

NEWSLETTER

2nd February 2018

Darwin Class Update

This term, Darwin Class has been learning about the Anglo-Saxon story, 'Beowulf'. Through reading the story and using the illustrations, the children have written some amazing descriptions of settings in the story and of two of the monsters. We have also retold the story through drama and presented this in our class assembly. The children did a brilliant job of taking on the different characters and retelling the story in their own way.



Science is exciting this term! We have already investigated what happens when you add Mentos to diet Coke (a very messy result) and we have been identifying which types of sugar can dissolve in water. We still have lots of fun experiments to carry out this term and next term.



Art has been a lot of fun: we have made 3D Saxon ship models; tried optical illusion art; created our own Lindisfarne decorated letters; and made salt dough snake-design buckles.

#Be More Like Paddington

Paddington Bear was back in school today with me (Mrs Saunders).

Inspired by Reverend David's speech to last year's year 6 class at the leavers' service and from receiving my very own Mrs Saunders' Paddington Bear for Christmas, I launched the New Year with a "Be more like Paddington!" themed assembly.

As Reverend David explained in the summer, we can all learn a lot from this little bear. On our first assembly of the New Year, I read an extract from a Paddington story to the children and we decided that these were the top three traits that would help us "Be more like Paddington":

1. Always have impeccable manners and be polite.
2. Always try to help others.
3. Always try to see the good in everyone.

Since then, "Be more like Paddington" has become somewhat of a catchphrase at school alongside "Aim High and Be Happy". Mrs Bromfield has cut out pictures of Paddington and put these up in various places around the school to remind us to "Be more like Paddington" and Mrs Norman has been rewarding children who she has noticed being particularly helpful around school, too.



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#Be More Like Paddington

Today, it was time for Paddington to pop back into school and he was not disappointed to find the following people had been trying to "Be more like Paddington":

William Brinsley for demonstrating "impeccable manners" by always holding the door open and letting people through before himself.

Elliot Buckley for "seeing the good in everyone" by always supporting others' achievements.

Elsa Roberts for "having impeccable manners" by being so polite to everyone she speaks to.

Millie Dance for "helping others" by offering to do extra play leader duties every day.

Teddy Collins for "helping others" by sharing his ideas for work.

Lily Bolton for "having impeccable manners" by writing an extremely polite and persuasive letter in her English work.

Edith Deacon for "helping others" by being a very kind friend.

Miss Beaney for "helping others" by leaving kind notes and gifts on the teachers' desks.

Mrs Patridge for "impeccable manners" by offering everyone a warm welcome to our school.



Paddington cannot wait to hear who else has been "More like Paddington" again soon!



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P & F Update

The Committee would like to thank the parents who came along to the meeting last week - all fresh ideas, views and opinions are always welcome.

There are lots of exciting and fun events coming up for everyone, so keep a look-out on Facebook and the notice boards.

Next Friday morning (9th Feb), we will be treating the children to pancakes, with their choice of topping, to celebrate Pancake Day which falls during half term.

We would just like to say thank you, again, to all parents for your continued help and support. Without this, a lot of the bigger events couldn't happen. Saying that, please remember that we are all busy parents and we voluntarily give up our free time to organise and run these events.

DEADLINES: Please be aware, as always, that the deadline for most events is 3:30 pm the day before the event, so any payments or forms received after this time may not count. As you can understand, all events - big and small - take some organising and preparation to ensure that we have enough adult helpers and supplies for everyone.

Once again, thank you.

If you have any questions, queries or ideas for the P&F, please feel free to come and see one of the team.

Thank you to the Roberts Family

A huge thank you to Elsa & Darcie's parents for donating two netball posts to the school. We are so grateful and have already enjoyed using them this week during netball club and PE. Thank you.

Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	90.0
Nightingale	96.0
Darwin	92.6
Shakespeare	98.1
Churchill	95.8

Well done to Shakespeare class who win Attendance Ted and to Churchill class who win Punctuality Pup this week. Shakespeare are doing very well indeed. Keep it up!

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Community

This coming Sunday - 4th Feb - Children's Christingle service at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst, led by Lyn Hayes. All are very welcome!

What is Christingle? Find out here: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/.../chri.../what-christingle>

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SANDHURST 10AM - SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY



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Local Events

A colorful illustration of a farm scene. In the background, there's a blue sky with white clouds and a few birds. A farm with a red-roofed house and a silo sits on a green hill. In the foreground, various farm animals are depicted: two white sheep on the left, a brown cow, a white goat, a pink pig, a white duck, a white rabbit, a brown chicken, and a white chicken. A red fence runs across the middle ground.

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Lambing Weekend 2018

Saturday 17 March
Sunday 18 March

 **10am to 4.30pm** 

Entrance £2.00
[Children under 3 Free]

Refreshments and Free Parking

Fully Accessible 

Toilets & Hand Washing Facilities on Site

All Proceeds Support the Farm

Diary Dates

6th Feb	Internet Safety Day
9th Feb	P & F Pancake Day
12th Feb	Holiday
19th Feb	INSET day - children not in school
22nd Feb	KS2 Anglo Saxon Day
26th Feb	Book Week
28th Feb & 1st Mar	Book Fair After School
2nd Mar	Book Week Dress Up Assembly
8th Mar	BBC Ten Pieces Concert KS2 Trip
9th Mar	P & F Mother's Day Sale
13th Mar	KS2 Anglo Saxon Walk
	Parent Consultation Evening - 4-6.30 p.m.
14th Mar	Parent Consultation Afternoon-3.30-5.50 p.m.
19th Mar	Back to The Future Roadshow
28th Mar	Easter Service - Mission Church
29th Mar	Last Day of Term
16th Apr	Term 4 begins - children back to school
4th May	School Photographer - Class Photos
14th May	SATs Week
18th May	Year 6 Reward Day
21st May	Sports Week
25th May	Sports Day
28th May-1st Jun	Holiday
4th Jun-8th Jun	Year 6 - Residential Journey to France
15th Jun	Father's Day Sale
22nd Jun	INSET Day - children not in school
5th Jul	Reports to parents
6th Jul	Move Up Afternoon
9th Jul	Meet the teacher week after school
12 Jul	Year 6 Performance to parents
13 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Church Assembly
14 Jul	P & F Camping Day
17 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Dinner
20th Jul	Leavers Assembly
23rd Jul	INSET Day- children not in school
24th Jul	INSET Day- children not in school