



## Weekly Newsletter

May 18<sup>th</sup> 2018



### OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS FRIENDSHIP

Next week is the Year 4 visit to France. We are going to Lille and Paris. Our adventure starts on Monday morning and we shall be back to share all our adventures on Friday.

Our colourful uniform samples have arrived. So we shall have displays up ready for you to look at next week. Once your preferred colour is chosen – one vote for each pupil and one vote for each family – the new uniforms with new logo should be ready for purchase in time for September.

Don't forget the hat competition for the Mad Hatters themed lunch next Tuesday and our Maypole Dancing on Friday morning.

Our Year 2 children are working very hard at their SATs tests. We wish them lots of luck.

Sharon Brown

Federation Head



This week has been all about the very hungry caterpillar. Reception children created their own story maps to help them retell the story. We have also made some lift the flap life cycle books. Our class caterpillars are now in their cocoons and we hope they will come out before the holidays. This week we have been learning about shape. Can your child spot and 2D and 3D shapes in the environment?

Mrs Gleadow and Mrs West

This week in hedgehogs class, we have been learning the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

We have sequenced the story and created a story map to help us learn the story by heart. This will help us to write our own version of the story using key language. In line with this theme of growth and change, we have also been looking at tadpoles, which Mrs Chicken very kindly brought in, and we have talked about the sorts of foods that are good for helping us to grow. Finley commented that 'We can't have too much sugar.' and Giancarlo said his mum made a cake without sugar 'and it was yummy'. Well done Hedgehogs, you all know how to keep your bodies healthy and how to help them grow strong!

Mrs Gould and Mrs Weston



Robin class would like to say a big thank you to Mrs DeKlerk who taught us all about healthy alternatives in and cooked with all 19 of us !

We learnt how to mash, mix, stir and created some delicious healthy muffins. We can all crack an egg properly now too.

In English we have been looking at lots of different poems and performing them to the class.

We have added actions to “Be healthy” poem by Brian Moses and experimented with expression and intonation with a colour poem.

Finally we learnt “Walking round the zoo “and wrote our own verses and performed them , complete with actions.

Super work Robins.

Mrs Wallace.



## REMINDERS

Please remember sun tan lotions before you come to school and a hat is very important.

Please make sure all belongings are named.

PE kits should be in school every day.

Please try to read with your child every day.

Please remember a water bottle every day.

We always welcome parents/grandparents coming in to hear children read. Please contact Mrs Harris or Mrs Rush



Squirrel class have been continuing learning about plants this week and are now using their knowledge to design and build propagators to grow some flowers in. They are also writing instructions to leave with a Dino-sitter who had to take care of their dinosaur.

Mrs Pearce and Mrs West



## Dates

This week saw the Barkleys finishing their model fossils. Several weeks ago they created imprints of dinosaur skeletons in plasticine and then poured in plaster of Paris to fill the spaces left by the bones. After being let to dry, the children then painted the hardened plaster.

This tied in nicely with both science (rock formation) and English, as the process to make the model fossil was written down and then turned into instructional text.

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Mad Hatters tea party and make a hat competition. Parents invited to come in to see the hats. 9am

**25<sup>th</sup> May** – Maypole dancing at Barley School 10am parents invited. Nursery to be collected from barley school. Please let Mrs Harris know if you would like a lift in the bus. All children are at Barley for the day.

**28<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Half term

**4<sup>th</sup> June** – Inset days no pupils

**8<sup>th</sup> June** – Ofsted celebrations

**11<sup>th</sup> June** – swimming starts- R-y4

**7<sup>th</sup> July** – Barkway Fete

**11<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day

**14<sup>th</sup> July B** in the park – save the date

**16<sup>th</sup> July**- Reserve Sports Day



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## **SPORT NEWS**

We have now begun our application for the School Sports Mark Award. To help with the application, I had set our Sports Crew the task of completing pupil surveys for all the children about their involvement and preferences for sports in and out of school. To make sure the findings are accurate it would be very helpful if you could answer a very short survey that will be emailed to you separately.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K7WG8YG>

I am very excited to have received confirmation that one of the Olympic Team GB medalists will be coming to spend the day with all children in our last week of term, more details will follow.

We are hoping the sun will shine on all our children next Friday 25th May at the Maypole Festival at Barley School. Mr Sapsed has worked very hard to prepare the children for this event and I am sure it will be enjoyed by everyone.

Please ensure your child has clothing suitable for outdoor PE.

Thank you!

Naomi Gould



## NEWSSELLS

It was lovely being back at Newsells after a week off for the cross country. The site looked very different as it was full of cow parsley so we had to spend some time exploring! There were some very tall towers built although we did have to be careful and jump out of the way quickly when they started to wobble. We also enjoyed getting close to the trees and studying them carefully. It was surprisingly cold this morning so please continue to send your child with a coat on Thursday's as it is colder in the woods. Some people also discovered why it is really important to wear trousers at Newsells as we had quite a few nettle stings today. Thank you to all parents who help their child dress appropriately for forest school.

## SWIMMING

Swimming starts on 11<sup>th</sup> June for children in reception to Year 4

Please can you make sure everything is named. Please could the girls not wear tights as these are very difficult to get back on! Thanks

We need the permission consent via school comms to be completed. There will be a small contribution needed for the Coach. Swimming lessons are heavily subsidised from the Sport Premium.

