13th October 2017



# Celebration Awards go to children who have been: Reflective; Resourceful; Resilient; Collaborative; Creative and Curious



Puffins Ivy Mills and Kitty Denny.

Owls Imagen Buckley, Scarlett Southgate, Poppy Jones, Beau Golden

and Tawana Muzire.

Flamingos Amelia Mackay, Jack Howard, Casey Lewis, Ashton Applegate,

Florrie Laws and Juliet Allison.

Eagles Noah Lambiase, Mia Burtenshaw-Moppett, Lily Osborne, Jayden Harris

and William Walker.

Toucans Ben Brolly, Jessica Leach, Jack Macare-Cook and Abbi Lewis.

#### Gold Stars

Poppy Lewis, Jack Leach, Chloe Wilkinson, Ethan Evans, Max Howard, Isabella Bajomee, Henry Jones, Harrison Kerridge, Miracle Norman, Ben Ashworth, Beau Golden, Imogen Buckley, Tawana Muzire, Jack Howard, Holly Lewis, Juliet Allison, Florrie Laws, Leo Mondal, William Walker, Isobel Horsfall, Mia Clarke, Jayden Harris, Abbi Sadler, Nazay Hladkykh, Freddie Brooks x2, Jade x2, Jessica Leach, Jack Macare-Cook and Kye Williams. A special mention to Oliver Jakeman, Kitty Denny, Jack Leach, Sydney Thorpe and Isabella Bajomee who all received gold stars last week.

### School Attendance by Class

(Our whole school target for 2017-18 is 97.5% Last year we achieved 96.1%)

Puffins 100% Owls 97% Flamingos 97.7% Eagles 82% Toucans 94.6% Whole School Attendance this week is 94.3%

This week in Toucans Toucans have had yet another busy week at school. Our versions of Alien Landing have taken shape in our Talk 4 Write sessions and these have been really excellent. Maths has seen us exploring short method multiplication with fantastic results. But perhaps the best part of the week was using toilet rolls, marbles, footballs and space hoppers to represent the solar system. If you get the chance and the skies are clear this weekend, please go outside together and explore the wonders of the night sky.

### Easton College Farm Visit

On Monday, the Puffins, Flamingos and Owls spent the day at the Easton & Otley College Farm! We had the opportunity to tour the farm, seeing horses, sheep, deer, bee hives, pigs, chickens and a variety of crops. We saw tractors and learned about how wheat, hay, and oil rape seed are harvested. The children ground wheat with a hand mill, used a pestle and mortar to grind oilseed rape. We learned how to do some wet felting, creating wool marbles by fluffing then rolling wool into a ball with some soap and water. The most competitive moment of the day was the butter making, when the children teamed up to race in shaking a small container of buttermilk to churn it into butter. It was a great day had by all, and a real life introduction for next term's topic focus of 'Down on the Farm'!

**Teacher led Afterschool Club** - **Sign Language** There will be no club after half term as Mrs Thompson will be commencing her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best.

Friday Bulletin The Friday Bulletin will be changing after half term. We will be continuing to publish the children's achievements and a diary for the week ahead but it will be changing to a monthly newsletter. This will contain any school news and will be emailed, as now, but at the end of the month. We will continue to text and email any important information or reminders as necessary that arise before monthly publication.

**School Photographs** Tempest will be visiting the school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November to take individual school photos. Please ensure your child is wearing a school jumper or cardigan on the day. A named brush or comb in school would also be useful. Thank you.

Guy Fawkes Lunch Clive will be offering a special themed lunch with a vegetarian option for the children on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

School Disco The Friends will be holding a disco for the children on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. This year the first hour will be for Key Stage 1 children followed by a TV club (optional), whilst Key Stage 2 will have the second hour with TV club before the disco. All children to be collected at 5 p.m. unless arrangements are made for them to attend our afterschool club. The cost is £4.00 for the disco and TV club or £3.00 for the disco only. Forms and monies should be returned to the School Office by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November in a named envelope which is marked for the attention of The Friends. See form attached.

Manor Lakes Residential Years 5/6 A polite reminder to advise us if your child wishes or not to attend the residential. Completed slip and deposit to be returned to school by Monday  $16^{th}$  October.

A Plea Please send all monies into school in an envelope which is clearly labelled with your child's name and what the money is for e.g. Parent Lunch. We have seen an increase in loose monies arriving at the reception desk and this is causing stress and unnecessary work for the staff. If you do not have an envelope, a homemade one is perfectly acceptable.

If ordering tuck or a drink, please ensure you send in the correct change in a named purse.

**Parking** We would like to take this opportunity to remind all our parents about parking, being considerate of our neighbours, driving safely and legally when collecting and dropping off the children, both at the start and end of the day. The safety of the children is paramount. Thank you.

**Advanced Notice** A reminder that the school will be closed on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 for Talk for Writing staff training.

## Dates for your Diary

19th October 2017 - Parent Cafes

19th October 2017 - Last day of the half term.

20th October 2017- School Closed for half term. Re-opens on 30th October.