

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a much cooler week this week, which has enabled us to really focus on our learning and start on our new topics. There are some welcome meetings next week where you are invited to come into school to find out more about the year ahead and the different things your children will be learning; this is a fantastic opportunity to be able to support your child as we work in partnership over the year.

This week we have been learning about the British Value of Democracy as the children have voted for their House Captains and Sports Leaders. We are delighted to announce that these children have been voted for these leadership roles this week.

HOUSE CAPTAINS	SPORTS CAPTAINS	HOUSE CAPTAINS	SPORTS CAPTAINS
CHRISTY		DARWIN	
Evie	Libby	Adela	Liv
Isaac	Christy	Darcie	Jack
KINGSLEY		SINGER	
Gabrielle	Harry	Eden	Harley
Suzy	Malcolm	JJ	Lily

On Thursday we also welcomed three Head Teachers from our partner LAP schools to come and visit us for the day; this was to support us in reflecting on what is going well and areas we can continue to develop. I will share some of the comments from their reports in our upcoming newsletters.

Regards,

Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher



## Dates for the Diary

### SEPTEMBER

- ◆ w.c Monday 18th: Welcome meetings for parents and After School Clubs start. More info coming out shortly.
- ◆ Thursday 28th at 2pm—Ms Helm's Commissioning Service
- ◆ Friday 29th - Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6

### OCTOBER

- ◆ Thursday 5th: School Census Day
- ◆ Tuesday 17th: School Photographer in (individual photos)
- ◆ Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th: Year 6 residential
- ◆ w.c 23rd October: Half term week
- ◆ Monday 30th : All children back in school

### NOVEMBER

- ◆ Tues 7th/Weds 8th November: Parents' Evenings (after school)
- ◆ Dogs Trust Visit— Years 1,2 & 3 (Dates to follow)

### DECEMBER

- ◆ Friday 15th: School closes for Christmas break

## PARENTS'/CARERS' WELCOME MEETINGS

We would be delighted if you could join us for our welcome meetings on the following days/times next week.

These are an excellent opportunity for you to meet the adults working with your children this year, find out more about what they are learning and ask any questions you might have. Thank you in advance for your attendance.

**EYFS & Year 1:** Friday 22nd at 8:45am

**Year 2:** Tuesday 19th at 2:30pm

**Year 3:** Wednesday 20th at 2:30pm

**Year 4:** Wednesday 20th at 8:45am

**Year 5:** Thursday 21st at 3pm

**Year 6:** Tuesday 19th at 3pm

## After School Clubs

Thank you all of you who have booked after school clubs for this term. These will begin on Monday 18th. Clubs finish at 4pm, please ensure that you are up at the main gate to collect your child.

If a club is cancelled, due to unforeseen circumstances, you will be notified by text.

Please do let the office know if your child will not be attending a club on a specific day.

Thank you.

## The Dogs Trust

We had an exciting visitor in school this week! Emily from The Dogs Trust came to talk to our children about how to be safe around dogs, in the home, within the community and of course with Riley being in school. Workshops were delivered to half of the school and Emily is returning on 15th & 16th November to deliver these workshops to the rest of the classes. Please encourage your children to share their learning with you which are the five 'Happy Dog Rules' :



- 1) If a dog is resting, we should leave them alone
- 2) If a dog is eating, we should leave them alone
- 3) We should always stay quiet around dogs
- 4) Dogs do not like hugs, they prefer a gentle stroke
- 5) If a dog takes our toy, tell an adult!



Please use the links below for 'Learn With Dogs Trust' and Dogs and Children: Living Safely Together webpages:

- [Learn with Dogs Trust](#)
- [Dogs and Children: Living Safely Together](#)

## Attendance Awards

We are working really hard to make sure all our pupils are in school, every day and on time. Obviously we all get sick, every now and then, but if we are well, we need to be in school! Well done to these classes for excellent attendance this week:

CLASS ATTENDANCE	HOUSE ATTENDANCE
ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE
Little Bears: 91.99%	Christie House
Little Lions: 94.17%	92.93%
Little Foxes: 96.33%	ATTENDANCE
Little Tigers: 94.85%	Darwin House
Unicorns: 98.37%	95.52%
Dolphins: 96.67%	ATTENDANCE
Little Horses: 95.83%	Kinglsey House
Eagles: 98.26%	95.78%
Swans: 88.78%	ATTENDANCE
Herdsmen: 95.65%	Singer House
Heroes: 99.28%	95.29%
Hunters: 91.67%	
Warriors: 95.24%	
The winner is ...	The winners are ...
<b>HEROES</b>	<b>CHRISTIE</b>



## Stars of the Week

**Little Stars: Little Chameleons:** Caydn - for being a kind friend

**Little Cubs :** Archie—for being amazing and listening at carpet time

**Little Bears:** Ronnie D - for speedy stop sign and always listening to the teacher!

**Little Lions:** Darcie C - for wonderful behaviour for learning and always being helpful!

**Little Foxes:** Chantelle - for always being a role model within the classroom and showing our school values beautifully.

**Unicorns:** Fred - being a fantastic Year 2 learner and challenging himself

**Tigers:** Oscar - For putting in 100% effort into his learning and constantly participating in class discussion.

**Dolphins:** Jude - for being an incredible mathematician and challenging herself.

**Little Horses:** Annalise - for her wonderful learning this week.

**Eagles:** Scarlett - for showing real determination in her reading and writing!

**Swans:** Freddie - for focussing well in lessons and being helpful around the classroom.

**Heroes:** Angel - for trying hard in her writing and maths

**Herdsmen:** Bradley - for his amazing reading and writing this week

**Hunters:** Layla - for putting 100 percent into all of her learning and for sharing her fantastic ideas to the rest of the class.

**Warriors:** Elsie for a fantastic start to Year 6. She is putting 100 percent of effort into all of her learning and it is great to see her feeling for confident in class. Well done, Elsie




**COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

# FREE FAMILY COOKING SESSIONS

at **Victoria Park Methodist Church**  
121 St Marychurch Road, Plainmoor TQ1 3HL

**TUESDAY**  
4pm - 6pm

- 4 sessions aimed at increasing cooking confidence and getting the family to cook together.

**WEDNESDAY**  
4pm - 6pm

- Space for kids to do their homework and for everyone to relax.

**THURSDAY**  
4pm - 6pm

- After 4 weeks you will receive 4 weeks of FREE recipes.

For more information call 07817 777739  
[www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen](http://www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen)



## Additional/peripatetic music lessons

If your child is in KS2 and is interested in learning the guitar in school, please see the school office to get a letter with more information about this. Please note, these lessons are provided by an external provider and there is an additional charge. All children will continue to learn different instruments as part of their curriculum music

