



# The Mordiford Mail



4th March 2016

## Small Breeds Farm

On Tuesday, Monnow Class visited the Small Breeds Farm and Owl Centre as part of this term's science topic. Despite leaving school in the rain, as soon as we arrived at the centre, the sun shone for us! We met lots of extremely friendly animals there including goats, sheep, tortoises, miniature ponies, dogs and cows. We also saw 1 day old and 1 week old kids (this being the highlight of our trip)! We then visited the Owl Centre and it was amazing to see all the different varieties, including the most colourful pheasants you could ever see. We even found out how an owl can rotate their heads. It was a great day out and enjoyed by all of us!



## Our Value of the month is Simplicity



"The most simple things can bring the most happiness."  
- *Izabella Scorupco*

## World Book Day

We had great fun on World Book Day, thank you so much for your support in providing all of the amazing costumes. The Twitter feed on the website has plenty of super photographs to give you a flavour of the day. In the evening the children enjoyed a quiet, cosy time in their pyjamas, sharing bedtime stories with hot chocolates and biscuits. At the same time the grown ups were treated to a fun reading information session with Stephanie Austwick. Thank you to so many people for supporting the event and for your very positive feedback.

New books are being placed in the library ready to be out on loan from next week. We ask 2 things: firstly, that the children enjoy loaning and reading from all of the new stock; secondly, that the books are looked after lovingly (if they are lost or damaged we will expect them to be replaced).



## Well done



Last week the winner of the...

Thank You Ticket draw was Oliver L Miss Finney's Star Award:

Sianna

House Points: Swallow House

Names in the Golden Book were:

**Lugg:** Ffion, Daisy, Polly & Noah

**Monnow:** Charlie, Chloe, Flora & Verona

**Arrow:** Harriet, Sammy, Rohana & Caitlin

**Wye:** Tara, Poppy, Aidan & Frankie

**Teme:** Reuben, Ruby, Sam & Oliver S

**Frome:** Jamie, Stanley, Annaleisha, Grace & Lois

**Pentaloe:** Hattie, Lucian, Rory & Archie

**Well done to all our winners!**

## Pentaloe Class Worship

Pentaloe performed their Class Worship on Wednesday and decided to focus on two key events this week: St David's Day and World Book Day. The children found a common theme in the form of dragons. They shared the story of how the dragon came to be a symbol of Wales as well as reading their own descriptions of the mighty beasts. Mr Foster was very proud of how confidently and clearly the children delivered their lines.

## Weekly reminders and messages...

- Parent Meeting appointment time slips have been handed to children today. If you have not received your appointment time or haven't yet made an appointment and wish to, please see the class teacher or go to the school office who will be happy to help.
- Please remember that the School Attendance Policy clearly outlines that holidays in term time can not be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. Please support this policy so that high attendance continues to be a strength of the school.
- There are a growing number of children being dropped off at school at 8.30 am, please note that the gates are only supervised from 8.35am, as a safeguarding concern children should not be left unsupervised on the public footpath.
- Have you seen an age 7 pink girl's coat, waterproof outside with a fleece interior? Please hand in to the office if found.

### Easter Eggstravaganza

The PFTA will be holding their annual **Easter Egg Hunt** (suitable for Reception, KS1 and KS2) around the school grounds after the **Easter Service on 24<sup>th</sup> March 3- 4.30pm**. The cost is £3 per child which includes an Easter Egg prize. On the day there will also be a raffle, school uniform sale, games to play and the winners of the "Decorate an Egg" competition (more details to come on how to enter coming soon) will be decided. You can even stock up on Easter cakes or sample them there and then at our tea and coffee stall.



### In our prayers...

Loving God,  
we thank you for mothers - for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given.  
We thank you for the qualities of mothers - their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding.  
We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you' this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say but so rarely do. For mothers and motherhood, for children and families, we bring you this day our grateful praise. Amen.



### Lugg Class visit to Ross Library

On Tuesday Lugg Class went on a service bus to Ross-on-Wye Library and were all very excited! They spent time in the library, took out books and were totally amazed that where they borrowed the books there was a super duper machine that scanned all the books on top of each other. They had a lovely lunch in the park and the children were superbly behaved. Mrs Oakley and Mrs Berry are very proud of the day, our "book factory" is coming on so well. See our photos on Twitter.

### Dates for your diary...

#### Spring Term 2016

#### Please note new dates in bold

**5th March**-Spring reports to parents

8th March—Parent's Meetings 1.30-6.00pm

9th March—KS1 'Sing Spring In' concert at The Salvation Army

14th March— Frome Class Easter Workshop at the Cathedral

**15th March**—Wye Class Easter Workshop at the Cathedral

15th March—Years 5 & 6 'Sing In Spring' at St Martin's Primary School

16th March—Teme Class Easter workshop at the Cathedral

**17th March**—Lugg Class visit Tesco for Farm to Fork workshop

18th March—Family Celebration worship

23rd March—Teme class visit @Bristol

24th March—Easter Service led by Frome Class at 1.45pm

24th March—Break up for Easter Holidays

25th March - 8th April—Easter Holidays

11th April—First day of the Summer Term

**20th April** —Wye Class Worship

**25th April**—PTFA Rags 2 Riches

Happy Birthday this week to...  
Charlie D, Ava & Rory M

