



# The Mordiford Mail



3rd November 2017

## Football Fever

Our fantastic football teams were in action recently taking part in tournaments organised by Adriano at Burley Gate School. Miss Quinn was really impressed with the teamwork and sportsmanship from both teams who were a great credit to the school. Congratulations to the girls team who were overall winners of their tournament.



## Our value this half -term is Peace

“To reach peace, teach peace. “

Pope John Paul II



## Remember Remember the 5th of November

Great teamwork and fun were the order of the day during the great Mordiford tradition of Guy making. It was brilliant to see such collaboration and the older children taking great care of their younger teammates. Well done everyone.



Look out tonight for the Guy procession led by the winning Guy at 6.15pm.



£1.2 million pounds is spent in Herefordshire each year to tackle the litter problem...just think what else this money could be spent on (a new zebra crossing at Mordiford springs to mind!) This staggering spend was one of the facts that we learned this week when Mrs Denny from Herefordshire Council led a special assembly. We have been encouraged to support the Stop the Drop campaign and think about how we dispose of our rubbish, how we can recycle waste and encourage others to think about the choices that they make. Mrs Denny explained that Balfour Beatty have free community litter picking packs which include gloves, grabbers and high vis jackets. A community litter pick can be arranged by calling 01432 261800 or picking up a leaflet from the school office. If you see any litter on the footpath or playground please could you pick it up and pop it into a bin (remember to wash your hands).

## PTFA Bonfire and Fireworks

Please can anyone attending tonight's fireworks use the parking available in Major Hereford's field rather than parking on the main road. Thank you for your cooperation.

## School Improvement Partner Visit

Just before half term we had a visit from our School Improvement Partner, Mrs Sarah Somers. Mrs Somers works with schools all over the country, she is also an Ofsted inspector. She praised the school on our high academic results, which are all in line with or above national averages, significantly in some areas. Our reading results for instance put the school in the top 10% of schools nationally. On her visit Mrs Somers noted that in classrooms, corridors and in movement around the school, there are clear expectations of behaviour and children adhere to these. Positive relationships with staff and pupils are clearly evident which contribute to learning. The school ethos is positive and calm, having a family feel where everyone is valued. Staff are good role models and there is a happy and purposeful atmosphere in and out of lessons. Pupils feel safe with the adults and know they look after them well. Pupils show great respect for each other and tolerance for differences. Pupils are very keen to discuss their learning. Teaching assistants are deployed highly effectively in class lessons and group activities in order to support learning and progress. As a result, pupils gain in confidence and self esteem and persevere when stuck. In the corridors there are examples of good quality writing. Pupils display respect for each other throughout discussions and when giving opinions and viewpoints. Pupils feel confident and secure to offer their insights and explanations. Adults value all pupils' contributions. Pupils display good learning behaviours, show independence, are engaged and keen to learn in the lessons. Adults demonstrate interest and enthusiasm for the learning. Explanations by adults are clear and support pupils' learning effectively. As a result, pupils understand the tasks and activities to be completed.

Happy Birthday this week to  
Amir, Elsa-Mai & Lucas



## Weekly reminders

- Thank you to everyone who donated their no longer wanted items of clothing etc. for our Rags2Riches collection before half term. You helped us raise £245.30 for the School PTFA.
- A reminder that we are members of the Bookshelf Initiative, please visit the Children's Bookshelf in Hereford. If you make a purchase please bring the receipt to school. For every ten books purchased the school will receive a free book for our library.
- Rev and Mrs Moore led our worship the Monday before half term to tell us all about Operation Christmas Child, you should have received a leaflet in your book bag. If you are able to provide a shoebox for the appeal we have a volunteer collecting them on Thursday 23rd November. We appreciate that filling a box can be expensive so why not join together to fill one shoebox as a family or group of friends. Any support will be most gratefully received. Spare leaflets are available in the school office.



## In our Prayers...

Dear Lord,

We will always remember them with grief but also happiness.  
 May we always remember them with pride as they fought or helped to bring us freedom.  
 The men and women of World War One and Two.

Amen

Prayer by Nia

Remember that we have poppies on sale at school. Wear your poppy with pride for Remembrance Day.



## Dates for your diary...

Autumn Term 2017

Please note new dates in bold

- 7th November—Parent's Meetings 1.30-6pm
- 9th November—Open Morning for prospective YR 2018
- 10th November—Pentaloe Class Worship
- 10th—12th November—Teme Class Malvern Outdoor Elements
- 15th November—PTFA meeting at school 2pm
- 22nd November—Arrow Class Worship
- 29th November—Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 1-4
- 30th November— 5.00pm Choir to Cathedral Carol Service
- 1st December—2.30pm Family Celebration Worship
- 8th December—Pop Up Book Event
- 11th December—KS2 Carol Service 1.30pm at Holy Rood Church
- 12th December—KS1 Play 2.00pm, Holy Rood Church
- 12th December—KS2 Carol Service 6.00pm Holy Rood Church
- 13th December—KS1 Play 2.00pm, Holy Rood Church
- 14th December— Whole School Christmas trip to The Courtyard: Sleeping Beauty
- End of Term: Friday 15th December
- Spring Term begins:  
 Wednesday 3rd January 2018

## Stars of the week

**Erin (Arrow)**

For her thoughtful approach to school, her caring attitude towards others and her lovely manners. You always set a great example to others. Thank you.

**Iestyn (Frome)**

For being a great role model (especially during Guy making) and for showing excellent perseverance when faced with challenging tasks.

**Austin (Wye)**

He is always ready to learn. He shows great enthusiasm for all that we do in class and is also a super role model for those around him. Great promise for the rest of Year 3. Keep it up!

**Kacey (Teme)**

She could be our Star every week! She always works with vigour with great results in every lesson. She has developed a real 'love for learning' whilst portraying excellent manners and friendship values to all. Well done Kacey!

**Cerys (Monnow)**

For making a huge effort with her writing. She is working hard with her handwriting and spelling but is also working at an incredible pace, with greater independence and confidence. Fantastic effort. Well done!

**Olivia (Reception)**

Olivia is our star of the week because she is being a complete all round super star. She is thoughtful, kind, well organised, is always listening and is working so hard in all the activities that she does. Well done.