

October 13th 2017**Dear all,**

Thank you for all those who attended the parent activity sessions this week. The children have loved showing their parents the learning they are doing in class. Rowan class were showing off their reading skills and FSU were introducing their parents to 'Funky fingers'.

Sycamore and Rowan class had a fantastic trip to Seaton Jurassic on Monday. The children loved making their own fossils and exploring the exhibits.

Our FSU children have been making super scarecrows. They are so realistic that every time

Mrs Keeping looks out of the window she thinks it's a child out there!

Cherry class have been making moveable skeletons to help them learn the bones in the body, whilst Willow class have been researching vertebrates, linked to their aquarium visit.

Maple class have continued researching the Titanic and discovering lots of facts about the people on board. They are using all their new found knowledge to write a non-fiction text.

Beech class have been learning about algebra this week and many surprised themselves as it turned out not to be as difficult as they expected! Beech have also been getting ready for their residential trip next week. It will be very strange here without them but I hope they all have a lovely time and get some better weather!

Thank you to all the parents, especially Mrs McCann, who helped with the cross-country running at Bicton Arena on Tuesday. The children all did really well. I couldn't believe they had to run a mile! They all tried their very best and we are extremely proud of all of them.

New reading resource to improve comprehension

I am really excited to say we have just bought in a new resource called Accelerated reader. It is an online resource which helps improve children's comprehension skills. They read a book from our library and then take a quiz about that book online. They can build up their scores and get certificates etc. for the amount they read and for proving they have understood the text. At the moment it is taking a look at setting up and we hope to have it rolled out to the children before Christmas. It means many of the books in the library need new labels sticking on. If there are any parents who could spare some time on a Tuesday or Wednesday to help us that would be lovely. Mrs Sheehy is already doing a wonderful job but this is quite a mountainous task and any help would be much appreciated. Please contact the office if you can help.

Reception Class photos

Sorry for the confusion, the Reception photo will be in the Journal on Thursday 26 October.

Parking

This is a reminder not to park or drop off in front of the school gates or over the yellow lines. It puts the safety of our children at risk and, whilst people maybe rushing, I'm sure you will all agree the children's safety is more important.

Next week:

Monday 16th October - Friday 20th – Beech Class PGL residential

Monday 16th October - Cherry and Willow Classes High 5 Netball tournament after school

Wednesday 18th October – Science workshops for Cherry, Willow and Maple Classes

Wednesday 18th October – Parents' evening FSU to Yr 5 appointments issued.

Thursday 19th October – Flu vaccines for children Reception to Class 4

Thursday 19th October – Visitor for Class 5

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Thursday 19th October - Class 5 sleepover

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: Sycamore – Amelia, Annie, Bella E, Queenie, Willow – Thomas, Charlie, Frank, Maple - Jeff

Stars of the week:

Oak – Chloe, Sycamore – Queenie, Rowan – Ben, Cherry – Nell, Willow – Evie, Maple – Katy, Beech – Sheril

Breakfast Club Superstar: Sophie