



# Newsletter January 2020

## Message from Mrs. Orchard

Firstly, a belated very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a great Christmas and enjoyed time as a family. We would like to thank you for your gifts and kind comments at the end of term – the supply of cake and mince pies in the staff room was much appreciated.

The class curriculum plans are now on the website for you to see the learning your child will be covering this term. At the start of term 4 we have parents evenings for you to discuss progress with the class teacher. Mrs Bridge will be putting out appointment sheets later in the term.

We are all very excited about this week's visit to Young Voices in Birmingham on Tuesday. It is certainly something the children have asked to do for a couple of years so I hope they have an amazing experience. Ms Brown has worked tirelessly to prepare the school for the event. This year we are taking 48 children to the arena to join several thousand others for an afternoon and evening of singing and fun! I hope to keep you updated via social media during the day – so do look out for Twitter posts. Parents of Maple and Oak children will receive email messages to update you about the journey and expected time of arrival back in school.

## Young Voices

The children and staff are very excited about attending Young Voices next week. We will be leaving school at 11.00am. Please remember to send children in with a packed lunch and water bottle as well as extra food / snacks for before the concert. **\*Please remember we are a nut free school\***. Food is not permitted to be eaten on the coach.

Children must wear a plain white t-shirt and plain black trousers - No Logos. Children are welcome to keep their white top in their bag to change in to later on in the day and wear another top to school, this way it can be kept clean for the concert. Bags will need to be no bigger than 42cm x 30cm x 15cm – this rule applies to everyone who enters the arena. Security checks will be in place, if you are attending the concert please make sure you allow enough time to get in. We have been advised that parents are not allowed to bring in food or drink to the venue.

If your child requires an inhaler and the school office do not already have one please make sure one is handed into the school office by Tuesday morning. We will be sending regular updates throughout the day to parents via email and text message. Please make sure you have informed the school office if you have recently changed your mobile number. The school mobile will be with staff at all times, please only call it in emergencies – 07719 310598. Children who attend the concert are welcome to come into school for 10.00am the next day, but school will still be open at the usual time should you still need to drop off at the normal time.

## West Wilts Dance Festival

Miss. Wise will be taking her dance team to perform at the West Wilts Dance Festival on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. A mini bus has been organised to take them there and will be leaving school after lunch.

Parents evening signup sheets will be available in reception from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

## Netball Matches

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Mrs. Blankley will be taking her Netball team to compete in tournaments at Emmaus School and Melksham Oak Community School, if your child is part of this team please make sure permission slips are returned to the office ASAP.

## Gymnastic Event – Beech Class

One Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January all the children from Beech class will be attending a West Wilts Gymnastic event at the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics in Bowerhill. A mini bus has been organised to transport the children to and from the venue. Mrs. Blankley and Mrs. Bridge will be supporting the children.

## Oak – Literacy Festival

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, Oak class joined the friendship group for a Literacy Festival in the village hall. The challenge was to write Inlanders Fields in their best hand writing, with the friendship group doing the same. The group judged Oak classes work and awarded Delphi with a calligraphy set, with Safiya and Kurt getting a special mention. As a thank you taking part, each child was presented with a fountain pen from the group.



## Bath Cats & Dogs Home

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January the children in Willow class has a special visit from Bath Cats and Dogs home. Sheila and her dog Megan came to talk to the children about the home and some of the animals including her rescue dog Megan. The children learnt all about how to care for pets. Thank you to all the parents and children in Willow class who donated to the reverse advent calendar, Sheila and everyone at the home were very grateful.

## Selling Your Home?

Please remember if you are selling your home, Lock and Key Estate Agents generously make a donation to school when a sale is completed. All you need to do is mention the school when you instruct them to sell your home. This applies to anyone so please spread the word!

We are very grateful to Lock and Key for their generous donations to the school.

## Key Dates Summary

17<sup>th</sup> January – Celebration Assembly 2.50pm  
20<sup>th</sup> January – Netball Match Emmaus School  
21<sup>st</sup> January – Young Voices, Birmingham – Maple & Oak  
22<sup>nd</sup> January – Gym Event – Beech Class  
24<sup>th</sup> January – Celebration Assembly 2.50pm  
28<sup>th</sup> January – Netball Match MOCs  
31<sup>st</sup> January – Celebration Assembly 2.50pm  
3rd / 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Bikeability  
7<sup>th</sup> February – Celebration Assembly 2.50pm  
11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day  
12<sup>th</sup> February – Dance Festival, Bath Forum  
14<sup>th</sup> February – Reports Home  
14<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term  
24<sup>th</sup> February – Start of Term 4  
25<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening  
27<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening

## Clubs for this term

If you have any requests for after school clubs please do let the school office know.

Monday Judo 8am (Contact office for a form)

Tuesday Football 3.15pm – 4.15pm (Book via Parent Pay)  
**FULLY BOOKED FOR TERM 3**

Thursday Tag rugby 3:15pm – 4.15pm (Contact office for a form)

Ultimate Frisbee 3.15pm – 4.15pm (Book via Parent Pay)

## Judo

Judo takes place on a Monday morning with Mark from Devizes Judo, 8.00am – 8.45am; please contact the school office for a form if you would like your child to join.

## Parent Support Advisor

Our Parent Support Advisor, Linda Mence, she can be contacted here at St. Mary's on 01225 782223 or at The Manor school in Melksham on 01225 700150.

