

Spring Term Newsletter No. 4



IT'S A BOY

Exciting News!

Congratulations to Mrs Apps who had a little baby boy last week. We are sure Mr and Mrs Apps will treasure this special time with their newborn and we are hoping they will come and visit us soon so we can all meet little Joshua!

Parents' Meetings

These will take place in the week beginning 8th February. Tuesday will have appointments through until 6:30pm to allow working parents to attend. The sign up sheets will be in the corridor by the school office after school next week so please call in to sign up for an appointment to meet your child's teacher. This is midway though the year so gives you an opportunity to find out more about the expectations of the new curriculum and how well your child is doing. We would encourage all parents to sign up, especially Y6 parents as this is the last meeting before the children move on to Secondary School and you will be able to find out what you can do to support them so they are ready for this transition,

What a treat!

Lou Lou is a PetTherapy dog and Miss Fielden wondered if she would like a treat for all her hard work so invited her into school. Some of the children read to her and loved the experience—as did Lou Lou! Many other children now want to read to Lou Lou so she will be popping back to school over the next few weeks when she is not too busy doing her own work!



This Week's Star Pupils:



- Beech — Daisy Cosh
- Pine — Ellie Glover
- Apple— Nathan Disley
- Oak— Karla Lacuesta
- Cherry— Kelcy Walsh
- Holly — Summer Palmer
- Willow— Holly Stibbs
- Maple — Jay Tout
- Birch — Rhys Erskine
- Rowan — Daisy Garvey
- Hawthorn — Ryan Brown
- Hazel — Cindy Cheng

Diary Date Reminders:

April 29th 2016—Extra Bank Holiday (linked to the May Day holiday weekend) to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Monday 8th February—Chinese New Year meal

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Beech Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99% attendance.

The whole school achieved 94.7% attendance overall which is just below our target.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Maths Challenge

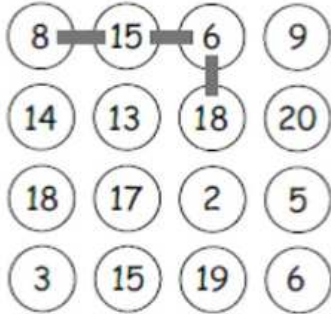
Joins

Join any four numbers.

Find their total.

Joins can go up, down or sideways, but not diagonally.

The score shown is $8 + 15 + 6 + 18 = 47$.



Find the highest possible score.

Find the lowest possible score.

Family Ponder.....

How do you know when
you have tried your best?

Lost a sweatshirt? Lost a coat?

Please check our lost property box in the school hall before February 8th as **Chrissy's Used Uniforms** will be collecting any unclaimed, un-named property. We always return your child's belongings if they are clearly named so please mark all your child's uniform, bags and lunch boxes. Thank you.

Bringing your child to school by car

We are working to improve safety outside school and to increase active travel to school by walking. If you do drive, please park safely near the school site, giving consideration to pupils crossing the road and minimising congestion. If you do need to drive to school, could you consider 'park and stride' - leaving your car 5 minutes' walk away and completing the journey to school on foot? As well as keeping the road outside school safe, it also means your child gets some exercise before arrival at school which we find really helps with concentration and it will contribute to the recommended hour a day of physical activity! As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are also looking at securing short-term free parking in one of the council car parks to ease congestion around drop off and pick up times. We will keep you informed of any developments with this.



Defibrillator

We want to draw your attention to the fact we have a defibrillator in school as it could be beneficial for local residents or other community members. Please let your neighbours know or any community groups. It is obviously only accessible during school opening hours and we do have staff trained in its use.

The Power of Twitter!

We have some very excited Y6 children who are writing a blog from Helen Skelton's viewpoint, journeying down the Amazon in a kayak. We tweeted a photo of this last night and Helen has replied, saying she hopes the blogs are going well and that she would like to see them sometime. The children were amazed that she had replied and are determined to make their blogs the best they possibly can be now they know Helen is keen to read them!

If you have not looked at the school's Twitter feed yet why not have a look at everything that has been going on in school over the last few weeks. The children are beginning to take photographs of good learning and we are uploading these daily.

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