

# Sherborne C of E Primary School

## Winners of best attendance award:

- ★ 1<sup>st</sup> Foxes with 97.6%
- ★ 2<sup>nd</sup> Owls with 97.1%
- ★ 3<sup>rd</sup> Hedgehogs with 94.6%

## Stars of the Week:

- ★ Hedgehogs: Jemima and Tristan
- ★ Foxes: Orlando and Harriet
- ★ Owls: Lorelai and Ralph

HOUSE POINTS ASH - 227

BEECH - 252

OAK - 308

ROWAN - 256

## Newsletter 16: 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### February

- 5<sup>th</sup> Hedgehog Class Assembly, 1:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Parents open afternoon from 1:30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dance Festival, Rendcomb College
- 12<sup>th</sup> Governors Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> Cross-country, Moreton Fire College
- 14<sup>th</sup> End of Term 3, 3:15pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 4
- 26<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Quiz, Kitebrook. 2pm

#### March

- 4<sup>th</sup> World Maths Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> K'Nex Challenge Final (Leo and Amalea)

#### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Governors Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> End of Term 4, 2:00pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 5

What a busy week! There's been trips, work towards our Erasmus+ Project, building improvements and a lot of learning and fun!

The week started with fourteen children attending a Young Voices event at The National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. Joining 6,500 other pupils from across the West Midlands, our children sang over twenty songs ranging from Ode to Joy and Oklahoma! to Shiny Happy People and High Hopes. The children were fantastic, sang enthusiastically throughout and represented the school impeccably. There were a few yawns (and snores!) on the journey home but the trip was worth the bleary eyes! Any parents wishing to order a DVD of the evening

(the cost is £10), please see Mrs Parker by the end of next week.

Lots of work towards our Erasmus+ Project has taken place behind the scenes over the last couple of weeks. Mrs Baxter volunteered to stitch all the children's patchwork together, and the quilt now stands proudly in the office. Mrs Ellis has completed the design and upload of the school timeline, so we look forward to seeing this erected in the school grounds after half term. The geocache equipment has also arrived, so children will finally be able to hide their 'treasure' in the woods for the world to discover!

On Tuesday of this week, Phil Matthews visited the school to give a mental health presentation to parents and, later, staff. This was an extremely well attended event with a lot of useful information being shared. Mrs Finley is currently putting together a handout for all parents with some great tips for supporting mental health. Thank you to all the parents who were able to find time to attend this event.

I was surprised listening to the radio this week that the majority of seven year olds now own a mobile phone (51%). More alarming still was the host promoting the social media platform TikTok, an area which experts have given a 13+ age-rating to and a 'high risk' of users being exposed to alcohol, drugs and crime. If you are unsure about any social network, app or game your child is using, visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> to find out about the age-rating and content of the platform.

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