



The Mordiford Mail



23rd September 2016

Thank you

We have a whole new section of books in our school library thanks to the Pentaloe Class of 2015-2016, who kindly donated some of their favourite titles as a leaving gift at the end of the summer term. The books are now stamped and ready to be taken home so that more children can enjoy the recommended stories. We hope that all of our Y6 leavers are nicely settled in their high schools and thriving on exciting new challenges. Having seen several of our past pupils, over the last couple of weeks, they certainly look very smart and grown up in their new uniforms.



Our Value of the month is togetherness



"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

- Henry Ford

Thinking School

This academic year we are having a sharp focus upon developing our thinking skills. Our approach will be based around the children and aimed to support them in developing life-long, independent and cooperative learning skills including reflective, critical, and creative thinking and the capacity to solve problems and transform information into meaningful knowledge and action. Look out throughout the year for more information and be prepared for lots of questions at home!

The Children's Book show

On Wednesday, Teme class went on a trip to the Court yard to see Jessica Souhami, a children's author, as part of The Children's Bookshow. Jessica told them her story of how she became a children's author and about her time spent doing shadow puppet shows. Some of the books that she wrote and read to Teme Class were Sausages, Foxy, No dinner and Honk honk hold tight. The children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the stories.



Well done

Miss Finney's Star of the Week: Ben Watkins

Last week the winners of the Thank You Ticket draw were: Erin Watts & Chloe Storrer

House points: Haugh

Names in the Golden Book were:

Lugg: Alice & Oscar

Monnow: Megan, Rohan & Christine

Arrow: Florence, Austin & Harry

Wye: Abi & Kacey

Teme: James, Sammy & All of the girls in Teme Class

Frome: Sam, Poppy & Scarlett

Pentaloe: Olivia, Gerard & Esme

Well done to all of our winners.

Weekly reminders/messages...

- Thank you to the many parents who attended the Meet the Teacher sessions this week, we are pleased that most year groups were well represented. We do hope that you found the event useful. Thanks also to the children who were beautifully behaved watching the film in the school hall. If you were unable to attend please do make every effort to make contact with your child's teacher to find out more about the academic year ahead, Mr Foster, in particular, would like to make contact with more of the Year 5 parents.
- If you wish to declare any changes to your child's medical information, family contact details/ people who are authorised to collect your child/ren or their photograph consent then please go to the school office.
- Free to a good home: overhead projector, please see the school office if you are interested.
- Don't forget the PTFA AGM on Monday 26th September 7.30pm at the Bunch of Carrots, please come along and support the group.
- Please do not use the website contact form for email communication as these do not get checked daily. Please use our direct admin email address.

In our Prayers...

Let our friendships be strong, O Lord,
That they become a blessing to others...
Let our friendships be open, O Lord,
That they may be a haven for others...
Let our friendships be gentle, O Lord,
That they bring peace to others,
for Jesus' sake. Amen

Christopher Herbert

Dates for your diary...

Autumn Term 2016

Please note new dates in bold

- 26th September- PTFA AGM Bunch of Carrots
7.30pm
- 26th September— Frome Class visit At Bristol Science Museum**
- 5th October—Frome Class healthy foods workshop
- 5th October- Frome Class Worship 9am
- 6th October—Wye Class visit Caerleon Roman Museum
- 13th October- Wye lead Harvest Worship in church
- w/b October 17th- Science Week
- 19th October Teme Class Worship 9am
- 20th October—Tempest—individual/family photographs
- 21st October—Break up for half term
- 21st October- Family Celebration Worship 9am
- 24th—28th October—Half Term
- 31st October— Back to school
- 31st October—Teme Class visit Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery**
- 2nd November- Parent's Meetings
- 3rd November- Open Morning for prospective parents and children 9.30-11 am
- 9th November- Arrow Class worship 9am
- 23rd November- Pentaloe Class worship 9am
- 5th December- Nativity 6pm
- 6th December- Nativity 1.30pm
- 8th December- KS2 Christmas Concert 6pm
- 9th December- KS2 Christmas Concert 1.45pm
- 14th December-KS1 and KS2 Christmas treats
- 16th December- End of Term

Information needed

Parents will be aware that we have to submit information about all our pupils to the Department for Education. This year they have decided we have to report on a child's 'Country of Birth' AND their 'Nationality'.

Rather than write to each family separately I would ask that you let Mrs Smith (the School Office Manager) know if your child was born anywhere other than in this country and tell us what is their nationality (or if they have dual nationality).

An email or a slip of paper signed by the parent and handed in to the office will be acceptable.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Netball Team

Mordiford Primary School wants to put together a children's mixed netball team to represent us and to compete against other schools. Please see Miss Glover, if you are interested in joining us! Training sessions will be held on Thursdays 3-4pm.

Happy Birthday this week to...



Monty, Judah, Sianna & Dom