

## Summer Term Newsletter No.7 (14.6.19)

As usual, there has been a lot happening in school again this week. We started the week in assembly on Monday with a story to help remind us that we have a lot to be thankful for in our life. Year 1s have had their first experience of testing as they completed their phonic screening tests. Year 4 have started the Multiplication Tables Check tests which are due to continue next week. Teachers have been moderating their assessments in Maths while continuing to write reports out of school time.

It has been a busy week of creative learning. Check out Year 1's exciting live internet broadcast cook-along this week as part of their [Food Technology](#) work during Healthy Eating Week. Have a look at the [Creative Learning Blog](#) to see how Year 5 got on at secondary school this week. Find out about explosions in Year 4 Maple Class on our [Science Blog](#). Have a look at Maple's Australian music on the [Music Blog](#). Have a look at Year 3 and Year 4's [Aboriginal Art](#). Have a look in the [Maths Blog](#) to see Year 3's 3D constructions.

On Thursday evening we welcomed our new parents with a presentation about the school and information to help with their little ones transition from Nursey to big school. Thank you very much to Mrs Pike, Mrs Russell, Miss Watkinson and Mrs Newman for giving their time.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing support staff: teaching assistants, office staff, lunchtime staff, sites staff and kitchen staff. Without all these people it would be especially difficult to achieve everything mentioned above. For example (and there are many other examples), while teachers sometimes need to be out of class moderating writing, testing individuals and liaising with agencies, our wonderful teaching assistants will be stepping in. There is a huge amount of invaluable work done behind the scenes from all support staff for which I know teachers are immensely grateful.

If you're worried about the time your child is spending on the internet, what they're viewing and where they are when they're out, check out [this link](#) to more information on our website about a useful app called *Family Link*.

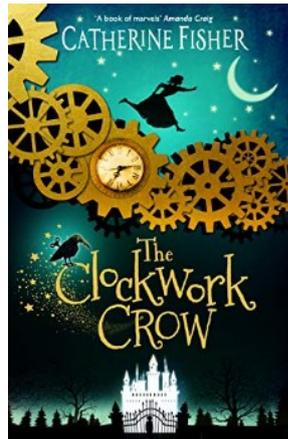
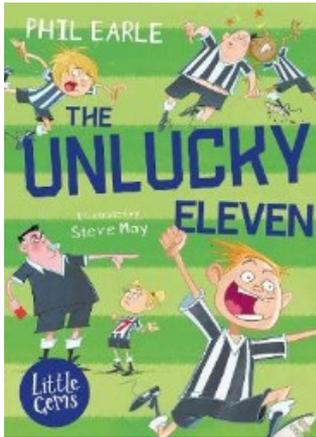
I am aware that several families were disappointed that they missed the closing date for the Key Stage 2 PTA film next Tuesday. Closing dates for events are as close to the event as logistically possible (e.g. the previous KS1 film event closed 4 days beforehand). Bearing in mind the PTA is formed from a small group of volunteers, they need a cut-off point so they have final numbers to help with their practical organisation (e.g. purchasing items and staffing). The forthcoming KS2 film event had a cut off point for bookings earlier than usual due to PTA volunteers' other commitments. To have an efficient booking system similar to the school's Gateway booking system, the PTA has created their website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/smapta>. All their events are on here for you to book via a cashless system. There is further information on their Facebook page and they will send out reminder letters. If anybody would like support with this, please pop in to see the office team who will be happy to help. If you would like to volunteer any time to help the PTA, even if it's just 1 hour, they would be very grateful. I would like to express my thanks, on behalf of the school, for all their endeavours to raise much needed money for your children.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mr Le-Milliere for making a den in the orchard for the children to explore and sit in. The materials were kindly donated by D.F.R. Roofing and Torbay Packaging and we are really grateful for all of their help. The children love it!

Have a lovely weekend.



## Miss Palfey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



### Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Beech Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **99%** attendance. School target: 96%  
The whole school achieved **93.3% this week**



## This Week's Star Pupils!

**Ash — Seren - for showing kindness and offering to help organise our new garden.**

**Maisie - For being a 'stick-o-saurus' and persevering to write the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.'**

**Elm — Giovanna for lovely writing**

**Zoe for caring for the caterpillars**

**Beech — Miley - for consistently showing aspiration in all aspects of her work.**

**Pine — Sofia HH- For writing some superb questions to her new teachers this week.**

**Oak — Noah for great participation in Maths this week, excellent understanding of measuring length.**

**Apple— Dylan for working hard to develop his writing this week and for sharing with the class and staff his many projects, well done!**

**Birch — Grace: For your wonderful effort in maths over the past few weeks and your superb independent writing!**

**Rowan — Justin for being so diligent and focused, especially during our art sessions.**

**Cherry — Billy for working really hard on his presentation and achieving his pen license.**

**Maple — Zack for showing all of our school values everyday! He is a role model in Maple Class and always tries his very best. On top of that, he has gone above and beyond this week and has produced extra work at home. Well done, Zack!**

**Holly — Lois - For trying hard with her writing this week. Well done.**

**Willow — Marco Presutti - Marco has represented the school fantastically well this week as part of our taster days. He has had a great attitude and a smile on his face.**

**Hazel— Ashton - For such a conscientious approach to his writing this week. He has listened brilliantly to advice and produced some outstanding work.**

**Hawthorn— Leo- for the energy, enthusiasm and fantastic aspiration that he shows in everything that he does. His writing has been excellent this week!**

## Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 18.6.19   | PTA KS2 Film Night showing <i>Mary Poppins Returns</i> straight after school  |
| Monday 24.6.19    | Parent workshop with Frances Harding: 'Supporting Children to Manage Stress and Anxiety'. All welcome, 1:30-3pm in the Woodland Den |
| Wednesday 26.6.19 | Foundation Stage Sports Day 1.30-3.00   |
| Thursday 27.6.19  | Key Stage 2 Sports Day 9.30-11.30 track events, 1.15-3.00 carousel  |
| Friday 28.6.19    | Key Stage 1 Sports Day 1.15-3.00  |
| Saturday 29.6.19  | PTA Summer Fair 10-2  |

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RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION