

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2018**Dear all,**

The children have had a lovely week. Today all the children have had a go at skateboarding and/or scootering! They have had a fantastic time, practising their balance and co-ordination. It was lovely to see them having a go at a new sport. We have some excellent skaters in school!

Cherry and Willow had a super day on Monday. They had a Roman centurion in to visit! They learnt all about Roman times, examining Roman artefacts including some very big spears! They also had a battle at the end of the day against the Yr 6's which demonstrated how effective the Romans were in battle with their shields and defence strategies.

**PTA meeting**

Many thanks to everyone who attended to the PTA meeting this morning. We really appreciate the fantastic job you do for the school. The AGM will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm with cheese and wine! It would be lovely to see lots of people there.

**NSPCC Parents' Pack for PANTS message**

For many years schools and parents have talked to children about keeping themselves safe by talking about the PANTS rule. There is now a pack for parents to use, to encourage them to have a conversation that many might feel uncomfortable about having. Information is also available for children with a hearing impairment. The link to the parents' PANTS pack is

here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule>

**E-Safety**

The latest edition of the DITTO e-safety is out now. It can be found on our website under the parents – e-safety tab. It has advice for parents, information on cyberbullying and live streaming, as well as DITTO Junior which is written by children for children with guidance about keeping safe online.

**Design an ice-cream**

In last week's newsletter I asked children to design an ice-cream for Antonio's in Exmouth. The winning design gets £25 in vouchers and to name the ice-cream. The profits from the sales of the winning ice-cream go to the RNLI. If your child would like to take part, please can they draw and label their ice-cream on A4 paper, put their name, age and school on the back and hand it in to their class teacher or the office by next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Forgotten items.**

We are aware that sometimes things get left at home but please can you try and ensure your child has everything they need in their bag for that day. This week our office ladies have made over 80 phone calls to parents asking for PE shoes, Holy Communion books, swimming costumes, permission slips, etc to be brought in. I do not want to go down the same route as some schools and refuse to ring home for forgotten items. I'm sure you will appreciate the office ladies do not have the time and nor should they be chasing up that number of forgotten items. Your support with this is appreciated.

**Choir Club**

We have places available for Choir Club if any children are interested. It is Monday 3.30-4.30pm and £15 per half term. Please see the office to book a place.

**Next week:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Hockey festival team from Yr 5 & 6 – 4-5.30pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Parents evening, times by appointment

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Parents evening, times by appointment

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Book fair in school, books available to view at 3.30pm by the library

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – School disco

**Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**

**Headteacher's Awards:** Oak - Lydia, Willow - Chloe

**Bronze award:** Sycamore - Charlie, Bella E, Beech - Tabitha, Harry, Jack S, Poppy

**Stars of the week:** Oak - Lydia, Sycamore - Bella E, Rowan - Amber, Cherry - Shanel, Willow - Laila E, Maple - Radina, Beech - Anthony

**Breakfast Club Superstar:** Bella E