



## Oak Tree News Issue No: 12

### Dates to remember:

**Friday 22nd March**

PTA Non uniform Day.

Bring in Easter treats.

**Saturday 23rd March**

PTA Easter Egg Bingo 2:00 to 3:15pm

**Monday 25th-Fri 29th March**

Parent lunches 12:00pm

**Thursday 28th March**

Silver Birch Celebration of Learning

8:40 to 9:00am

**Friday 29th March**

FS Grandparents Afternoon

2:00-3:00pm

**Wednesday 3rd April**

Beech and Elm Celebration of Learning

8:40 to 9:00am

**Thursday 4th April**

Chestnut Class Assembly and

Celebration of Learning 9:00am

**Friday 5th April**

BREAK UP FOR EASTER 2:15PM

**Monday 8th to 22nd April**

EASTER HOLIDAYS

**Tuesday 23rd April**

All return to school: No Inset day

**Tuesday 23rd to 26th April**

Art Week

**Monday 29th April**

Year 1 Chinese Dragon Workshop

**Thursday 2nd May**

Schools closed for Elections

**Friday 3rd May**

School Photographs

**Monday 6th May**

Bank holiday

**Friday 24th May**

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM 3:10PM

**Monday 27th to 31st May**

HALF TERM

**Monday 10th—14th June**

Parent lunches

**Tuesday 18th June (Reserve 21st June)**

Sports Day

**Friday 28th June**

FS to Birdworld

**Saturday 29th June**

PTA Summer Fete

**Tuesday 2nd July**

Year 2 to Dinton Pastures

**Thursday 4th July**

Year 1 to Thatcham Nature Reserve

**Friday 19th July**

BREAK UP FOR THE SUMMER 2:15PM

Dear parents/ carers,

The last few weeks have been very busy in school. There have been different activities going on which I think everyone, including the children and adults, have enjoyed. World Book day was great and there was a wide variety of different book characters.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, the PTA made a special visit to an assembly and presented us with extra funding of £7,500. I cannot thank the PTA and parents/carers enough for being so supportive and contributing to this. At the infants, we will be allocating this money to enrichment activities such as workshops or visitors, to enhance the children's love of learning. Some of this additional funding will also be used towards art week which is happening after Easter and resources within the school. This is likely to be purchasing musical instruments and resources for the playground, which will reach all of our children.

With best wishes,  
Hannah O'Neill

Children that have  
received a Goldie:



Jacob in Willow

Jasper in Willow

Sophia in Elm

Well done to  
you!!

### Term Dates

Start of Term – 3 Jan '19

Half Term – 18 – 22 Feb '19

Inset Day – 25 Feb '19

Start of Term – 26 Feb '19

End of Term – 5 Apr '19

Start of Term – 23 Apr '19

Bank Holiday – Mon 6 May '19

Half Term – 27 – 31 May '19

Pupils End of Term—19 July '19



### Wildlife Garden Volunteer

Do you love gardening? Do you have any spare time?

We would love to hear from you. At school we have a beautiful wildlife area, which needs maintenance and care. If you able to spare any time to help us keep the garden tidy we would really appreciate it. Please contact the school office on 01344 774644 if you would like to volunteer or you have any questions.

## Year 2 to Rushall Farm



### Year 2 visit Rushall Farm

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February year 2 visited the farm to observing lambing season.

In the morning the children saw many of the farm animals including 10 day old piglets.

All of the children had the opportunity to hold a lamb but unfortunately this year none were born the day we visited.

Due to the lovely weather we were able to picnic outside.

In the afternoon the children worked on activities to help them with their current learning.

This included looking at food chains, the job of a honey bee and pond observing.

We had a great day and the staff at Rushall farm were impressed with the children at Oaklands Infant school.



### Comic Relief Red Nose Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the Oaklands School supported Comic Relief, Red Nose Day ! It was a great success. All staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the day and we raised money for this fantastic charity. Thank you.

### Maths parent workshop – 28.2.19: A message from Miss Weston

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Reading and Phonics workshop on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

On our new website under the Learning tab for English you will find the PowerPoint shown during the workshop as well as some of the games used during the afternoon.

The PowerPoint for the Maths workshop with Miss Field is under the Learning and Maths tab.



## Book Week

What a busy week we had for book week. We launched the week with all the teachers sharing their favourite books and then the children got a chance to share their favourite book with their year groups. On Wednesday we were very lucky to have a visit from the author Denis Bond who ran workshops with all the year groups, thank you to the PTA for funding this amazing learning experience. Denis also provided some of his books as prizes to the children who designed the best book cover. The winners were:

Willow – Evelyn

Ash – Riley

Silver Birch – Lilah

Chestnut – Toby

Elm – Sophia

Beech – Joshua

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day by pupils and staff dressing up as different book characters, everyone looked fantastic! The children even got to show off their costumes to the children at the Junior school during a shared read in the afternoon.

Thank you to all who have taken part in the sponsored read or listen. Just a reminder that all forms and money is due in today. Once we have received all the money we will let you know how much we have raised and also who the winners are for the most amount of minutes read/listened in each class, you will also be receiving a prize!

