



Newsletter 24

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well.

### **Acorn Class Visit to Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm**

Yesterday Acorn Class enjoyed a very special visit to Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm. They loved seeing all the animals and took part in a variety of activities including Guinea Pig Fishing! Many thanks to Mrs Scott for organising this fantastic trip.





### **Many thanks to Mrs Stopps**

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Stopps at end of Term 4. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a very happy and well deserved retirement after 26 years of loyal service and dedicated work at the school in a variety of roles including Reception Class Teacher, Deputy Head and SENCo. She has been a key part of your childrens' time at this school and she will be greatly missed by everyone.

As you already know Mrs Scott has been doing a fantastic job covering in Acorn Class and she will now be continuing to teach Reception for the rest of this Academic Year and beyond. We will be looking to appoint a new SENCo as soon as possible. In the meantime if you have any queries around SEND make your class teacher the first point of contact and you can also email [SEND@woodlands.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:SEND@woodlands.wilts.sch.uk).

### **Spotlight on the Curriculum – History Knowledge Organisers for the Summer Term (Term 5 and Term 6).**

A few weeks ago when I gave the results of the parental survey I mentioned that I will be making sure that you are given even more information about the curriculum. This week the focus is on **History**. Please download the correct Knowledge Organiser for your child's year group (the website link is below) and start to talk to them about their History Topic for the Summer Term. The main benefit of using knowledge organisers is that they give children, teachers and parents the 'bigger picture' of a topic, subject area or specific concept. Some topics can be complicated, so having the essential knowledge, clear diagrams, explanations and the correct key vocabulary (which is a school priority) on one document can be beneficial.

<https://woodlands.wilts.sch.uk/history-knowledge-organisers/>

Y1 The Moon Landing – Neil Armstrong

Y2 The Titanic

Y3 The Mayan Civilisation

Y4 Ancient Egypt

Y5 Ancient Greece

Y6 The Second World War

### **Headteacher's Awards Assembly**

Today, we celebrated: **Tobi** and **Lily D** (FS2); **Layla-Mai** and **Kathryn** (Y1); **Thomas C** and **Evie M** (Y2), **Nikol** and **James** (Y3); **Freddie** and **Charles** (Y4); **Millie**, **Mary-Lou** and **Charlie** (Y5); **Jamie** and **Maisie** (Y6).

Huge congratulations to these children who have demonstrated **Respect to others** through their learning this week and they are role-models for us all.

**Kindness, Aspiration, Resilience** and **Community** form our other core Values.

### **Prime Bottles**

Some children have been bringing in Prime drink bottles to use as their water bottles. Please could I ask you to make sure they do not continue to do this. Some varieties of Prime contain high levels of caffeine and also contain high levels of coconut water. This could obviously be dangerous for any child with a nut allergy even if it was a trace left in a bottle used for water. Many thanks.



### Team Points Cup Winners

Team Points Cup

Date: 24.03.23

	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	1	4	2	3
Y2	1	4	2	3
Y3	4	1	3	2
Y4	1	2	4	3
Y5	2	3	4	1
Y6	2	3	1	4
	11	17	16	16



Today, Yellow House won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points and they had an extra playtime this afternoon. Very well done. The Team Captains add up the team points in each class and they give 4 points to the winning team, 3 points for second place, 2 points for third place and 1 point for fourth place.

### Safeguarding – Online Safety


As part of our commitment to help you keep your child(ren) safe online please look under the Safeguarding tab in our Online Safety section. <https://woodlands.wilts.sch.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>

Please click here for the latest Online Safety Newsletter – March 2023 -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery.](#)

The latest Online safety Newsletter includes important information on:

- The dangers of TikTok;
- The Hollie Guard App;
- Emergency SOS calls;
- Roblox – what are jump scares?
- Nintendo Switch setup;
- Hanni and the Magic Window – the story is about speaking out and getting help if something goes wrong online;
- Discussion Guides from Thorn & Barclay's Code Playground – help your child to develop their coding skills.

### Dates for the Diary

Whole School Music Day 	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Life Education Centre for all Classes	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Last Day of Term 4 - Normal 3pm Finish</b>	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>First Day of Term 5</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>
School Closed – Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
School Closed – King Charles III's Coronation Bank Holiday 	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Key Stage 2 SATs Week – for Year 6 – Maple Class	From <b>Tuesday 9 May to Friday 12 May 2023</b>
Year 6 Residential at Osmington Bay 	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May

Kind regards,

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**Matthew Kitley**

**Headteacher**