



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 2012- N0.7

We have started the New Year and new term introducing our new curriculum. Already children are telling us some very positive things about their learning experience. You can enjoy some children's thoughts about their Learning Challenge in the Class section of this news letter.

We ended last term with a wonderful Celebration of our children's achievements. Children, who had been successful in their learning, worked hard and demonstrated their understanding of our values and code of conduct, received the following awards.



GOLDEN APPLE

Holly - Francesca C. & Joshua F.
Chestnut - Sophie & Caitlin
Willow - Abbi & Robbie
Maple - Rebecca & Roan
Acorn - Bryony & Eleanor
Elm - Emily & Ellie
Rowan - Rowan & Maisie

Effort in Learning Award

Holly - Ellie
Chestnut - Millie
Willow - Paige
Maple - David
Acorn - Jacob
Elm - Carter
Rowan - Lily

High Achievement Award.

Holly - Callum
Chestnut - Wanessa
Willow - Glenn
Maple - Gabriella
Acorn - Alexander
Elm - Yasamin
Rowan - Eloise

Our Value this Term

Perseverance

Working to complete a task however hard it is or long it takes.
Seeing a job right through to the end.

Reading Miles Global Challenge January - March 2012

We will be taking part in the Reading Miles Global Challenge which has just been launched by The National Literacy Trust and Oxford University Press. The challenge will further encourage reading at home and there will be prizes for children completing the challenge.

Pupils are rewarded with 500 reading miles for every 10 minutes they spend reading. Miles are collected in a special reading passport. 11 hours of reading will earn them 33,000 miles which they can plot on their reading passport. The passport informs them where in the world they are when they have completed a number of miles.

When pupils have completed their passport they will be entered in a prize draw to win books for themselves and the school, a day of storytelling or a family day out to their closest attraction to the value of £75.

We will still continue our own reading reward system and those children who read every day for 5 days will continue to have an extra playtime once a week, reading certificate and a merit towards their house team.

Congratulations to all our readers who managed to read every day for half a term. They enjoyed a party with music, activities and festive food at the end of last term.

FAB FINISH PRESENTATIONS!

We hope you will join us for our learning presentations.

These are the dates for your diary –

Maple and Acorn 7th February

Chestnut and Acorn 8th February

Holly, Elm and Willow **10th February**

All at 2pm.

Please note change of date for Key Stage 2

New School Signs

We hope you have noticed our wonderful new school signs!

We have moved the Notice board to the playground and hope that it will be convenient and more accessible. Please let us know what information you would find useful for that site.

LATENESS TO SCHOOL

We have a number of children arriving late for school. Registration is at 9am and children arriving after that time to class will be marked as late. If a child is consistently late for school, then the Education Welfare Officer is informed and this could result in fines.



HAVING TROUBLE PAYING FOR SCHOOL DINNERS?

If you are having trouble paying for your child's cooked lunch at school and you are receiving benefits then please call in to see Mrs Pynn at the office. Your child doesn't have to have a meal every day, they can choose when they want to take up the option but if you are receiving certain benefits then it is your child's entitlement to receive a free dinner.

Free support for parents



WATLING FOOTBALL CLUB

WFC had a great day with 66 children at 'Go Bowling' as you can see from the picture!



You too could have a great time with them by joining the Club which plays at Watling Lower School.

There are also opportunities for any adults who would like to get involved.

For information about Watling Football Club please contact **Mr Martin Topp** on **07718379976**.

Parent Forum

We are looking forward to you joining us at our next Parent Forum on February 2nd at 6.00pm.

There is a really useful website helping parents with their child's reading. Oxford Owl is a free website, created with teachers and parents and is packed full of practical advice and support, including:

- **250 FREE eBooks to bring children's favourite books to life.**
- Phonics guide for parents (including how to say the sounds correctly).
- Ideas for motivating boys to read.
- Great ways to keep up with reading in the holidays.
- Fun reading games and activities

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| 30 th January | Governors' Meeting |
| 2 nd February | Parent Forum |
| 7 th February | FAB Finish Acorn and Maple |
| 8 th February | FAB Finish KS1 |
| 10 th February | FAB Finish KS2 |
| 10 th February | Gold Awards |
| 13 th to 17 th February | Half term |
| 20th February | INSET |
| 1 st March | World Book Day |
| 7 th to 13 th March | Book Fair |
| 14 th & 15 th March | Parents' Evening |
| 30th March | Last day of term |
| 16th April | Term starts for children |
| 28 th May | Governors' meeting |
| 4th to 8th June | Half term |
| Week 9 th July | WLS 50 th Birthday Celebrations |
| 20th July | Last day of term |

Reminders

We have children in school who have allergies of various kinds which include certain food allergies. To help us help them, **PLEASE** do not include any nuts in packed lunches, this includes peanut butter and nut covered bars.

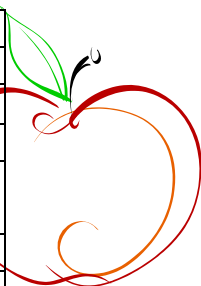
Also just to remind you that all clothes must be labelled. Every term we have a huge amount of property not claimed left in school.

Thank you

We collect any and all tokens, please send as many to school as you can to help us build up our range of learning resources.

Values Apple Award

| Name | Class |
|----------------------|----------|
| Natasha C. | Holly |
| Bradley | Chestnut |
| Andre | Willow |
| Samantha and Matthew | Maple |
| Harrison , Ashlyn | Acorn |
| Nathan | Elm |
| Henry M. | Rowan |



House Points

| Sherwood | Windsor | Epping | Hatfield |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 37 | 34 | 34 | 52 |



Should we have snow this year we will allow the children to have some fun on the field. We need to make sure the children don't get wet feet however so only children who bring **Wellington Boots** to school will be able to do this. Please make sure the 'Wellies' have your child's name in.

What do YOU think?

Text Messaging

We are looking at ways to improve communication between home and school and considering whether sending text messages, for reminders and in emergencies for example, would be a useful and effective way to do this.

Please let us know what you think by returning this slip to school.

Name Child Class.....

I think text messaging would / would not be a good idea to improve school to home communication.