



# Newsletter

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## Claire House and Comic Relief

Our final total raised for Claire House was £3214.38, an average of over £13 per family, which is an amazing effort. Avril, a representative from Claire House, recently visited school to receive the cheque in assembly. She brought along Claire Bear and announced that the total amount we have raised for Claire House since we began our annual Charity Weeks, is now over £10,000.

The children were very excited to hear this news and are understandably very proud of their efforts. The staff have always felt strongly about the importance of teaching the children compassion and empathy and raising money for local children's charities is an effective way of doing this. We also raised £202.59 for Comic Relief in March - again, thank you for your support and generosity.

Pictured are the excited House Captains presenting the cheque to Avril and Claire Bear.



## Kitchen Staff Changes

Jan, our cook, who has been serving meals to our hungry children for eight years, has taken up a new position as cook at a nursing home nearer to where she lives. Her last day was very emotional for Jan - the children surprised her with a gift and flowers, as she delivered her last meal, and then broke into spontaneous applause! The governors have appointed Clair Parry, Jan's deputy, to the position of Cook in Charge and there is no doubt that the children will continue to be served high quality, locally sourced meals, made freshly each day.

## House Cup/Excellence Award

Royden won the House Cup in March and have received their extra playtime for their victory. With so many holidays in April we have combined the months of April and May to create 'Mapril' and so the results of that month will be announced in the next newsletter.

Tabitha, of 6P, won the Excellence Badge for the second time, the first being when she was in Year 5. Her favourite subject is English - she loves writing and is currently composing a story on her laptop called, 'Lost Dog' (the dog is found in the end). As an avid reader, Tabitha is reading a book which has over 1000 pages called 'Dragon Lance'. In her spare time, she likes riding her bike, listening to the music of her favourite band, 'Kiss' and eating food, her favourites being carrots and chocolate, although, amazingly, she still has some Easter eggs left! When Tabitha is older, she wants to be a vet who looks after wild animals, travelling around the world - she is very ambitious.

Congratulations Tabitha!



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### Chris Salmon

As you know, each term the staff are given the unenviable task of choosing one child from each year group to receive the Chris Salmon Behaviour Award. It is an extremely difficult task but this lovely bunch were chosen for the Spring term.

Year 3 - Mark  
Year 4 - Emily  
Year 5 - Lydia  
Year 6 - Dylan

Well done to them all!



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### Platinum Award Finally Reached!

By showing our core principles of 'Care, Courtesy and Consideration' in and out of the classroom, the children are rewarded with team points which contribute towards the monthly House Cup. The House Captains also keep a tally of how many team points each child has 'earned' as they move through the school and as various milestones are reached, awards are given. In increments of 25 team points, children receive the bespoke bronze, silver and gold badges. Whilst many children have achieved the bronze, silver and gold badges, the platinum badges - 100 team points - have remained in their box, waiting to be presented. Until now!



Well done to Jack and Tabitha, two wonderful Year 6 children, who become the first to receive this award.

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### Miss McNee

You may already know that Miss McNee had a baby boy, Iwan on Wednesday 17th April. Iwan was born three months premature, weighing just 2lb 1oz and is now more than three weeks old. The family are living in Ronald McDonald House at Arrowe Park, our chosen charity last year, and obviously, they are constantly in our thoughts.

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### Important Dates (Dates for the rest of the academic year are on the school website)

School disco - Thursday 23rd May (6.30 - 8.00pm)

Sports Day - Friday 24th May (children to come to school in their PE kits)

School closes for half term - Friday 24th May

School re-opens - Monday 3rd June

Bike-It Breakfast - Wednesday 5th June (8.00am at Pump Lane lay-by)

Year 5 Parents' Castle Head meeting - Monday 10th June (6.00pm)

Year 4 coastal trip around the Wirral - Tuesday 18th June

Summer Serenade - Thursday 20th June (7.00pm)

Year 5 trip to Gulliver's World - Friday 21st June

Summer Fair - Saturday 22nd June (12 - 3pm)

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