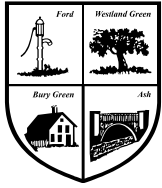


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'Believing and Achieving'

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Didn't that half term whizz by?

Congratulations to all our Effort Award winners today - keep trying hard for next time!

Congratulations also to the West family for the safe arrival of baby George born this week- another little brother for Louie.

## Super Gymnasts

Once again, we can be very proud of our Gymnastics Teams, as they did brilliantly last weekend at the Eastern Region Championships. The Under 11 Mixed Team of Beth, Oliver, Maddy and Otto came away with a Bronze medal, missing out on a place in the National Competition by just 0.9 points! They were commended by the judges as being the most improved gymnasts over the last year. The Girls' Team came sixth too- well done all of you and thank you to Janine and supporters!

## More Good News

From interviews held this week, I am really pleased to announce that Mrs Claire Blundell will be joining the Early Years Team on a more regular basis as Early Years Teaching Assistant. Claire has been very kind in helping out in the Unit until a more permanent solution could be found, so we are really pleased that we can now make this 'official'. Well done, Claire.

This does mean that we have now a vacancy for a Midday Assistant for initially two lunch-times a week (Mondays and Tuesdays) however, this could also increase to additional lunchtimes in the near future. If anyone is interested, please contact either myself or the office.

## And more...

Congratulations to our Kitchen Staff for achieving the top score of **5 stars** in their recent hygiene inspection - well done, Terese and Sandy.

## Class Workshops

Please check the newsletter regularly, as next half term sees the return of our class workshop assemblies.

Beech- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Lime - March 4<sup>th</sup> Maple - March 11<sup>th</sup> Willow - March 18<sup>th</sup> (in Church)

## Class Attendance Award

This week's top attenders are Ash Class with 97.3% . The average attendance across the school is 96.7%, still above the National expectation of 95%.

Unfortunately, from our half-termly attendance monitoring, a few parents will have received an attendance concern letter, as their child's attendance has fallen below 90%. As this is a shorter half-term, each day counts more highly, which does accentuate any absences. Parents have made us aware of most of the reasons for absence but the fact is - if a child is not in school- it will impact on their learning.

## Going for Gold

The top Triplegold achievers for the week ending 5<sup>th</sup> February come from Beech Class, well done.

## Special Table

Our new set of Special Tablers this week are Corey, Louie and Lily, very special!

## Cambridge Science Festival

We have been signposted to the Cambridge Science Festival which runs from March 7<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. There are hundreds of free events on everything for everyone from Astronomy to Zoology.

If you would like more information, go to [csf@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:csf@admin.cam.ac.uk) or call 01223 766766.

## Holiday Fun

If you haven't yet tried it but are looking for something free and fun for the children, look into **Geocaching**- treasure hunts using technology! Log on to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and find out more!

## Coming Up After Half Term...

- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> : Mrs Lammin and Mrs Askew on Level 2 Forest School training - Day 1  
Mrs Nicklin on Forest School First Aid qualification training (2 days)
- Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> : Headteacher Briefings a.m.
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> : Lime Class at Colchester Museum linked to their Roman topic
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> : Pay Committee Governors Meeting followed by Resources Governor Meeting at 6.30pm  
Maths Screening Training at Thorley SplD Base 4-6pm
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> : Beech Class Workshop Assembly - 9.15am  
Y5/6 Sports Partnership Gymnastics Competition.

## Week 2

- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> : Fairtrade Fortnight begins - more details to follow  
Mrs Lammin and Mrs Askew on Level 2 Forest School training - Day 2  
Y4/5/6 Cross Country Festival at Jobbers Wood
- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> : Governor Day - Curriculum and Standards Gobs Meeting at 3.30pm
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> : SEN Support Plan Review Evening 3.30-5pm
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> : World Book Day - Dress as a WOW Word - (think up ideas over half term?)  
Mrs Martin on Y4/5 Moderation - am
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> : Lime Class Workshop Assembly - 9.30am  
Mrs Nicklin on Early Years Moderation Training all day

Thank you for your continued support and have a great but safe half-term. See you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Yours sincerely  
*E Stockley*  
Mrs E Stockley

