



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

### Star of the Week

This week our Stars of the Week are:

Butterflies	-	Charlie Johnston
Caterpillars	-	Letetia Teasdale
Ladybirds	-	Jayden Severn
Orangutans	-	Bentley Sheldon
Elephants	-	Kiara Gaston
Seals	-	Justin Clark
Lions	-	Lexi-Louise Clark
Tigers	-	Layla Ainsley
Giraffes	-	Dion Knott
Pandas	-	Charlotte Pinkney
Meerkats	-	Rosie Kirkman
Lemurs	-	Cayden Palmer
Penguins	-	Sam White
Owls	-	Luke Poulston



### Attendance

If your child is too unwell to come to school, please phone the office to let us know. **Remember:** We need a reason for every absence within 48 hours or your child's absence will be unauthorised. Thank you to all parents who call in to report their child's absence!

The class this week with the best attendance is Pandas with 100%! The class with the best attendance so far this year is Lions with 97.6%. The overall attendance for the whole school from September stands at 95.7%. This week's attendance is 96.4%. Well done to the 285 children who achieved 100% attendance this week, 43 of these children have 100% attendance since September. And finally, congratulations to Robbie Woodruff from Penguins class who is our weekly attendance winner!

### Parents' Maths Workshop

Thank you to Mrs Dixon and Miss Brumwell for running the Maths Workshop for parents. During the workshop, they explained to parents each strategy for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Parents were then given the calculation policy and sample test sheets that are practised in school. The new curriculum and assessments were also discussed. If you would like a copy of these resources, please leave your name at the office.

### Valentine Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended our Valentine Disco! We do hope everyone enjoyed their disco. A fabulous £171.95 was raised for school funds!

### School Nurse Drop In

The school nurse will be hosting a drop in session on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February between 9am and 10am in the Hub. Everyone is welcome and there will be a free hot drink and bacon sandwich available.

### Parking Issues Outside School

Despite repeated requests, traffic/parking outside the school gates is becoming an increasing problem. Please, please can we make a plea to all parents to come early and park your cars away from the school entrance area. We have over 400 pupils on roll in school and this causes a lot of congestion at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be considerate and keep our children safe.

This week, two 'near misses' have been reported to us involving cars driving on the footpath. We report every incident to the Police and we are in consultation with them to find a solution. Enforcement action may be taken by the Police against anyone parking on zig-zag road markings outside schools. Local police safer neighbourhood teams will visit school to move on vehicles blocking the area. We actively and constantly work with all pupils on the importance of road safety.

Yellow zig-zag road markings outside schools are there to provide a clear space for children to cross where they can see traffic and traffic can see them, but some motorists put children in danger by parking on them. We have also had many complaints from our resident neighbours about parking outside their driveways. Please may we remind you all not to block driveways when dropping and collecting your children from school.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Please help us keep your children safe by following our requests and if necessary reporting incidents of dangerous driving to the Police as you witness them.

It would be even better and more healthy if pupils/parents are able to walk to school every day if they can.