



Malborough with South Huish C of E (VC) Primary School

Friday 19th January 2024 – Spring Term Newsletter 3

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Dear Parents and Carers

Our Governors visited us on Tuesday and met with members of the teaching team who shared information about how Reading, History and Modern Foreign Languages are taught. We were pleased to share the books and whole school progress in these subjects.

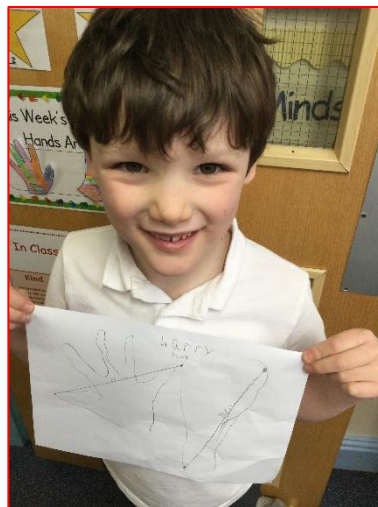
In assembly this week, we discussed our differences and how important it is to embrace these, so we understand and learn from one another. We have also talked about our behaviour and making the right choices so that our school can be a happy place for everyone.

We have been advised that Higher Town road will be closed due to essential works next week. We are working on the assumption that this will mean only the Lower Town gate will be accessible but will meet with the contractors when they are here to limit the disruption as much as possible.

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 2

This week the children in Class 2 have been exploring past and present tense verbs in English and odd and even numbers in maths. They have also enjoyed investigating the size of their hands and feet in Science! Another busy week for Years 1 and 2!



CLASS 4

At the end of last week, Class 4 spent the afternoon baking as their final assessment for DT. The children did exceedingly well throughout the whole process (even the washing up!)

This week the children have started to plan their ghost stories and we're looking forward to reading the spooky end results!

In science they have conducted their own enquiry, exploring which substances dissolve or mix in water and what speeds up the dissolving process.



CLASS 1

This week in Class 1 we took a trip across the land and sea to the coldest regions on the planet - to the Arctic and Antarctica for our Polar Explorers day! The children had the opportunity to dress up as either a Polar Explorer or as an animal that they would see on their adventures to the Poles!



We had fluffy, fearsome Polar bears, sweet and slippery penguins and some brave explorers! The children also created some Polar images, creating mixed media backgrounds and animal drawings for their foregrounds.

FOREST SCHOOL



Reception have been enjoying building dens and developing their whittling skills in their Forest School sessions.

This week, as the weather is so frosty and cold, Reception spent the morning on site.



They made lard balls for the birds using seeds, cheese and cereal. After they had made the balls, they hid and waited to see if any birds came to feed. They were delighted when some flew down to eat!



REMINDER: Please would you ensure that your child has plenty of warm layers, a warm and waterproof coat, a hat, gloves and wellies to wear for their Forest School sessions. ***The children are likely to get muddy, so please send them with clothes which you don't mind getting soiled and a pair of shoes to change into once they are back in school.*** Thank you.

GYM AND DANCE FESTIVAL

A separate letter has been sent home with your child today concerning the South Hams Federation Gym and Dance Festival which will be held in the Malborough village hall on Wednesday 7th February. If your child would like to take part in this event, please would you complete and return the permission slip by Friday 26th January at the latest. Thank you.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

PARENTS' EVENINGS

This term we will be holding our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March, from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. As before, appointments will be available to book online. The bookings facility will go live at **5.00pm** on **Tuesday 19th March**. Details of how to make your appointments will be sent out nearer the time.

Please note that as Class 2 is a shared class, Miss Lewis will be available to meet with parents on the Tuesday and Mrs Freeman on the Wednesday.

RESIDENTIAL & EXTENDED DAY VISITS

Although our residential and extended day visits don't take place until next term, we would like to remind you of the dates for payments:

YEAR	DEPOSIT DUE DATE	FINAL PAYMENT DATE
3	22/03/24	26/04/24
4	31/01/24	24/05/24
5	02/02/24	24/05/24
6	08/12/23	26/04/24

If your child is in Year 6 and you have not yet paid the deposit, please would you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

As we are approaching the end of the financial year, please would you ensure that there are no outstanding balances showing on your Parent Pay account for any residential or day visits in 2023. All monies owed must be cleared by 31st March. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

If your child is unable to attend school through illness you should inform us by telephone on the first day of absence **before** 9.00am. Alternatively, you can email to: malborough@southhamsfederation.org.uk. If you do not supply us with this information, we have a duty to contact you so that we can be sure of the child's whereabouts as this is a safeguarding measure. Where the child is absent through illness or medical appointments this will normally be counted as authorised. **However, it may not be if we have concerns over excessive absence patterns through illness.** In this case we would discuss this with parents and carers in order to gain a better understanding of the problems and to offer support and create an action plan.

ATTENDANCE

Week ending 19th January

Reception	90.7%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	98.5%
Year 3	89.1%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	88.3%
Year 6	100%
Whole School	94.4%

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 22nd JANUARY

Monday 22 nd January	Classes 2 & 4 PE Mindful Makers after-school club. 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd January	Whole school PE with Achieve 4 All Book Club - Lunchtime Achieve 4 All after-school sports club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Dance Club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 24 th January	Chess Club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Year 6 SATS Club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm.
Thursday 25 th January	Musical Theatre after-school club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Year 5 & 6 Youth Club. 3.30pm - 4.30pm.
Friday 26 th January	Classes 1 & 3 PE Forest School - Reception in the morning Forest School - Year 3 in the afternoon



The School Awards this week go to:

Reception: **Joel**

Year 1: **Joseph**

Year 2: **Toby**

Year 3: **Charlotte**

Year 4: **Indiana**

Year 5: **Harrison**

Year 6: **Georgia**

The Attendance Cup this week has been awarded to: **CLASS 2**

This week the House with the most house points is: **SAINT PATRICK**

The MTA award this week goes to: **Georgina** for being kind and caring at lunchtimes

Our Writer of the Week is: **Imogen J**

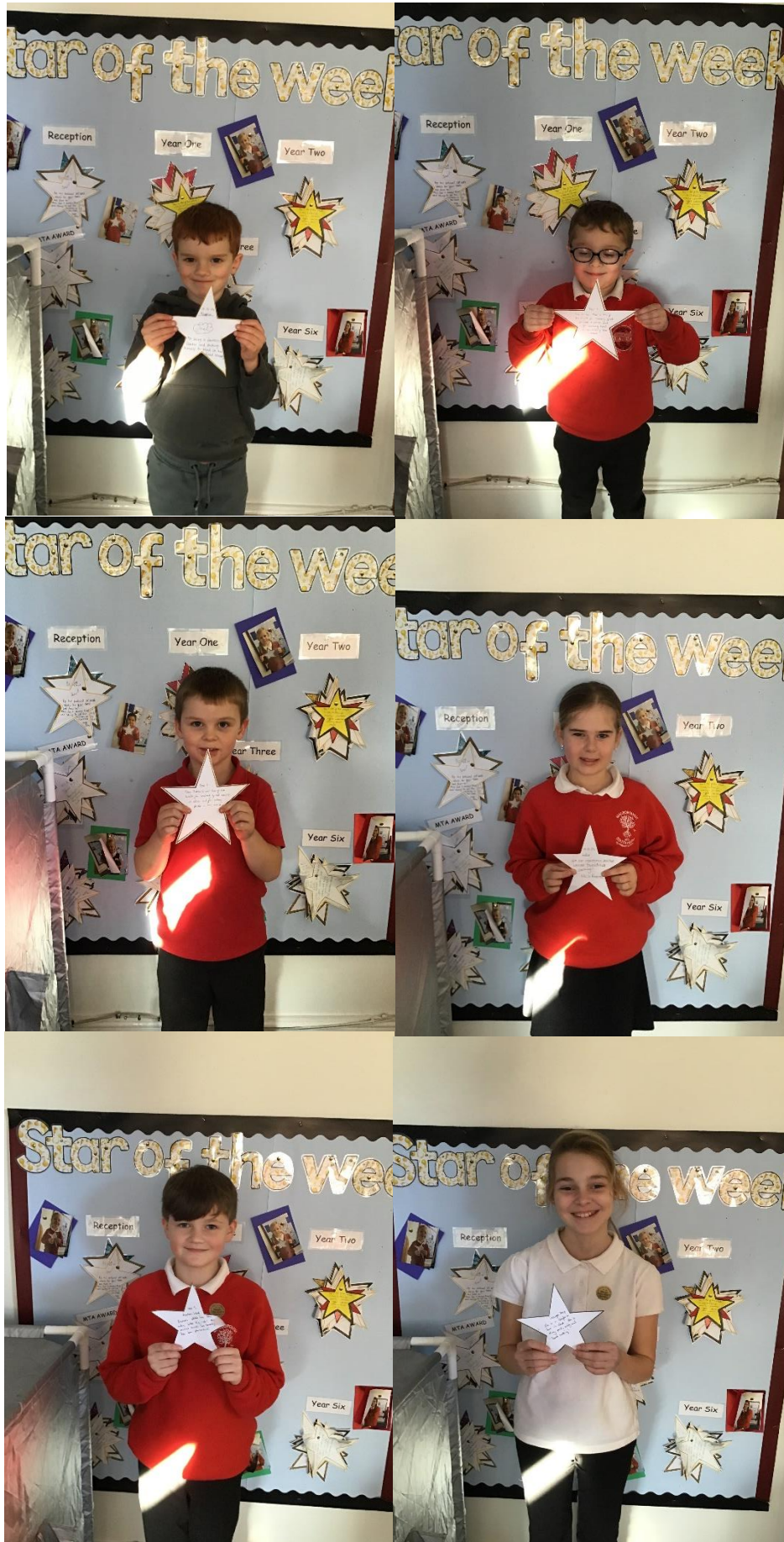
Well done everyone! Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Pearson
Interim Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

STARS OF THE WEEK



DIARY DATES - New events in 'Red'

Thursday 1 st February		Open Class Rooms. 3.00pm - 3.30pm
Tuesday 6 th February	Years R & 1	Dental Screening.
Wednesday 7 th February		SHF Dance Festival at Malborough Village Hall. 4.30pm to 6.00pm (estimated finishing time).
Thursday 8 th February		SWW educational visit to the school.
Friday 9 th February		Break-up for Half-Term
Wednesday 6 th March		Visit from author Clare Helen Welsh.
Thursday 7 th March		World Book Day. Dress up as your favourite book character.
Friday 8 th March		Mothers' Day posy making (morning).
Friday 8 th March		Mothers' Day Service in Church at 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th March	KS2	Exeter Synagogue and RAMM
Friday 15 th March		Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Wednesday 20 th March		PTFA 'Swish' fund-raiser. Time to be confirmed.
Tuesday 26 th March		Science Explorer Dome in village hall. 9.00am to Midday.
Tuesday 26 th March		Parents' Evening. 3.30pm to 6.00pm.
Wednesday 27 th March		Parents' Evening. 3.30pm to 6.00pm.
Wednesday 27 th March		Easter Service in church at 2.30pm.
Thursday 28 th March		PTFA Egg-a-thon. 1.30pm - 3.00pm.
Thursday 28 th March		LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Monday 15 th April		FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
Monday 6 th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 9 th May	Year 3	Extended Day Visit to Forest and Beach
13 th to 16 th May	Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Tuesday 21 st May	Classes 2 & 4	Devon & Somerset Fire Safety Talk. 9.30am - Midday
Friday 24 th May		Break-up for Half-Term
Monday 3 rd June		Return to school
Monday 3 rd June	Year 5	Bikeability cycling proficiency course
3 rd to 5 th June	Year 6	Residential visit
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 6	Sailing with Salcombe Dinghy Sailing. 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 4	Residential visit
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 6	Sailing with Salcombe Dinghy Sailing. 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
Friday 14 th June	Year 5	Residential visit
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 6	Sailing with Salcombe Dinghy Sailing. 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
Friday 21 st June		Sports Day
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 6	Sailing with Salcombe Dinghy Sailing. 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6	Year 6 Transition Day at KCC.
Tuesday 9 th July	Whole school	Bantham Beach Day
Friday 19 th July		Year 6 Leavers' Service
Friday 19 th July		LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM