



# End of Spring 2018 Term News

## **Another term has flown by!**

As ever, the children have been extremely busy this term with their learning; they have had many memorable experiences which we hope will have ignited their enthusiasm for new areas of learning. We have a huge number of children who now want to grow up to be astronauts, scientists and engineers following our amazing STEM week and my sincere thanks for your feedback on this week which has been overwhelmingly positive.

We have continued to focus on writing across the curriculum as a key area of school development and this has seen some children writing the most exceptional science reports and diaries as Jesus retelling stories from the Bible in RE. In history, children have written as if they were key characters from the past such as Boudicca and this has enabled them to apply their English skills into their topic writing.

In Maths we have worked hard on ensuring that the progression through calculations uses appropriate pictorial representations as well as concrete objects. Children have been encouraged to build the calculation, say the calculation, draw the calculation and write the calculation.

Our environments continue to be vital in enhancing learning and we have enjoyed several new imagination stations such as a Victorian Workhouse, a Viking ship, a hot air balloon as well as a vets this term.

The staff team have worked incredibly hard this term and I am delighted that Miss Crow and Miss Slater have both achieved a national leadership qualification (NPQML) this term after completing a successful whole school project. Well done to both!

## **Congratulations!**

We would like to offer our huge congratulations to Mrs Mead and her husband who welcomed the safe arrival of their baby last Friday. He is doing very well despite arriving 6 weeks early!



## **Appointment**

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Sarah Richardson as the maternity cover teaching assistant in Van Gogh class. We had a record 18 applicants for this role and shortlisted to 6. We are delighted that Sarah will join our staff team whilst Mrs Mead is away. During this time, Sarah will step down as a parent Governor but will take up this role again when Mrs Mead returns.

## **Lent challenges**

### **40 Acts**

As you know we signed up to the 40 acts generosity challenge for Lent, created by the UK Christian charity, Stewardship. The children have had a challenge card every day in class and worked together to achieve these challenges. Thank you for your support at home with this challenge.

We have been impressed with the children who have tried really hard to achieve the daily challenges even if it was out of their comfort zone.



### **Bishop Stephen's Lenten challenge**

We have also been working with Reverend Rosemary to complete Bishop Stephen's Annual Lent Challenge.

This year the challenge was built around "The Five Marks of Mission". The Five Marks of Mission were developed in 1984 and adapted by the General Synod of the Church of England in 1996. These are known as the "5 T's" - Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure.

The children have had a different task each week to complete. They wrote a good deed on a leaf which we attached to our tree, collected Fair trade symbols, drew a picture or wrote a story from the bible and wrote a letter to someone special to say thank you.



### **Kandinsky Class – Salvation Army request**

As part of their work in RE the children in Kandinsky class have been reflecting on what it might be like to be homeless and to sleep in the cold. They would like to collect night wear such as pyjamas to donate to the Salvation Army. If you have any good quality, clean, second hand children's or adult's pyjamas, please do send them in to school during the first few weeks back after Easter. This is something that has come from the children so it would be great if you were able to support them. Many thanks.

### **Parking in Rectory Farm Close**

In the last newsletter we respectfully asked you not to use Rectory Farm Close to park. We have received a lovely note from one of the residents saying that they have noticed a huge improvement and she is extremely grateful. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **Goodbyes**

We have to say a sad goodbye to Thomas from Year 4. He has moved house and will be attending his new local school after the holidays. We will be sad to see you go but wish you every success in the future. Do keep in touch.

## Remembrance competition

The local British Legion need our help!



In August, 2 members of each British Legion branch will take part in 'The Great Pilgrimage' back to the battlefields of the First World War. This will be a re-creation of the original tour in 1928 to commemorate 90 years. This will include a tour of the battlefields of Somme and Ypres Salient and will conclude with a Commemorative Service at The Menin Gate. At this service, each legion will lay a wreath and our local branch are inviting local children and families to write a prayer or poem of thanks and remembrance for the centre of this wreath. The Mayor will choose the winning entry and a display of all entries will be available to the public to view – dates and place to be confirmed.

We really are hoping that as many children and/or families as possible will enter. All entries must be A5 size (half an A4 sheet) and include the name and age of the child. They may be handwritten or typed but must not have any decoration at all.

For further inspiration and information about the pilgrimage please visit:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/community/calendar/remembrance-services-and-events/great-pilgrimage-90/>

## Celebration Token reward



### Easter Fun!

The Celebration token system is a way of rewarding children for hard work and behaviour, whilst teaching them about being part of a community. A child's individual token is put to a whole school treat. The winner for this half term was 'Easter Fun Activities' which the children have enjoyed this week.



### Our new lunchtime company!

We have had lots of good feedback from the children about the new lunchtime menus!

Following this feedback from the children we are going to offer pizza every Thursday. However, for those who enjoyed the Chinese or Chilli meals we are going to offer these as 'specials' on the last Thursday of each half term. The Chicken Curry (Thursday Week 2) will replace the Chilli (Tuesday week 2). If your child does not normally join us for lunch and wishes to have these special lunches, then please keep an eye out for the 'specials' flyer and complete to book when they are sent home. WE are hoping to be able to send you an updated version of the menu flyer after Easter.

We have noticed that the menus now do not state the dates of the weeks on the top so each half term we will remind you which menu we start back on. After Easter we will start again on the Week One Menu.

Next term you will get the opportunity to come and have a look at the new lunch hall set up and try a taster menu. Date to be confirmed but do come along and join us.

Starting after Easter we are again going to be seating all children in the school hall to eat their lunch, including the Year 5 and 6 packed lunch children.

### WOW week

We have a fantastic WOW week! Do have a look at the photographs below, with more on the school website along with a video that was filmed throughout the week. The Website tab is Curriculum, WOW weeks. Many thanks to Katie Ellison for her wonderful film.



Planning has now begun for the summer term WOW week and we look forward to sharing more details nearer the time.

### Attendance Cup



Every week the Attendance Cup is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance for the week. The cup is prized by that class and the competition is fierce!

Overall the Spring Term Winners are: **Monet Class**

100% attendance certificates were awarded to the following pupils for their attendance for the Spring term.

#### Van Gogh Class

Kenya  
Zachary  
Charlotte  
Ryan  
Felicity  
Violet  
Liam  
Lottie  
Brendan

#### Monet Class

Henry  
Violet  
Lani  
Mali  
Hannah C  
Eloise  
Maddie  
Alice  
Ethan  
Emily  
Hannah O  
Will  
James  
George  
Amy

#### Kandinsky Class

Primrose  
Georgie-Mae  
Ben  
Lottie  
Rachel  
Russell  
Tristan  
Henry  
Rafferty  
Jessica  
George P  
Luke  
Joshua  
Sienna

#### Picasso Class

Lucy  
Milo  
Faith  
Louie  
Oliver  
Mia  
Jessica R  
Ellis  
Bradley



# *Our very busy Spring Term 2018*



**Our new lunchtimes**



**Wood Green visited  
Thank you for your donations.**



**Sport Relief raised £85.  
Van Gogh class doing a  
keep fit routine.**



**Tag Rugby Team played  
against Buckden.**





## WOW week STEM





## Diary dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Summer/Autumn term 2018

*Any new dates added in the future will be in bold italics*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> March to 15 <sup>th</sup> April	HOLIDAYS
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Training Day – school closed
17 <sup>th</sup> April	School starts
20 <sup>th</sup> April	STARS meeting - 9am
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Celebration farewell to Rev'd Rosemary – 2:40pm – all welcome
<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b><i>STARS event – Abbots Ripton Generation Game at the Village Hall. More details to follow.</i></b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><i>Bank Holiday – school closed.</i></b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><i>Year 6 SATS Week</i></b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Half Term</i></b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Picasso Class Residential Trip to Mount Cook</i></b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>STARS meeting – 9am</i></b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Class Photos</i></b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Faraday Institute visit for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6</i></b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Father's Day shop</i></b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b><i>WOW week – Reading</i></b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Bishop Stephen visit to school</i></b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Year 6 Transitions to St Peters School</i></b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>STARS Summer Fair</i></b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Last day of the summer term</i></b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Teacher training days – school closed</i></b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b><i>Teacher training day – school closed</i></b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b><i>Autumn Term 2018 begins</i></b>



We have had a very busy term!  
We hope you have enjoyed looking back at some of the things we have done. Have a lovely Easter.