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Assembly

We have been considering the "Fruits of the Spirit" this week. Christians believe these are God given and help us to live in the likeness of Jesus. This week they have included joy and peace. It is a privilege to have assemblies led weekly by both Rev Robertson and Pastor Simon Cox and these help to reinforce our themes.

Life in School

What an exciting time key stage 1 had earlier this week when a real fire engine arrived on the playground. This supported work that the children are doing on the Great Fire of London in a highly practical and enjoyable way. A big thank you to Mr Sylvester and Mr Pitt for offering to help with this topic.



Tag Rugby

Last Friday, children from Years 3/4 took part in the Years 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival at Mayflower School. Our children played incredibly well despite the cold and wet conditions. Although we have one of the smallest number of children per each year group compared to neighbouring schools, we took a mixed team of boys and girls to the event. Other schools were unable to meet the minimum number of girls so the sports partnership agreed that schools that did would be awarded extra marks. We are waiting for the final scores to come through, but well done to all the children who took part and a big thank you to Mr Beadle for once again helping prepare children for the event. This was also the first wearing of our new Downham Tracksuits bought for us by the PTA. Everyone agreed how smart we looked.

Spare Fruit

Our school council had an amazing idea at their last meeting. They thought that if there was any left over fruit from KS1 classes, then this should be kept in a fruit trolley by the water fountain for other children to access if they forget their snacks. This is part of our commitment to teaching children about healthy eating.

Air House

Following a house assembly this week the children in Air House (Yellow) would like to raise money for their chosen charity by having a "Wear Yellow" day. This will be just for air house and will be on Thursday 9th February. If your child wishes to participate please send them in with a minimum donation of £1.

Key Stage 1 Parent Meeting

A reminder that this meeting on Thursday 2nd Feb at 2.30pm will focus on how we teach and assess writing in key stage 1 and how you can help your child at home. If you haven't returned your slip please ensure the office know you are coming so that we can prepare resources for you.

Maths Masterclasses.

We were delighted to present certificates to the following children in assembly today, for attending maths masterclasses this academic year:

Danny R, Annabel C, Matthew C, Alena P, Kieran W-G, Jessica G, Amelia A, Toby G, Frankie S, Abigail T, Caitlin M,

Reminder - Due to ES class visit there will be no instrument lessons including recorders with Mr Clark next week.

Boys cub uniform - shirt size xxs and 2 pairs of trousers age 6-7. Free to a good home! Contact Mrs Wakely on 07816422776.

Green book entries

Staff sends children to us if a child has produced an especially good piece of work, tried very hard or shown very good behaviour. They receive a Headteacher sticker and they write their name into the 'Green Book'. This week the entries are:

- Marney E for writing a wonderful report on factory workers during Victorian times.

Out of School Successes:

Please continue to inform the school if your child achieves an out of school success and encourage them to bring certificates and awards in to assembly on a Monday. . We would love to celebrate their achievements with them.

Congratulations this week goes to:

- Demi T for achieving her stage 3 swimming award
- Rosie F for her 50m swimming award
- Daisy C for coming second place in a decorate a bell competition
- Poppy C for coming third place in a decorate a bell competition
- Becky S for passing her tap exam
- Isabel B for winning a rugby match
- Lucy S for participating in a dance showcase
- Rachael and Cameron H-B are in a sell out production of Snow White and the seven dwarves in Stock Village Hall this Friday and Saturday. We wish you luck with your performances.

Star Of The Week for this week and last week

Headteacher Award	3Cs	JA	KN	MM	LB
Lizzy S for being particularly helpful to Mrs Gee this week.		Aaron A	Connor L	Anya B	Katie C
CW	ES	GE	VB	RP	
James N	Sophie W	Harry B	Morgan K	Joshua T	

Letters e-mailed this week:

Year 2 Sats meeting
Class ES Braintree trip and permission slip
Year 5 & 6 BSMA Music Festival Choir
Year 6 Girls Netball

Yours sincerely,

Helen Craig / Sue Wilson
Headteachers