

Knights' News No 9



27th January 2012

This term's dates:

January

Monday 30th January ~ all parents invited in to see their children's work at 3pm
Parents' and teacher meetings from 4pm to 6pm

February

Wednesday 1st February ~ Parents' and teacher meetings from 4pm to 6pm

Friday 3rd February ~ Sycamore class sharing their work in Celebration Assembly
Y4 Football gala at Dunster First School

Monday 6th February ~ start of a week-long Creativity Week on the Chinese New Year

Tuesday 7th February ~ Diversity workshop for Y1 and Y2

Friday 10th February ~ Celebration Assembly to share our Chinese Creativity Week work

Half term starts on 13th February

Monday 20th February ~ back to school

Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd Art Sale from 3.30 to 4pm to parents (open sale on Friday at 3.30)

Monday 27th February - tickets on sale for Jim Jam Jamboree

Tuesday 21st February ~ Pancake races with Little Vikings

Friday 24th February ~ Silver Birch sharing their work in Celebration Assembly

March

Thursday 1st March ~ World Book Day & Jim Jam Jamboree from 3.30 to 5pm (£1 pre-booked)

Friday 2nd March ~ Willow class sharing their work in Celebration Assembly

Monday 5th March ~ PCSO Rachel Cutler and PC Chris Hall available to help you with any queries

Wednesday 7th March ~ Meeting for new parents at 9am & Year 4 trip to Bristol sets off

Friday 9th March ~ Beech class to share in Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 13th March ~ Bible Day

Wednesday 14th March ~ Cross country race at Danesfield

Friday 16th March ~ Secret Mothers' Day room from 1.15pm and special Celebration Assembly

Friday 23rd March ~ Oak class to share in Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 27th March ~ Open literacy lessons and Star work for KS1 from 9 to 10am

Wednesday 28th March ~ Open literacy lessons and Star work for KS2 from 9 to 10am

Thursday 29th March ~ Open literacy lesson and Star work for Sycamore class from 9 to 10am.

Friday 30th March ~ Easter Egg hunt and; Easter bonnet competition - one winner per class.

Summer term starts on Monday 16th April 2012

A Chance to Shine - this Monday from 3pm

You are all warmly invited to come in and see your child's Star Book and other work on Monday 30th January from 3pm. This is a great opportunity to be in class, talk about the work with your child, be shown the displays and give your child the chance to shine. Parents who have come before have written to say how much they have enjoyed it. Do join us from any time after 3pm



Excellent work:

We now have a special silver book in which is recorded really outstanding work done by a child within in school or at home. At our Celebration Assemblies we will read out the names of those who have excelled in the past week. This week, we congratulate **Eleanor, Elliot, Thomas S and Molly for their excellent choices of WOW words** in the poetry; **Rio Richards for his beautiful painting of his garden; Matthew Levett for the detailed and accurate bird leaflet on Big Birdwatch Day.**

CHINESE CREATIVITY WEEK

We are looking forward to a Creativity Week starting on 6th February celebrating the art, food, music and stories from China. As part of this, we hope to have a Chinese feast, make a dragon for a Dragon Dance display, learn about the geography of China and have a go at painting in a Chinese style.

If you have any Chinese artefacts or stories, music, etc, we would be very grateful if you could lend them to your child's class for a day or the week.

CURRICULUM TOPICS

Oak and Beech classes:

This half term we are enjoying learning about Ancient Egypt, covering geography and history skills as part of this topic work. The children are working on mini projects choosing a focus such as clothing, buildings, or food. They are also using their ICT skills to help them with their research so here a couple of useful websites if they want to have a look from home:

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Homework/Egypt.html>

<http://www.firstschoolyears.com/miniwebs/ancientegypt/>

In literacy we are investigating ancient myths and story telling where the children use pictures and drama to retell stories. Number is the focus in numeracy and ensuring a clear understanding of place value (tens and units). Practice using coins and counting them up in tens and ones always helps with this, and then making 100s into £1s.

Cherry, Silver Birch and Willow classes:

Our topic this half term is Looking after Animals in Winter. They will be finding out about how animals survive in the cold weather and why they may have certain body parts. We are hoping to visit a wildlife centre or have a talk from a Wildlife expert. We will be making bird feeders to hang up ready for the Big Bird Watch on 26th January as well as modelling winter creatures from clay. In Literacy, we will be writing poems about winter and trying to improve our imaginative writing. In Numeracy, the Y2 target is to make sure we can add 10 to any number and partition 2 digit numbers. The Y1s will be focussing on????????????????

<http://www.poetryarchive.org/childrensarchive/singlePoem.do?poemId=2812>

<http://www.bigbrownbear.co.uk/>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Sycamore class:

Sycamore class are studying Winter and Icy Poles this half term. The children are finding information from non-fiction books about the Winter season and animals and birds of both icy poles! We are looking at the change in seasons and weather conditions particularly the daily temperature which they are recording. In numeracy we are counting numbers to 100; learning months of the year and times in the day. They are learning to add and subtract, know value of coins, 1P,2P,5P,10P, compare weights and make a bar graph. In knowledge and understanding of the world pupils will make ice cubes and a bird feeder. They will continue with their ICT programmes in literacy and numeracy and age appropriate software.

SCHOOL CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

Parrot Club: February Holiday Activities ~ book now to be sure of a place!

Monday - cooking; Tuesday - swimming; Wednesday - cinema and computers;
Thursday - trip to Dunster Friday - closed.

Costs: full day = £27 & visit costs half day = £16 & visit costs

After School Parrot Club activities are also open to any child as one-off or regular sessions. Sewing, cooking, ICT - find out more from Lisa Sherrin on 07812158837 or 01984 634386



FUN FUNDERS ~ PTFA NEWS

At the PTFA AGM on Monday, the following people were elected: Sarah Doble (Chair), Frances Burns (Vice Chair), Wendy Groves (Secretary), Phillipa Smethurst (Treasurer)

There are lots of fun activities planned and your class reps may be asking you for your support. More news to follow!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**Friends of Little Vikings
Family Fun Swim**

Come and join us at Knights Templar Pool on
Friday afternoons from 2:00 - 3:30pm
£1 per person



FUNDAMENTALS SESSIONS

Agility, Balance, Co-ordination

Starts Wednesday 22nd February

Two Sessions ~ 9.30-10.15am and 10.30 - 11.15am

Booking Advisable – contact Tracey Bland at Little Vikings
01984 633655

Knights Templar School Hall, Watchet

18 months to 4 years

£2.50 per session.

Drama for 6 to 11 year olds

Pete Stevenson is starting drama sessions at the Dance Centre in Minehead starting on Thursday 9th February from 4.30 to 6pm. Phone him on 01984 634984 for more details.

Requests

If you are sending money into school, please can you put it an envelope marked with your child's name and class and the reason ie dinner money, swimming.

Please ask your child to take care of the daffodils that are now emerging. They were planted by children who are looking forward to seeing 'their' flower come through.

Finally, have you got your appointment time for parents' evenings **net week?**
 All classes on Monday, Cherry class on Tuesday, and Oak, Beech, Silver Birch, Willow and Sycamore on Wednesday. Phone up or pop into the office on Monday to book yourself a slot if you've not done so already.

Pupil of the Week Awards

Friday 20th January

<i>Sycamore</i>	<i>Megan Bell</i>
<i>Willow</i>	<i>Amelia Brennan</i>
<i>Silver Birch</i>	<i>Ethan Towells</i>
<i>Cherry</i>	<i>Gabby Dellow</i>
<i>Beech</i>	<i>Roxy Twells</i>
<i>Oak</i>	<i>Amelia Bale</i>
<i>Kindness cup</i>	<i>Finlay Landon</i>

Friday 27th January

<i>Sycamore</i>	<i>Alfie Conroy</i>
<i>Willow</i>	<i>Natalia Witos</i>
<i>Silver Birch</i>	<i>Tilly Jacoby-Kelly</i>
<i>Cherry</i>	<i>Jodie Prescott</i>
<i>Beech</i>	<i>Riley Merrick</i>
<i>Oak</i>	<i>Matthew Levett</i>
<i>Kindness cup</i>	<i>Maddie Jones</i>

Friday 13th January

<i>Sycamore</i>	<i>Peggy Bishop</i>
<i>Willow</i>	<i>Megan Bulpin</i>
<i>Silver Birch</i>	<i>Rowan McGann</i>
<i>Cherry</i>	<i>Tommy Robinson</i>
<i>Beech</i>	<i>Brooke Cahill</i>
<i>Oak</i>	<i>Thomas Levett</i>
<i>Kindness cup</i>	<i>Starr Bright</i>

