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Resilience

# Newsletter 14 – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

'We are resilient and celebrate our efforts.'

#### **Diary Dates**

Inset Day
Back to School
Year 6 Life Skills Centre
Lime Class Y3 Assembly
Isle of Wight Parents' Meeting
World Book Day
Maple Class Y4 Assembly

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2:40 **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3:30**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2:40** 

INSET Days Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

#### **Headteacher's News**

Thank you to each and every one of you who have supported the school in some way this term, whether it be helping out in school or supporting events. It makes a real difference to each child's success when they know that school and home are working well together.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our fabulous team of staff who often go above and beyond to make sure that they do their very best for our children. We are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated and skilled teachers, teaching assistants and reading assistants who have all kept the reading, writing and maths going right to the very end of term to ensure 'every day counts'.

Please could I ask that, if at all possible, you keep the reading going throughout the holiday, especially as there are a lot of fabulous Christmas stories - I often find the Christmas break the perfect opportunity to read for large chunks of time.

A very Happy Christmas to you all and see you in 2017!

**Deborah Wood** 

# This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Zaila Year 2 Ash: Theo Year 3 Lime: Charlie Year 4 Maple: Lily-Mae Year 5 Sycamore: Olivia Year 6 Cedar: Megan



# Attendance Total 96.1% YR Cherry 95.4%

Y1 Oak 94.8% Y2 Ash 96.8%

Y3 Lime 96.5%

Y4 Maple 96.7%

Y5 Sycamore 96.7%

Y6 Cedar 95.4%

#### **Reading Certificates**



# **Multiplication Masters**

Freya, Marcel, Williams, William, Shaya, Sam, Preston

#### **Class Books We Have Enjoyed Reading This Term**

#### The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman

"I enjoyed this a lot. There were different firework types, for example, Crackle Dragons, Tumbling Demons and Shimmering Coins. It had lots of detail. I would recommend this book for my cousin because she is very creative. The book is quite funny and my cousin is quite funny, too. The best bit was at the end but I can't tell you about that... "

Logan O'Donnell, Maple Class Y4

#### Mogg's Christmas Calamity by Judith Kerr

"In the book they had something wrong. The tinsel went onto Mogg's tail and the fire touched the tinsel! The firefighters had to come. I enjoyed the book because I like firemen (Cason). I liked the book because I like cats and Mogg (Alex). We made up our own books with our families in. We would recommend the book to our friends and our mums and dads."

Alex Pearce and Carson Hill, Oak Class Y1

#### Goodnight, Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian

"I liked the book because you never know what is going to happen next. There is a boy called William who is evacuated from the city to a village because it was safer. He stays with Mr Tom and makes friends with him. I would recommend it to anyone who likes reading long books.

Imagen Cordey, Sycamore Class Y5

#### **A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens**

"It's a very funny story. It has a lot of different characters and a variation of personalities. I like the storyline of someone who is cruel and unfeeling who turns kind. We wrote our own version of a rebirth story and I included semi-colons. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a short but entertaining story."

Cameron McKechnie, Cedar Class Y6

#### **Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley**

"It's about a little boy called Ruskin who is getting bullied a lot by Elvis. His only friend is Corky the school caretaker. It's a really good book because it's about a monster who lives in the sewers and eats toast with butter, poached eggs and beans. We would recommend this book to children over 7 years old; younger children might get scared."

# Marieanne Mullin and Ethan Hollingdrake, Lime Class Y3

#### **Turbo Tortoise by Stephen Cole**

"It was about some snails trying to eat the vegetable patch and Turbo Tortoise and Karate Crow were trying to stop them. We wrote a letter to Mrs Wood about how we (pretending to be Turbo Tortoise) saved the vegetable patch. We would recommend this book because it's a really fun story. It is good for children up to Year 5."

**Bryony Parfrey and Dylan Jones, Ash Class, Y2** 

#### **Sparkling Starters**

Next term's questions are already up in school. Will your child manage to get a piece of homework up on display? It can be anything from writing to art to Science.

- YR 'What's the Story?' all about traditional tales
- Y1 'Why did the Great Fire of London spread?'
- Y2 'How can we live a healthy lifestyle?'
- Y3 'Why is the Iron Man made of Iron?' looking at the properties of materials
- Y4 'Where does our Power come from?'
- Y5 'Where am I?' a local geography study
- Y6 'The Maya Who were they?'

# **Chewing Gum**

Mr Smith, our site manager, has reported finding a lot of chewing gum discarded on the playground. Please could we ask you to dispose of any chewing gum by wrapping it up and putting it in a bin. Just to remind you, our children should not be bringing chewing gum into school.

#### Out of School Clubs (OoSC) for Term 3

Bookings are now open for next Term. To book your child in you can:

- Log in to School Money and reserve your places online. You can pay at the same time. (If you haven't got a log in for School Money please ask the office and we can re-send) OR
- 2. Fill out a booking form. (Available from the club or the website) and return these to the office.

