

1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

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Celebration Newsletter

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### **Star of the Week**



Willow Class - Alex Fleming (Year 2)



Beech Class – Emma Hayward (Year 4)



Oak Class – Harry Swain (Year 6)

### **Your Views Urgently Needed!**

**We still have not had any parents provide any feedback on the ParentView website.** We greatly appreciate all your support and positive feedback and would be delighted if you could please spare a few minutes to share your views. Please find below the link to the Parent View website.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

### **Mayan Day!**

Well, what a day we had last Friday. The children were stunned into silence by a visit from a 'real life' Mayan king as part of their Mayan day. He looked fabulous in full Mayan regalia. The children found out about all things Mayan including: daily life, chocolate tasting, Gods, sacrifices, traditions and clothing. Mr Cole even used his PE session to teach the children Pok-Ta-Pok, an ancient Mayan ball game, similar to basketball. In the afternoon, the children participated in a drama workshop led by our Mayan king. All in all it was a very entertaining day and we would like to thank Robbie from Past Productions for leading the proceedings and of course you, the parents, for the amazing head-dresses and jewellery accessories you supplied.

### **Visit to Frank Wise School**

Usually a group of children from Frank Wise school come to visit us every Thursday morning and join in some lessons with our Reception children. This week we had the pleasure of visiting them at Frank Wise School. The children went on a mini-bus to the school. Then once there they had a tour of the school, which included seeing their swimming pool, music room and green room! They had a snack and a fun time playing on their playground before returning back on the mini-bus. What a fun filled morning!

### **Anti-Bullying Week – SPOT IT AND STOP IT!**

This week has been anti-bullying week and we have been teaching the children to Spot It and Stop it! Mrs Scott kick started with a super assembly about being kind and stamping out unkindness. The children learnt about how we all have 'buckets of kindness' and we can fill others and our own bucket by being kind. However, people can also try and take from our buckets by being unkind and we shouldn't let them. By being unkind to others they are also emptying their own bucket. Let's all aim to have full buckets of kindness.

### **After School Care - Greatworth Pre-School.**

Greatworth Pre-School are now offering after school care to Reception and Year 1 children. If you are interested in your child attending this after school care provision please contact them directly on 01295 713514. .

### **School Dinners – Cancel or Pay**

Dolce, our school dinner provider have informed us that in this financial year alone, over three hundred thousand of their meals were ordered, prepared in the kitchen and binned countrywide because the pupil for whom it was ordered did not cancel the order or attend the hotplate. They are looking to improve this situation. **Therefore as of January 2018, all school meals ordered and not cancelled by 9.30am will be charged. If your child is absent please ensure you remember to cancel their dinner to avoid being charged.**

### **Terry Goode's Multi-Skills Sports – Next Term Sign Up and Christmas Party Sports Day.**

If you would like your child to be signed up to Terry Goode's Multi-Skills Sports after school club next term please ask a member of Office Staff for a sign-up sheet.

Also, Mr Goode is holding a Christmas Party Sports Day at Greatworth School on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 10am-4pm at the price of £20 per child (10% discount for 2 or more siblings). If you are interested in your child attending this day please ask the Office Staff for a sign-up sheet.

### **Reminders...**

#### **Christmas Dinner**

If you have not already done so, please can you order your child's Christmas Dinner as soon as possible via the Live Kitchen Website. We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Parking**

Please can we ask that when children are being dropped off and collected from school that parents are mindful of where you park your car. Please ensure it does not compromise the safety of others.

## Upcoming Festive Events.

- **PTA Surprise Room** - From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December the PTA will provide a little shop at school where the children can come and pick out presents for their Parents or Grandparents. They have a good selection of gifts and they help them choose, wrap and write a tag for you.

Surprise Room is a brilliant way of your little ones giving you a totally secret present and is one of the highlights of the PTA's year; it is a lovely opportunity to see the children doing something so very special.

If you are interested in your child/children taking part, please complete the form on ParentMail by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Each present is £2.50, please pay by cash or cheque (payable to Greatworth PTA).

- **Advent, The Arts and Advocaat** (Performing Arts Evening), on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, will be a delightful evening with Oak and Beech Class show-casing some exciting performances as well as the pupils from the music school performing some Christmas favourites. There will be a fully licensed bar hosted by the PTA. They will also delight with homemade mulled wine, festive nibbles and an array of raffles throughout the evening. The doors open at 6.00pm and the first performance is 6.30pm.

**There are only 80 tickets available, therefore a ParentMail message will be sent out explaining that 2 tickets will be provisionally booked per family. You will need to select on the message that you do want the tickets to confirm your places. If you do not reply to the message by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December your tickets will no longer be available to you and will be offered to families that may want additional family members to attend. Please look out for this message next week.**

- Our **Christmas Dinner** for the pupils, staff and governors is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure you book your child's meal on LiveKitchen so they don't miss out. Please can the children also wear a **Christmas jumper or accessories** and donate £1 on this day to get into the Christmas spirit and raise funds for the school PTA.
- Willow Class will be performing two performances of '**The Nativity**' for parents on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am and 3pm. The PTA will be selling festive refreshments at both performances.
- On the last day of term, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, we would be delighted to welcome parents and members of the community to Greatworth Church, at 10.45am, where the whole school will be performing **Christmas Carols**. The children will then return to school to have their **Christmas Party**. Please ensure your child brings party clothes

to school to change into. There will be no school dinners on this day. A ParentMail message will be sent to each parent next week asking them to make/buy a specific party food for the event.

## Other Achievements

### Swimming

Molly Hutchinson – 25 metres award

Martha Herring – Puffin Award

Neve Fishwick – Learn to Swim, Number 1 Award

Adam Lake – 25 metres front crawl award

### Gymnastics

Isla Irving and Luca Fox – Gymnastics Proficiency Number 8

### Weekly Class Attendance

Willow – 98.6%

Beech – 99.6% WINNERS

Oak – 98.1%

### Homework Completion

	Spelling & Timetables (%)	Weekly Task (%)	Reading 3 Times a Week (%)
Willow	100	70.5	62.5
Beech	52	95	57
Oak	86	100	44

### Reading Champions of the Week

#### 25 Reads

Annabel Bullen, Holly Tappenden, Alex Griffith, Lucy Herring, Theo Hook, Millie Dawkins, Eddie Bullen and Leo Whinney.

#### 50 Reads

Jack Barrett, Ollie Edwards, Molly Hutchinson and Isla Irving

### DOJOS



Willow = 1603

Beech = 2217

Oak = 1197

**Grand Total = 5017**

### 100 Dojo Award

Ewan Ellis, George Norton, Leo Whinney, Lily Edwards, Holly Tappenden and Chloe Edwards

## Birthdays

Grace Froom – 9 years old

Gabriel Fox – 9 years old

Harrison Bailey – 7 years old

Georgia Brown – 8 years old

Martha Cook – 5 years old

## Clubs – week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Before School	<b>The Great Grub Breakfast Club</b> 7.45 – 8.45am	<b>The Great Grub Breakfast Club</b> 7.45 – 8.45am	<b>The Great Grub Breakfast Club</b> 7.45 – 8.45am  <b>Hot Shots Basketball Club</b> 8 – 8.45am	<b>The Great Grub Breakfast Club</b> 7.45 – 8.45am	<b>The Great Grub Breakfast Club</b> 7.45 – 8.45am
After School	<b>Smarty Arty Club</b> Years 2-6 3.30 - 4.20pm Mrs Lutas-Brown.	<b>Drama Club</b> Years 2-6 3.30 - 4.20pm Mrs Lutas-Brown.			<b>Real PE Club</b> Years 1 – 6 3.30-4.30pm Ricky Cole.

## Dates for the diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	PM – Dress Rehearsal for Advent, The Arts and Advocaat
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent, The Arts and Advocaat. Doors open at 6pm and the first performance is 6.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper/Accessories Day (PTA fund raising event, £1 a child) Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nativity performed by Willow Class, 9.30am and 3pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carols performed by the whole school at the Church, 10.45am – 11.30am.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	12pm Whole School Christmas Party. (No school dinners).
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
January	Change for Life Month