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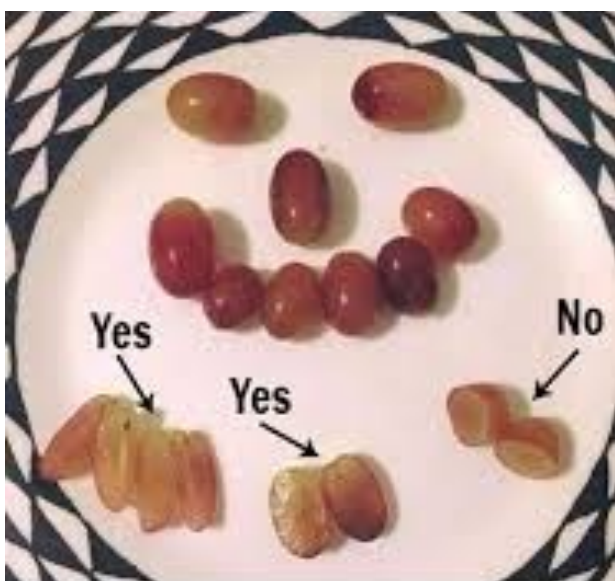
Friday 9th March 2018

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"Achievement for All, Learning Together, Learning for Life"

Polite Reminder



Please, please, please ALWAYS slice grapes before giving them to young children....

Next Week's Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Pixie today, Thomas and Cameron on 10th March, Kodie on 12th March and Violet S and Owen on 13th March!

Book Day Author Visit — Email

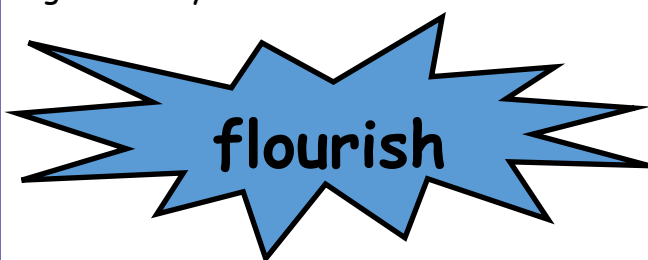
"I just wanted to say many thanks again for hosting my event yesterday at two of your brilliant schools. I travel around to many schools each year doing events, from deprived areas of inner city London to exclusive private schools in Buckinghamshire, and I have to say that your schools are an utter credit to you and your staff, always welcoming and enthusiastic which comes from both teachers and students alike. You should be extremely proud of all the incredible work you've been doing and please do pass on my thanks to both staff and students for being fantastic participants and listeners. Many thanks again."

Giles Paley-Phillips

INTERESTING, USEFUL AND UNUSUAL WORDS

Definition of flourish (verb) in English:

1) Grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way.



Planned Power Cut

As you may be aware, there is a planned power cut in Chiddingly on Friday 16th March. The school will open as usual as the UK Power Network are providing us with a generator. Please send in your child as normal.

Oak Class

Could we please ask if you have any wooden palettes or old tyres to donate to the EYFS outdoor area in Oak class. These would be so useful for so many things and we would be very grateful! We are also on the look out for cable drums, milk crates, shopping crates and large pieces of fabric.

Learning Powers Certificate

On Friday 16th March at 9.25am the following children will be celebrating their achievements. Please come along if you are free.

Oak - Daisy Gwilliam

Beech - Aidan Holder

Willow - Hollie Henigan

Sycamore - Ruby Stonestreet

British Values Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is:

Violet Searle

For being a super helper and looking out for others!



Diner of the Week:

Jasmine Sowden

For being kind, helpful, polite and following the golden rules.



St Mary's Partnership News



Please remember that the consultation process ends on **Friday 23rd March 2018**.

Some children have started using Google Meet to connect with their peers at St Mary the Virgin. We will continue to use video conferencing as a way to communicate and we will let you know about some of the children's experiences in next week's newsletter. If you haven't returned your consent letter, please do so ASAP.

Growth Mindset

Tough Turtle of the Week

Sienna-Rose Holder

For trying her best in everything and never giving up! She loves a challenge.

If you've never failed, you've never tried anything new



Parent Forums

Term	Date	Content
4	14th March	Homework Policy Review and Evaluation Parent views SATs info for Year 2 and Year 6 parents
5	1st May	Thrive Review Mindfulness Review inc Golden Mile
6	13th June	Parentview Review SDP and plans for 18/19

This Week's House Points:



Big Ben 120



London Eye 67



Buckingham
Palace 64

This week's winners are:

Big Ben

Top Table winners:

USA (30 points)

Aidan

Sebastian

Amy F

Ria

Orla

Mason

The runners up are Brazil with 23 points.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year so far is **95%**.

This week's attendance: **93.3%**

Oak - **92%**

Beech - **96.77%**

Willow - **94.44%**

Sycamore - **88.89%**

Well done to **Beech** for having the highest attendance this week!

We publish the weekly attendance figure for each class using a colour coded "traffic light" system:

100% - gold

96.5 to 99.9% - green

95 to 96.4% - amber

Less than 94.9% - red

Forest School

Sycamore had their second Forest School session of the term this week and their focus was fire! This is linked in with their topic of Survival.

The children were in groups of 8 and, in pairs, were provided with an aluminium tin, some char-cloth, a fire steel and some wood. Mr Groves kindly brought the char-cloth and a huge selection of wood shavings which acted as great kindling. The children's challenge was to light a fire and keep it going for as long as possible. Simon and Fin were very quick to keep it going and did well at saving some of their resources so the fire lasted a long time. Seth and Ella spent a long time trying to get their fire lit (not sure I've ever seen more determination!) and were very proud when they managed it! The children soon learnt that if they blew gently and steadily on embers, it wasn't long before they got a flame again. The children were rewarded for their hard work with a hot chocolate around the big fire, made in our brand new kettle!

While they were waiting to have a go with fire, the children either pond dipped or created rain water traps in preparation for next week's session: water.

Thank you, as always, to our fantastic parent helpers - it is so great to have your involvement in our sessions!



Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. We wrote letters to people we admire throughout the week and we have posted these off - fingers crossed we hear back! We got dressed up as our favourite book characters and shared our books with each other. Here are some photos of us looking fabulous!

We were also lucky enough to have a visit from an author this week - Giles Paley-Phillips. He came to talk to us about what it is like to be an author and also to share his book 'Superchimp'.



Dates for your diary 2017/2018

March 2018

14th — Parent Forum at 9.00am to
9.25am

***27th and 28th — Parent Consultation
Meetings (4-6pm)***

29th — Easter Service at 2.00pm

29th — Last day of term

April 2018

16th — Term 5 begins

May 2018

1st — Parent Forum at 9.00am to
9.25am

4th — Reception class vision and
hearing tests

7th — May Bank Holiday

21st — Enterprise week

23rd — Awe & Wonder Day and
celebration at 2.30pm

25th — Last day of term

June 2018

4th — INSET day

5th — Term 6 begins

13th — Parent Forum at 9.00am to
9.25am

29th — Table Tennis Tournament at
12.30pm at East Hoathly

July 2018

3rd — Sports Day at 9.30am & picnic at
12.00pm with parents

6th — Reports home to parents

9th — Parent Consultation
Meetings (4-6pm) to
discuss reports only

9th — Summer Production dress rehearsal
at 2.00pm

11th — Summer Production at 2.00pm
and 6.30pm

19th — Last day of term and Leavers
Service at 2.00pm

20th — INSET day

21st — Ground Force Day in afternoon

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are now on **27th
and 28th March** from 4-6pm and sign up
sheets will be available from Friday 16th
March outside the hall.

Bag2School

There will be a Bag2School collection on
Thursday 15th March in the morning.





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6th March 2018

Sports Week - Monday 19th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our whole school development of fitness, wellbeing and sports we will be holding our first 'Sports Week' during the week of Monday 19th March. The purpose of this is to encourage more physical activity, broaden children's experiences of the different sports they can take part in and encourage them to try something new.

Across the week children in all year groups will experience a different workshop each day including tennis, fencing, golf, and street dance. They will need to have their PE kits in school every day. We have linked with our local coaches and instructors who will be visiting the school on different days, with the view that if the children want to pursue these sports further there is the opportunity to do so locally. We are also looking into utilising these links to develop more after school clubs where there is enough interest. These workshops are in addition to their regular PE sessions.

We will also be welcoming an Olympic athlete to school on Thursday 22nd March, who will talk to the children about using their growth mind sets and passion for activity to improve and take part in more sport.

We are asking for a donation of £2 per child towards the workshops during the week. If you have any questions about this week, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher. We hope the children will have an enjoyable time.

Yours sincerely

Miss Denney
Federation PE Co-ordinator

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Monday 5th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will now require a signed letter from a parent/carer, confirming the reason for your child's absence when they have returned to school. This is so we can have a thorough record of the reasons for any absence, including sickness or medical appointments. **Please note that you will still need to phone the school on the first day of your child's absence and leave a message, so we can account for absences during the morning registers.**

Please see a template letter that includes all the information we require for our records attached. Template letters will also be available in the school office for you to complete when your child returns to school. If letters are not handed in by the end of each week, we will chase it up.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Lewis'.

Miss V Lewis
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Dear Parent / Guardian

We are pleased to announce that the school has organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds.

Bag2School are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 they have now paid out over £20 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 1,081,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. Please note bedding, curtains, and household linen cannot be accepted (refer to www.bag2school.com for details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more, you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be **collecting from our school on The MORNING of THURSDAY 15th March.**

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school playground by the Sports Hall and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

PJCS

Parents and Friends of Chiddingly School