



Friday, 4 March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fun week! It was a delight yesterday to see the children dressed as their favourite book character. We caused a stir when Year 3 walked to the mobile library! There appeared to be an absent Mrs Jerome... but an Enormous Crocodile instead! Say no more! The Book Fair arrives today and will be open for business every morning and afternoon NEXT WEEK. Hopefully from the shelter if the weather is good. The children brought home a leaflet yesterday. Each child will be entitled to a £1 token to redeem against the cost of a book £2.99 or more. All sales profit the school as we are then allowed to choose a certain number of books in return for our sales. So please do support us to keep the love of reading alive.

I hope mums enjoyed our special afternoon. The children certainly loved having you. Our Church Service was very special and moving. My grateful thanks to St Michaels Church who fund posies for our children to give to their mums and to Henry's family who source these for the Church. Real community spirit, all in appreciation of our mums! I wish you all a very happy weekend, particularly mums on Sunday. Children... spoil them rotten!

This week...



Isabelle, Abigail, Alexandra, Esther, Tihana, Ella R, Archie and Matthew M attended the rehearsal for the forthcoming recorder festival. The children went off to Barming School with Mrs White and Mrs Herbert. The rehearsal went really well and we now look forward to the event on Friday 18th March. Thank you children! You are playing beautifully and are a credit to our school.



I mentioned World Book Day above. As part of our celebrations, Jill Brooks came in to speak to us about animation.



Jill has animated the Kipper stories, Angelina Ballerina and Beatrix Potter for the television. She even showed us the Bafta Award. We are very privileged to have such a famous, talented lady come to talk to us about some of our favourite characters. Thank you Jill.

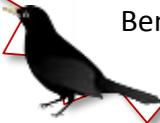


We celebrate the achievements of:

Toni
Pashey
Ann



Jack
Ella
Ben



Ella R
Archie
Meghan



Tihana
Shernade
Phoenix
Zak, Elisha




Birthdays: Daisy, Luke, Amelia

Out of School achievements:

Tihana: Trampoline award

Games Crew: Amelia, Anna May and Henry



Well done everyone!
5 DoJo points to you!

Tree team points:

House	Wk 1	Wk 2
CHESTNUT	230	235
SYCAMORE	233	242
OAK	198	226
BEECH	237	238

Highlighted = winning team of week

Cumulative Totals:

House	T3 intra comp. total	Wk 1	Wk 2
CHESTNUT	35	265	500
SYCAMORE	30	263	505
OAK	90	288	514
BEECH	20	257	495

Highlighted = overall totals, winning team

The children know that I am delighted to see that every tree team has points above 200 this week. As mentioned last week, it is part of our behaviour policy that parents and children are congratulated and notified weekly if their child receives 100% positive behaviour. Likewise, parents are also notified if their child's behaviour falls below our school expectation of 90%. We thank you for your support in encouraging the very best behaviour that we can.



MESSY CHURCH

You may remember that The Messy Church initiative was introduced last Easter. Dates have been set for 2016 and are as follows for this academic year:

- Saturday 19th March**
- Saturday 14th May
- Saturday 9th July

**Join us at 2pm in the school hall
for fun, arts and craft,
refreshment and friendship.**



Yours sincerely
Mrs T Jerome
Headteacher

Robins



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Well it certainly has been a very busy week in the Robins!

In English we have been reading "I love my mummy" and preparing for our Mother's Day service which I hope you all enjoyed.

In phonics we have been learning the "ng" and "ai" (the long vowel sound). Phonics homework will be sent via dojo this week.

In maths, the children have been beginning to learn about capacity. We have also been using maths within our yoga lessons when we have been practising addition using Numicon.

We have also been talking about 'people who help us'. Lucy from Blackbirds kindly came into our class and told us about her operation. The Robins asked her lots of questions about what happened and found it very interesting.

We hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

The Robins Team

A message from Mrs Jerome

*Thank you to year one parents for attending the phonics presentation with Mrs Barrett on Thursday. We hope that you found this helpful. We will send the presentation home in **hard copy** to all Year 1 parents today. The apps and software ideas may particularly delight your children and support home learning in preparation for the phonics screening. We are grateful for your support.*

Blackbirds



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have been developing our editing skills in our writing this week. We learned the story of 'There's no Such Thing as a Dragon', where a little dragon grew and grew because he was being ignored. We decided on our own animal for our story and wrote the beginning and the middle. To improve it, we shared our writing with a partner who helped us include our punctuation, spellings and adjectives. Our completed stories will be going on display around the school.

In Maths we have looked at 3D shapes and symmetry. We can recognise these shapes well, but can find it difficult to remember their properties (number of faces, edges and vertices). Can you help us find 3D shapes and look at their properties? We are very good at creating symmetrical patterns. We know that a symmetrical pattern is the same both sides using a mirror. These patterns were very colourful!

We all dressed up for World Book Day. Look out in the dojo for a photograph of us!

The Blackbirds Team

Peacocks

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week we have been working really hard on 'Growth Mindset' and applying these skills to our maths learning. We have been taking responsibility for our own level of challenge within column method for subtraction and looked to stretch our brains wherever possible. This has resulted in some great success in maths this week!



In literacy we have worked with a team to research, create and present our own verbal persuasive reports. We have then used these skills in our writing. We are working hard on writing these up neatly for the new display in the old library.

The Peacocks Team

Eagles

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have now completed the sample copies of the Maths new curriculum and I will be again sending these tests home for you to look through with your child. Thank you to all those parents that left me helpful notes or comments on their child's arithmetic tests. Mrs Burrows and I have been able to use this information as well as our own to take small group intervention.



The next round of spellings starts today and will be tested in sentence form next Wednesday, they will be stuck in contact books. Also, any children that missed swimming this week, are still able to do their badges next week – please make sure they are ready for swimming that day.

The Eagles Team

RE and PSHE

Our Worship theme for this term is 'The Sea.' Mrs Harris led Tuesday's Worship on how we use the sea to keep calm and reflect.

Remember, our new Prayer Corner is situated in the corridor near the stairs. Please come and add your Lenten promises to the Tree!

Kind regards,

Miss McCabe

A note from Mrs Jerome:

We have a display in the hall posing the question: What is it like to be a refugee in Lent? It challenges us to think about how lucky we are. We thought on World Book Day, how lucky we are to have books, to be able to come to school. Refugee families are not in attendance at school and are very unlikely to have books with them to read. Likewise Mother's Day. Some refugee children will have been parted from their mothers. Again, how lucky we are. We have a penny jar in our refugee tent and are encouraging children to bring in their pennies to help refugee children.



Outdoor Learning

Spring 2 Week 2

What a beautiful afternoon walk Blackbirds had on Monday! We walked along to the play area where we played our ice breaker, 'Animals', which linked in with their learning about animals and their PE warm up games. I shared a photograph on Dojo of one of the groups acting out their animal's movement. Did anyone guess what they were pretending to be? We also played a bird's nest game where the 'Blackbirds' had to collect sticks and twigs only using their 'beak' (clothes peg). Some of their creations looked very comfortable!



Eagles didn't have such a stunning afternoon session but we still made the most of it. Our walk took us into the orchard where we played our ice breaker game 'Coin Toss'. I think this may become another favourite to share with you all on another occasion! As part of Eagles' Art / DT we began a project making a medal by cutting a disc of wood and drilling a hole through it. This has become an ongoing task which we will finish in the coming weeks. Watch this space...

Coming soon...

Teddy Bears Picnic: Following discussions with Blackbirds on our walk to the play area, they are keen to have a play in the park. I will discuss with other classes and look into organising a day when each class can leave school before lunch and have a picnic and play during the summer term. Look out for these dates.

Next week's Outdoor Learning sessions:

Robins – Tuesday 8th March

Please note: Peacocks there is a change to the timetable and due to a visiting sports athlete we will **not** be going Outdoor Learning on Monday 7th March. This has been rescheduled for Tuesday 15th March. They will still receive 2 sessions this term in line with the other classes.

Please note that on outdoor learning days, children should come dressed to school in school uniform tops (red logo sweatshirt/white polo shirt) and forest bottoms: leggings, joggers, trousers NO JEANS! Remember wellies!

Kind regards,

Kate Byatt

**Hartlip Endowed Church of England School
Diary 2015-2016**

	Term Starts	Term Ends
Term 4	Mon 22 February 2016	Thurs 24 March 2016
Week 3: Monday 7th- Friday 11th March		
Week 2 clubs		
Monday 7 March	Book Fair: before and after school	
	Athlete in school: Sports for school initiative	
Tues 8 March	Book Fair: before and after school	
	Robins children health assessments	
	Robins Outdoor learning (wear school top and forest bottoms to school. Remember wellies!)	
	Football Club 3.15pm-4.15pm	
Weds 9 March	OFFICE OPENING HOURS: 9.30am-3pm	
	Book Fair: before and after school	
	Blackbirds PE (PE kits required)	
	Eagles Music: SOUNDS of SWALE concert.	
Thurs 10 March	Book Fair: before and after school	
	Years 4,5 and 6 swimming: swimming kit required	
	KINGS SQUAD 3.15-4.15pm	
Fri 11 March	Book Fair: before school	
Week 4: 14th- 18 March		
Week 3 clubs		
Mon 14 March	Blackbirds: Outdoor learning (wear school top and forest bottoms to school. Remember wellies!)	
Tues 15 March	Peacocks: Outdoor learning (wear school top and forest bottoms to school. Remember wellies!)	
	Football Club 3.15pm-4.15pm	
Weds 16 March	OFFICE OPENING HOURS: 9.30am-3pm	
	Eagles PE (PE kits required)	
	Blackbirds music	
Thurs 16 March	Celebration Worship (invitations to parents whose children's birthday falls this week)	
	Year 4 Mobile library visit	
	Years 4,5 and 6 swimming: swimming kit required	
	Peacocks class PE: PE kit required	
	KINGS SQUAD 3.15-4.15pm	
Fri 18 March	SPORTS RELIEF	
	Termly Open Forum for parents	
	Eagles PE (PE kits required)	
	Recorder festival (pm)	
Sat 19 March	Messy Church 2pm	

Week 5: 21-24 March		
Week 4 clubs		
Mon 21 March	Eagles: Outdoor learning (wear school top and forest bottoms to school. Remember wellies!)	
Tues 22 March	Peacocks: Outdoor learning (wear school top and forest bottoms to school. Remember wellies!)	
	Football Club 3.15pm-4.15pm	
Weds 23 March	OFFICE OPENING HOURS: 9.30am-3pm	
	Robins PE (PE kits required)	
	Eagles music	
Thurs 24 March	End of Term 4 Dress Down Day. Bring cakes or an Easter Egg for PTFA Easter event Active Easter 1.30pm: Easter Service in Church 2.30pm: Easter Celebrations	
Easter Break	25 March 2016 8 April 2016	
Term 5	Mon 11 April 2016	Fri 27 May 2015
Mon 11 April	Children return	
Fri 22 nd April	Dress Down Day. Donation of raffle prize for May Fair	
Sat 30 April	Netball Tournament	
Mon 2 May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Fri 6 May	Breakfast in school	
9-12 May	End of KS2 SATs Nationally timetabled Optional SATS for other year groups	
14 May	Messy Church: 2pm	
20 May	Film Night	
Fri 27 May	Termly Open Forum for parents End of Term 5	
Mid Term Break	30 May 2016 3 June 2016	
Term 6 Staff Development Days Thurs & Fri 21 & 22 July	Mon 6 June 2016	Weds 20 July 2016
Weds 8 th June	Class Photos in school	
Fri 10 June	Breakfast in school	
Monday 20 th -Weds 22 nd June	Eagles Class Residential	
Fri 1 July	Breakfast in school tbc	
Fri 9 th July	Messy Church: 2pm	
Fri 15 July	Sports Day	
Tues 19 July	Leavers Service 7pm	
Weds 20 July	Leavers Banquet End of Term 6 and Academic Year	
Thurs 21/Fri 22 July	Staff Development Days – School closed to children	

FEEDBACK FORM

**Please use this form to feedback to us anything that is concerning you
or anything you would like to bring to our attention:**

Feedback forms can be placed anonymously in the feedback box in the lobby