



# Little Marlow CE School Fortnightly Newsletter Friday 27th January 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We have had a very busy start to the Spring term with assessment week, film night and the exciting arrival of our new rugs and books.

## Assessment week

We began the half term with assessments and observations enabling us to report valuable information on pupil progress, attainment and targets during parent consultation week. The children were very engaged and worked hard, what a fitting way to start the term demonstrating our value of "effort".

## New Arrivals

During December we are delighted to announce that our Aspen class teaching assistant Mrs Dene gave birth to a beautiful and healthy baby girl. We look forward to a visit soon.



## Thank you

The staff and children were thrilled with the arrival of our new rugs and selection of books at the start of term. The rugs for each classroom funded by the PTA have a "mini beast spot" for each child to sit on. This means that they have their own personal carpet space during input and plenary sessions. The teachers have already noticed an improvement in focus on the carpet. The books also ordered from PTA funds have meant that we have been able to expand our range sent home and added lots more exciting stories and fiction texts in to the mix.

## Looking ahead

We have a lot of exciting things planned for the term ahead...

**Oak Class** - the Spring term topic is travel. We will be learning about different countries, cultures and ways of travelling. This will include a focus on space travel after half term. The children will also continue to build on their knowledge of letter sounds to read and write simple sentences. In Numeracy sessions we will be expanding on their number facts to include simple calculations.

**Aspen Class** - during English sessions in addition to working on our phonic sounds we will be exploring traditional tales from other cultures. In Mathematics we will be developing our understanding of numbers and calculations including sequences and doubling/halving and then moving on to measurement work including mass, length and capacity. We will also be practising telling the time and working with money. During Art sessions we will be exploring the work of Andy Goldsworthy and his use of natural materials, this links in with our Science topic of materials and the Geography theme of weather.

**Elder Class** - in English sessions we will be looking at 'Traditional Tales'. This will involve discussing characters, settings and the use of verbs, nouns, adverbs and adjectives. Within that we will also be looking at speech bubbles and the uses of speech marks, drama and the use of tenses. During Maths sessions we will continue to explore addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and place value. Alongside that we will be looking at the sterling currency, its worth and how we use money to calculate. We will also be looking at geometry especially position and direction. In RE sessions we will be learning about celebrations and how some cultures are similar or different to others. Art sessions will focus on illustrators and how they use pictures to support a story linking with our traditional tales topic.

We also have some exciting whole school diary dates to note, more information on Red Nose day and World Book day to follow soon.

Miss Katie Penney, Head of School

## Useful Reminders

### Early Bird Club:

Remember you can still sign up for Early Bird club for next term if you have not already done so. If you have any questions, please speak to the office.

### Reading volunteers:

Thank you so much to those who already give up their valuable time to volunteer with reading in the afternoon. We still have spaces to sign up particularly in Aspen and Oak class so please get in contact if you feel that this is something you could offer.

With such chilly weather we are still in need of tissues for the classrooms, if you are able to supply your child's class with a box of tissues it would be much appreciated!

With a range of sports clubs running throughout the week please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school for these sessions in addition to PE lessons.

### Attendance:

The attendance for the last two week period is as follows:

Oak = 98%

Aspen = 93%

Elder = 95%

### School Awards:

Well done to the following children who have received awards in our celebration assemblies in the last three weeks:

#### Stars of the Week:

Finn, Charlotte, Harry  
Jude, Lilly S, Lucas  
Elder class, Amelie, Kaydon

#### Effort award:

Grace, Barnaby, Mabel  
Skye, Niels, Rory  
Elder class, India, Oliver F

## Spring Term 2017 Diary Dates:

### *Little Marlow*

Thurs 26th Jan:	PTA Film Night
Fri 3rd Feb	PTA Smartie tubes out to children
Wed 8th Feb	Children's Disco
Fri 10th Feb	Hot Dog day
Fri 10th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 20th Feb	Back to School
Mon 20th Feb	Return PTA Smartie tubes
Mon 27th Feb	Parents' Consultations 3:30 - 6:00
Tues 28th Feb	Pancake lunch
Wed 1st Mar	Parents' Consultations 5:30 - 8:00
Fri 3rd Mar	World Book dress up day
Fri 24th Mar	Red Nose day
Thurs 30th Mar	Easter service at St John the Baptist 9.30
Fri 31st Mar	Break up for Easter
Tues 18th Apr	Inset day
Wed 19th Apr	Back to School