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Spotted being "TERRIFIC!"

Our Terrific Awards were presented this week to:-

- ❖ Louis Whines in Class 1 who was spotted being "EXCELLENT in his attitude towards work. Always trying hard and making good progress."
- ❖ Bobby Hoy in Class 2 who was spotted being "EXCELLENT for working hard and writing a really good story."
- ❖ Lucinda Wicks in Class 3 who was spotted being "FRIENDLY. She has settled in well at Albury."

Well done to all our Terrific Award winners!

Headteacher & Governor Presentation – Tuesday 31st January @ 7 pm

This is another reminder to ALL parents to do their very best to come along to this presentation evening on Tuesday next week at 7 pm in the school hall.

PE Kits

It is essential that all children have a full PE kit at school. This should include the following items:

- PE top;
- black shorts;
- plimsolls;
- trainers;
- tracksuit bottoms/leggings (for outdoor activities in cold weather) and
- tracksuit top or sweatshirt (for outdoor activities in cold weather).

For ease, PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday and may be taken home on a Friday and washed, if necessary. May we remind everyone that PE kits are part of our school uniform and therefore should be in a neat and clean condition. To avoid confusion, please ensure that these items are clearly named. Should your child take part in a before school, lunchtime or after-school club, he/she will require a completely different change of clothes (not their PE kit).

EYFS

If anyone has any large boxes (fridge, freezer or TV size) would it be possible to bring them in for the EYFS class, please? We want to build a castle for our next topic! Thank you.

Monday Mornings

Please be aware that all the staff attend a weekly briefing meeting before school each Monday morning. This may, on occasion, delay the opening of the hall and/or EYFS doors.

Attendance & Punctuality

We are delighted that 21 children from Reception to Year 6 achieved 100% attendance during the autumn term 2016. Our Attendance Award draw will take place in assembly next week with the lucky child winning a £40 family cinema voucher for Empire Cinema in Bishop's Stortford.

It is so important that children attend school every day however, if your child is unwell and not fit to attend, please make sure you notify the school office by text, e-mail or phone call first thing in the morning. Please also make sure that your child arrives punctually each day in time for the start of school at 8.55 am. Children arriving late are marked as such on the register and persistent lateness may be reported and investigated by our Attendance Improvement Officer. Any absence from school for family holidays will not be authorised. We would ask that family holidays are NOT taken during term time.

EYFS Trip to see "The First Hippo on the Moon"

On Tuesday this week, all of the children from EYFS went to watch a production of the David Walliams story "The First Hippo on the Moon" at Rhodes Centre in Bishop's Stortford. This was a fantastical adventure featuring puppetry, music, mayhem and a giant space race to the moon and it tied in perfectly with this half term's EYFS class topic about space. It was certainly a very exciting and enjoyable afternoon for the children. We must say thank you to both Mrs

Cole and Mrs Whines for their help with transport and supervision. Without them, the trip would not have been possible.

Gourmet Supper Club

Regrettably, due to lack of interest, we have made the decision to cancel this event. We are sorry for any disappointment caused to those few who did want to come along.

Friends of Albury School

Many thanks to everyone who attended our AGM on Friday afternoon last week. As per the e-mail that was sent out earlier this week, it was agreed at the meeting (upon checking the rules by which the Friends Association is governed) that all parents and carers of children currently at Albury Primary School are members of the Friends Association, and as such, are entitled to attend any meeting convened by the Friends. If you do not wish to be a member of the Friends Association, you may opt out by formal notice in writing to the school. Being a member does not impart any obligation on you, though the current committee members are always happy to see as many of you as can make it to our meetings!

The current committee members are:-

- Emma Eldridge – Chair (re-elected)
- Nikki Westcott – Vice Chair (elected following resignation of the position by Karen Russell)
- Jane Pettitt – Treasurer (re-elected)
- Rachel Waight – Secretary (re-elected)

The committee members are elected every year. Should you be interested in taking over any of these roles in 12-months time, please let this be known to someone on the committee.

We are hoping to improve the turnout at Friends meetings over the coming months. We do appreciate though that evening meetings are not always convenient for everyone, but equally not everybody can make it during the afternoon. With this in mind, we are going to try alternating the times of the meetings between Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons. The Tuesday evening meetings will be a more social gathering, probably at a pub or someone's home and on Friday afternoons the meetings will take place at the school before pick up time. Here are the proposed dates for meetings up to the summer holiday. You might like to make a note of these now, however, they may be subject to change. Hopefully you will be available to come to some of these meetings:-

- 2.15 pm – Friday 24th February
- 7.30 pm – Tuesday 7th March
- 2.15 pm – Friday 24th March (preparing for the Pamper Evening)
- 7.30 pm – Tuesday 25th April
- 2.15 pm – Friday 12th May
- 2.15 pm – Friday 9th June (to discuss/organise Summer Fayre)
- 7.30 pm – Tuesday 20th June (to discuss/organise Summer Fayre)
- 2.15 pm – Friday 7th July

And here are some other proposed dates that you may like to make a note of. All these dates are provisional and are yet to be confirmed:-

- Friday 24th March – Pamper Evening
- Saturday 29th April – Quiz Night
- Sunday 25th June – Summer Fayre

Festival of Literature

Please remember that the children from Years 3 & 4 will be attending the Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College on Friday afternoon next week (3rd February) and the children in Years 1 & 2, 5 & 6 will be going on the Monday of the following week. Please make sure you have made payment for these events on the SchoolMoney system. We are also still looking for volunteer parents to help with transport as per the letter dated 18th January. If you are able to help with this, please let Mrs Waight know as soon as possible. Thank you!

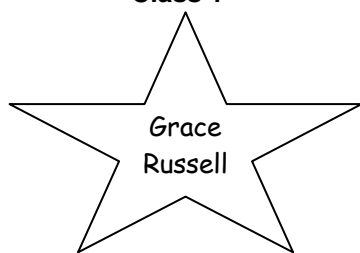
Mrs Ellis

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Ellis (Lydine) will be leaving us at the end of this half term, on the 10th February. Mrs Ellis has been a very valuable member of the Albury team for six years and she will be greatly missed. Lydine is leaving us to help her husband set up his new business and we wish them both every success with this exciting venture.

Stars of the Week

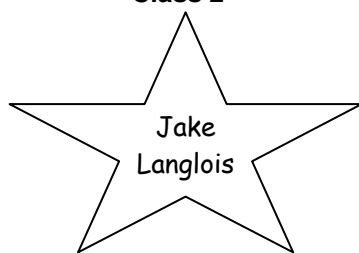
This week's stars are:

Class 1



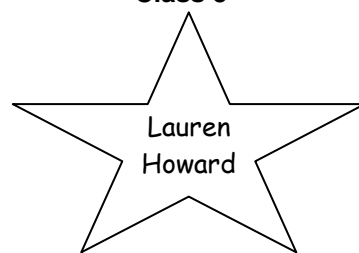
For getting all her spelling right for the first time.

Class 2



For a real improvement in his writing.

Class 3



For consistently high standard of work in maths.

Well done to all our Stars!

Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2017 – PLEASE CHECK DATES WEEKLY FOR ANY ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

JANUARY 2017	
Friday 27 th January	3.15 to 3.45 pm – Meet & Greet session for Class 1 parents to meet Mr Grace.
Tuesday 31 st January	7 pm – Headteacher & Governor presentation to parents – ALL WELCOME!
FEBRUARY 2017	
Friday 3 rd February	2 pm – Class 2 to Bishop's Stortford Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College.
Saturday 4 th February	7 pm – Gourmet Supper Club – CANCELLED!
Monday 6 th February	9.30 am – Class 1 to Bishop's Stortford Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College.
Monday 6 th February	2 pm – Class 3 to Bishop's Stortford Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College.
Wednesday 8 th February	2.45 pm – Church Assembly with Rev Steve. ALL WELCOME! Tea & coffee will be available for any parents attending.
Friday 10 th February	2 pm – School finishes for the February half term holiday.
Tuesday 21 st February	School re-opens after half term.