



Spring Term Newsletter No.6 (14.2.20)

The solution to last week's visual mnemonic is *HI FLK*. We are using this image to help us remember our 5-a-day for good mental health. *H* is for Health (healthy eating, exercise, good hygiene, drinking water). *I* is simply the pronoun, I (it's about finding time for yourself, time to slow down, time to breathe, time to relax). *F* is for Friends (connecting with other makes us happy). *L* is for Learning (getting interested in learning is very rewarding). *K* is for Kindness (doing something for someone else makes us feel good about ourselves).



Continuing the *HI FLK* theme, you might be interested to read a letter from *Health Watch Torbay* written to the bay's young people. Following feedback from children, Torbay Education Services has identified a number of actions, including looking at pupils' transition from primary to secondary school, their safety and their emotional wellbeing. Follow [this link to read the letter](#) and find more links to their work in the bay.

On Monday we had an assembly to mark National Internet Safety Day. The theme this year is '*Together for a better internet*'. In assembly we explored how to stay safe in the online world. As part of this we launched a competition to design a poster that teaches us all how to be safe in the online world. Children can complete this at home or in class, or even do more than one entry. The deadline for entries is Friday 28th February. The winning posters will be displayed around school and put on our website.

Curriculum News—Check out the Curriculum in Action page to read about what's been going on in different subjects. In the [Sports Blog](#) you can catch up with footballing success in Y3/4 and hockey champions in Y5/6. Look in the Forest Blog to see how Willow Class got on at [Forest School](#) last week. If you think your child might be struggling with literacy, check out the [Computing Blog](#) to see some fantastic ipad apps that can help with dyslexia / reading and writing difficulties. Look in the [PSHE Blog](#) to find out about Year 1s' care, compassion and tolerance. The [Student Council](#) has been busy with Mr Tullier this week. Look in their blog to read the minutes of their meeting to find out about all the things children enjoy at school and things they would like to improve. Plus, they have some aspirational plans for the future.

Year 6 News—If you have a child in Year 6 and want to know about dates for the end of the year, these have now been added to the school website calendar for your information.

Year 5 News— I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Matthews who has been covering in Holly Class for 2 days a week since Christmas. Mrs Matthews quickly became a valued member of staff. On behalf of all the staff I know we look forward to seeing her again in the future as I'm sure she will be stepping in again at some point. Mrs Matthews covered the 6 week gap while we waited for Mrs Kerswell to finish in her previous school. I'm very pleased to inform you that Mrs Kerswell is joining our team after half term as our other Holly Class teacher. She will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Mrs Kennedy will be teaching on Thursday and Friday. To give Mrs Kerswell time to get to know the class, I have postponed Holly Class parents evenings until after the Easter break. More information will follow.

PTA News—There is a meeting after school on Monday 24th February in Y3 Birch Class and we are providing a crèche in Y3 Rowan to help you out if needed.

Volunteer Enforcement Officer Needed—Due to the continual traffic dangers at the start and end of the school day, our local MP Kevin Foster has spoken to the Parking Operations Manager with responsibility for enforcement. I am pleased to say we can appoint our own volunteer enforcement officer who can issue parking penalty charge notices. The Council will provide the necessary training, as this has to be in line with the Traffic Management Act 2004. If you are able to volunteer your time at the beginning and the end of the school day to support us in this capacity, please can you inform the office, so that we can arrange for the necessary training.

Update on Coronavirus <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Public Health Blog <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

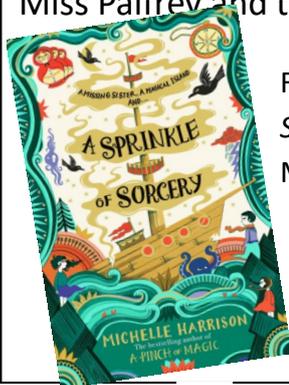
Remember:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.



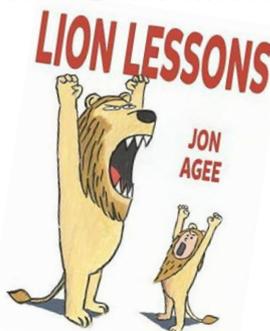
I wish you all a peaceful, relaxing and healthy half term, and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24th February.

Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



For our older readers: A
Sprinkle of Sorcery by
Michelle Harrison

For our younger readers:
Lion Lessons by
Jon Agee



Weekly Attendance Award



Congratulations to
Hazel Class for
winning the School
Attendance Award with 98%
attendance. School target: 96%
The whole school achieved **93%**
last week

Stars of the Week

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| Ash | Lennon - We are all so proud of how hard you are trying to learn to use cueing to read your letters - what a Try-a-Tops you are. You are also being a super-star with your brilliant behaviour choices. Well done Lennon! Ellis - You make us so proud with how hard you are trying to say your sounds correctly. You are really checking to listen to your sounds and correct them if you need to. Well done Ellis! |
| Elm | Theon - We are very proud of your thoughtful behaviour choices this week. You have been a kind friend and tried your best in all of your learning. Fletcher - You have been a super 'bucket filler' this week and all of your friends and teachers have loved your valentines cards and messages! Thank you Fletcher! |
| Beech | Arlo - for amazing me with your scientific knowledge about floating and sinking. You even had a go at using the word 'aerodynamic' and you were able to explain all your predictions clearly. |
| Pine | Maisie, for increasingly challenging herself in her work. She has shown real aspiration over the past few weeks in both her writing and maths and should feel proud of herself and her work. Well done Maisie. |
| Oak | Mason- for his conscious effort to improve sharing his ideas by putting his hand up, especially while learning one of his favourite topics! Also for his fantastic attitude towards writing. Well done Mason! |
| Apple | Noah, for a super positive attitude everyday! We will miss you but know you have an exciting time ahead of you in your new school. |
| Birch | Evie - For your effort and hard work over this half term with your handwriting. You have now gained your Pen Licence - Well Done! |
| Rowan | Dylan, for showing such great enthusiasm for his learning, including doing many projects at home! |
| Cherry | Isabelle has shown amazing aspiration in her learning this term. She is always an absolute joy to have in the classroom and her home-learning tasks have been nothing short of spectacular! Super well done! We are really proud of you! |
| Maple | Lee - for having an incredible aspirational attitude towards his learning and for always putting 100% into everything he does. This week, his mystery story and level on TTRockstars is a true reflection of his hard work. |
| Willow | Thomas - for showing a fantastic attitude towards his independent learning. Your concentration focus and presentation have really improved this term. Well done Thomas! |
| Holly | Millie - for consistently demonstrating an aspirational attitude towards her learning. She always listens and responds to advice about her work and does her very best to achieve a great outcome. |
| Hazel | Kaia - for displaying such a mature work ethic and aspirational attitude towards her learning. You approach every task with positivity and always do your absolute best. It's such a pleasure teaching you Kaia! |
| Hawthorn | Lily - for her marvellous mathematics and wonderful writing! She has shown a great aspiration to do her best and achieve in all of her subjects this week. Well done, Lily! |

Diary Dates

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| 17-21.2.20 | Half term week (school closed) |
| Monday 24.2.20 | PTA Meeting after school in Year 3 Birch Class (Crèche available in Year 3 Rowan Class next door) |
| Wk beg 2.3.20 | Year 6 Residential / Activity Week |
| Wed 4.3.20—Mon 9.3.20 | Book fair in the library after school |
| Thur 5.3.20 | World Book Day— PJ Day! & bring a potato dressed-up as your favourite character. See the Reading Blog to find out more . |
| Wk beg 9.3.20 | Advance notice: parents evenings will be held this week Science and Engineering Week—lots of whizzing and popping coming up |
| Wed 11.3.10 | Science homework fair supported by our friends from Dunboyne Court. Click this link for more info . |

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION