



15th February 2019

# The Mordiford Mail



During the first week back after half term we will be celebrating the breadth of our special curriculum. On Friday 1st March we would like to invite you to a showcase assembly at 9am. Representatives from each class will present their learning highlights from the week; you can then visit your child in their classroom to talk to them about what they have been doing. Tea and Coffee will be served in the hall until 10.30am. **Have a wonderful Half-Term.**

## Lugg Class Warwick Castle Trip

On Monday Lugg class visited Warwick Castle, not only was the weather wonderful, more impressively so was the children's behaviour.

We took part in a workshop which was led by Princess Millie, who told a lovely story and the children then worked on their shield designs, which they painted in class the following day.

During the visit the children also saw the enormous trebuchet and they went into the Grand Hall and learned all about King Henry VIII and the problems he had with his wives. We also visited the clock tower and saw an animation of the history of the Castle.

The children were fascinated by the Royal Weekend Party exhibition, where they learned all about Daisy, The Countess of Warwick and how both the ladies and gentlemen of Victorian high society spent their evenings. The children liked the idea of having servants.

On return to the school the children were looking at the pictures of the castle and noticed a wizard in one of the windows and they felt sure that a princess was being kept in the castle by the wizard!

Some of the children have written letters to the wizard and yesterday the wizard wrote a letter back to the class. They have since been working on "spells" and feel sure that the Princess will be freed by the end of half term.



## Dates for your diary...

### Spring Term 2019

18th—22nd February—HALF TERM

25th February—Return To School

25th Feb-1st March: Curriculum week

1st March: Curriculum Showcase 9-10.30

### **5th March: PARENT MEETINGS**

6th March—Lugg Class Worship

7th March—World Book Day 'Share a Bed-time Story', pyjamas and onesies day

14th March—Frome Class and Penteloe Class County School Football at Wyeside

15th March—Comic Relief Red Nose Day: Crazy Hair Day

28th March—Wye Class 'We The Curious' Visit To Bristol

3rd April—Penteloe Class Worship

9th April—Frome Class and Penteloe Class Visit to Ledbury Poetry Festival

10th April—Wye Class and Frome Class Experience Easter Workshops At Hereford Cathedral

12th April— Spring Term Ends

### Summer Term 2019

29th April—Summer Term Begins

6th May—Bank Holiday

8th May—Wye Class Worship

W/C 13th May—KS2 SATS Week

18/19th—24th May Erasmus Project Staff and Pupil Visit.

22nd May—Frome Class Worship

24th May—Break Up For Half Term

27th—31st May—HALF TERM

3rd June—Return To School

## Project Mala

Thank you for supporting today's Wear What You Like Day for Project Mala. We are delighted to have raised sufficient funds to continue sponsoring the education of Hemant. He is 8 years old and has attended Amoi primary School in the village of Tauwan since April 2018.



Hemant has a brother aged 9 and a sister aged 11, they are both in school too. As well as a free education Hemant also receives a hot midday meal, uniform and health and leisure facilities. This is Hemant pictured on his first day at school.

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

this week and during the half term break to.....  
Niamh & Isabel O

## Parking

To help ensure the safety of the children, we politely ask that you please refrain from parking on the school crossing area or on the white lines around the school.



**STARS OF THE WEEK**  
**Miss Finney's Star: Isabelle Y6**  
**The Little Cup of Kindness: Coburn Y5**  
**Holiday Bear: Charlie YR**



**Alfie (Rec)**

We are really impressed with the efforts you are putting into all activities. You are now also making correct behaviour choices, which is impacting significantly on your learning – well done!

**Leo (Year 1)**

For making fantastic progress in reading but also for your inquisitiveness. You are asking lots of questions and are extremely keen to learn. You are a brilliant role model to your peers. Keep persevering

**Levi (Year 2)**

For adopting a far more positive and mature approach to your working. It is really paying off and you are making some great progress. Please keep it up.

**Freya (Year 3)**

For always being so polite and helpful around the classroom and school. You are an absolute pleasure to teach especially because you always make sure everyone is smiling. Thank you.

**Will (Year 4)**

You have been making a great effort with your diary writing this week but also showing a strong mind-set for all areas of your learning. You are always fully focused and do not allow yourself to be distracted. Keep this up – you will fly!

**Kacey (Year 5)**

For being a great team player and showing fantastic resilience during our work this term. Keep up the brilliant effort. You approach every challenge with a smile!

**Alistair (Year 6)**

You are a super, kind member of the class. Your cheerful attitude, kindness and maturity are real assets to Pentaloe. You have made some giant steps this term. Keep up the hard work.

**Wye Class Worship**

The children in Wye class held a lovely assembly on Wednesday, where they retold the Ironman story and shared some of their work. Mr Fair is very proud of all of Wye Class! Well done.

**Golden Moment**

Twice this week we have received lovely compliments about the high standard of the children's handwriting across the school. Stephanie James, a tutor from Worcester University and Alison Clarke, from Imagine for Schools, informed me of their impressions, both professionals visit lots of schools so this is very flattering feedback. Well done children we are very proud of you.



**Prayer Corner**

Dear God,  
 Thank you for love.  
 Thank you for how good it is to have people who love us, and people who we can love.  
 Thank you that your heart is full of love for us and for those we love.  
 Amen



**Messages/Reminders...**

- Supportive comments for the new car park planning application are welcomed and can be made via Herefordshire Council's Planning Application Search website.
- Spring Term Parent Meetings will be held on Tuesday 5th March from 1.30-6pm.
- Please save crazy hair for Red Nose Day, we do not encourage fashion accessories or the use of hair gel on school days.

**Free Online Courses**

Herefordshire Council are running courses for parents, carers and other family members to help support children from pregnancy until age 18. All courses have been written and approved by health professionals. To access the free online courses visit: [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk)  
 Register your details and enter Access Code: APPLEHERE

**Imagine for Schools Year 5 and 6 Growth Mindset Workshops**

The children loved the workshops, taking part in challenges and thinking about the struggles we face in learning new things. They enjoyed talking about having a growth mindset and not always expecting to jump from peak to peak in learning. Remember it is in the valley where the best learning takes place! (ask your child to explain)



**HAPS Pantomime**

Hereford Amateur Pantomime Society are performing Jack and The Beanstalk at The Courtyard Theatre from 20th to 23rd February. Matinee and evening performance tickets are available for most days. Please contact The Courtyard Theatre for more information.

