swallows** – Arthur – for his impressive score in his reading assessment, well done. |
| **Y4** | **Oystercatchers –** Crystal - for working so hard on her end of term assessments.  **Avocets** – Sienna - for her amazing progress in our Spanish lessons.  **Curlews** – Melissa - for being very resilient in every lesson and for always trying her best in everything that she does. | **Oystercatchers –** Betsy P - for always being so respectful and kind.  **Avocets** – Tino - for his fantastic new attitude to independent writing.  **Curlews** – Evelyn - for always being a great role model to everyone in the classroom and for always showing respect in everything she does. | **Oystercatchers –** Rowan -for working really hard to improve his reading.  **Avocets** – Jazz - not only is she reading more, but she has been writing her own short stories for our reading corner.  **Curlews –** Harry - for always having a great attitude towards reading and for making improvements in answering questions in reading practice. |
| **Y5** | **Merlins** - Olly - for his work in division and always giving answers and challenging himself.  **Kestrels** - Skyla - for superb attitude towards her learning, always giving 100%. Her resilience towards her assessments was also excellent this week.  **Peregrines** - Lucus for his outstanding effort in assessment week. | **Merlins**  - Alana - for her respect towards everyone in the class. She always helps people with their work if needed and is kind.  **Kestrels** - Leo - for the respect he shows towards others. On Fridays, Leo is a really good friend towards Lewis, helping him with his learning.  **Peregrines -** Jacob for always having a fantastic attitude to his learning. | **Merlins –** Olivia - for always having her head in a book on brain breaks and any spare moment. Her attitude towards learning is fantastic.  **Kestrels** – Harry - for his enthusiasm towards reading and for the hard work he puts in at home practising his reading.  **Peregrines** – Ethan for sharing his love of reading every single week in book club. |
| **Y6** | **Kites** – Callum - for showing excellent resilience in assessment week and having a positive attitude towards this.  **Eagles –** Liam – for taking ownership of his learning.  **Sparrowhawks -** Morgan - Star Learner - for his lovely presentation when copying up his balanced discussion. | **Kites-** Evie - for sharing her passion for sewing with the class and demonstrating different sewing techniques.  **Eagles** – Vinny – for huge resilience towards his learning.  **Sparrowhawks -** Jimmy - for his resilience and responsibility towards his work and his respect towards his classmates. | **Kites -** Hannah - applying everything she has learnt in reading practice into her assessment this week!  **Eagles –** Dakota – for using evidence from text to support answers.  **Sparrowhawks -** Eddie - for his amazing results in his reading assessment. |

**Attendance**

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| **Class** | **Weekly Attendance Figure** | | |
| **F2 - Kingfisher** | **93.46%** | | |
| **F2/Y1 – Skylark** | **90%** | | |
| **Y1/Y2 - Nightingale** | **97.14%** | | |
| **Y2 – Puffin** | **91.72%** | | |
| **Y3** | **House Martin** | **Swift** | **Swallow** |
| **97.83%** | **93.7%** | **99.17%** |
| **Y4** | **Avocet** | **Oystercatcher** | **Curlew** |
| **89.35%** | **96.67%** | **97.59%** |
| **Y5** | **Merlin** | **Kestrel** | **Peregrine** |
| **90.71%** | **94%** | **94.48%** |
| **Y6** | **Sparrowhawk** | **Eagle** | **Kite** |
| **90.43%** | **97.39%** | **93.75%** |

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Adam Minor

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for this" (Proverbs 19:17)