



# Weekly Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Discussion of the Week

Homework week is always one of my favourite weeks in school. It is lovely to see and hear the children so enthusiastic about what they have completed at home. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting into classes and sharing their excitement and pride. Lots of merits have been awarded this week, which always makes our celebration assembly on Friday very enjoyable. On Fridays, we also celebrate children's achievements from home. From last week's newsletter, I have started to record these to share with you all too.

Children continue to show immense resilience towards their learning. Staff are planning and teaching lessons which enable children to show what they are capable of, stretching and challenging children when they are ready. Our learning value of resilience this half term is providing lots of opportunities for children to share how they feel about their efforts. I am proud of them all for trying hard to be the best they can be, and we are only just finishing the end of week 2! Already I do not envy year group teams having to identify a resilience champion at the end of this half term!

## Missing guided reading books

We have been sorting through our school guided reading books and we are missing many books which stop us from using the whole set of 6 in class reading sessions. Please could everyone have a look at home for any guided reading books - they are marked with a 'G' followed by a number. We will have a 'book amnesty' next week where you can simply drop any books in a box at reception. This can also include any library or colour band books. Thank you for your help.

## PTA funding

I am pleased to report that the PTA have agreed to donate funds that you have helped to raise to a 'school trips pot' for all year groups which will enable us to pass on a cost saving to you, thereby making the cost of the school trips cheaper. We try very hard to ensure that the activities we are providing both in or out of school for children to enrich our curriculum are a reasonable cost. PTA funding is going to be very valuable in helping us to make trips and visitors even better value.

## Reminder about toys and objects from home

Can I remind you all that children's things from home are discouraged from being brought into school, unless it is for a planned sharing session (for example show and tell) that has been arranged with children. There has been an increase of toys and things on the playground which are at risk of getting lost or damaged. Thank you for helping us to reinforce this message.

## Attendance

Alongside the newsletter today you should have received your child's attendance percentages for the whole of the Autumn Term. *Hayley Ferguson*

**I have not failed. I have just found  
10,000 ways that won't work  
(Thomas Edison)**

**What does this statement mean?**

## 10 Golden Tickets (YR)

Jasmine  
Bella G

## Merits this Week

**Bronze** Harry, Indie, Ben H, Austin, Oliver  
R (Y1)

**Silver** Lola (Y6), Olly B (Y2)

**Gold** Jonathan, Dallas (Y3), Ted, Esmail  
(Y2)

**Ruby** Lily G (Y2), Evie, Andrew (Y3) Reece,  
Jessie (Y4), Daisy, Wesley, Izzy C (Y5), Mia  
(Y6)

**Sapphire** Holly (Y3), Maddison, Sophia D  
(Y4), Rio, Lucy (Y5)

**Diamond** Isla (Y4), Amy (Y5)

**Opal** Phoebe (Y4), Logan B (Y6)

**Granite** James (Y4), Lydia (Y5), Jake C (Y6)

**Pearl** Izzy & Isobel (Y6)

**Well done everyone!**

## Letters this week

Y3 & Y4 Harry Potter Trip Letter

Y5 & Y6 Historic Dockyard Trip letter

## Dates for Diary

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: SATS Meeting for Y6 parents 6pm

25<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y5 assembly at 2.30pm

followed by book sharing in classroom

29<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y1&Y2 Chocolate Workshop

9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Last day of term

Attached is an information leaflet regarding Walk to School. Children have the opportunity to enter a competition to design new badges for the scheme. Children will receive a badge at the end of the month if they have walked at least once a week to school.

## Achievements this week

Ben (Y3) received his music merit certificate for his achievements in playing his recorder

*Well done. We are proud of you!*

**This week's winning team:**

**OAK**