



## ALBURY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Church End, Albury, nr Ware, Herts, SG11 2JQ

Tel/Fax No: 01279 771253

Email: admin@albury.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.albury.herts.sch.uk



The Diocese of St Albans

Thursday 9th February 2017

### Newsletter 19

#### Spotted being "TERRIFIC!"

Our Terrific Awards were presented this week to:-

- ❖ Charlie Curry in Class 1 who was spotted displaying "INNER PEACE by being calm and helping others when they need it."
- ❖ Lucy Harris in Class 2 who was spotted being "INVOLVED. For getting really excited when reading out loud in English."
- ❖ Barnaby Tattum in Class 3 who was spotted being "RESILIENT. Always trying his best, especially in maths."

Well done to all our Terrific Award winners!

#### Festival of Literature

Last Friday, Class 2 went to the Festival of Literature hosted at Bishop's Stortford College. They heard from author Marcia Williams about how she was inspired to write stories whilst at boarding school. She read excerpts from her story "Archie's War" and explained how she chose the 'cartoon' style for most of her book to make reading fun.

On Monday, it was Class 1's turn to attend the festival to see Paul Jackson – not a book was in sight! Paul Jackson is a story teller. He told three stories from different cultures and used musical instruments and some props to add atmosphere. The children were completely engaged in listening and, on occasion, taking part. It was a very enjoyable event. The children's behaviour was a credit to the school.

Class 3 attended a talk given by Julian Sedgwick. The author first gave a talk about his family, childhood experiences and what inspired him to become a writer. Julian showed the audience how he gathered his ideas and the secrets behind his books. Music, videos and readings from his novels enthralled the audience: not-to-mention juggling with knives!

Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport to and from these events. Your assistance, as always, is invaluable and much appreciated.

#### BSP Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics Competition

Six children from years 3 & 4 took part in the BSP Key Steps Gymnastics competition at Bishop's Stortford Gymnastics Club. Eleven schools took part in three disciplines: vault; body management; and floor. Even though they only learned the routines on Monday and had one other practise on Wednesday, the children performed fantastically and really enjoyed themselves.

#### 100% Attendance

Very well done to the 21 children from Reception to Year 6 who achieved 100% attendance during the autumn term. All these children were entered into our prize draw today for the coveted 100% Attendance Award and the lucky winner was Jesse Lane from Class 2 who received the £40 family cinema voucher for Empire Cinema in Bishop's Stortford. We hope the Lane family enjoy their cinema trip!

#### Drum Truck & Choir

With school closing at 2 pm tomorrow for half term, there will be no drum lessons or choir this week.

#### Half Term

A reminder that school will be finishing at 2 pm tomorrow for the half term holiday. School will re-open on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

#### Morning Sports Clubs with PSD

We are really keen for more children to join our new morning clubs after the half term holiday. Hopefully, you've all heard by now how much fun they are from those children who have already joined! The clubs run every Monday and Tuesday morning from 7.45 to 8.40 am in the school hall. The children play dodgeball on Mondays and indoor football on Tuesdays. If your child would like to join, it's definitely not too late to do so! For the second half of this term (up to the Easter holiday) the total cost per child will be just £17.50. All you need to do is ask me for a form, complete it and return it to the school office together with your payment. Cheques should be made payable to Premier Sports

Development. Please remember that the children will need to bring a drink and a snack with them to these sessions. They must also bring their school uniform to change into before the start of the school day. The first club after the half term holiday will be dodgeball on Tuesday 21st February.

**Money**

Please can you all check on the SchoolMoney system to make sure that you are up-to-date with all your payments, including dinner money, school trips, swimming, etc. If you need a reminder of your SchoolMoney log-in, please let Mrs Waight know and she will text you the details. Thank you.

**Any Changes?**

It is really important that you let the school office know immediately if you change any of your contact details in particular mobile and home phone numbers and e-mail addresses. The school should also be informed as soon as possible of a change of home address.

**Stars of the Week**

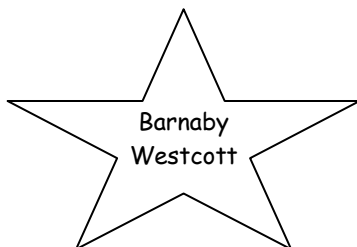
This week's stars are:

**Class 1**



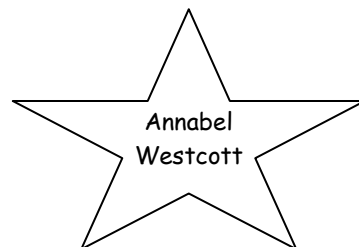
For working really well in maths.

**Class 2**



For excellent preparation for his diary.

**Class 3**



For writing an exemplary argument text about whether wild animals should be kept in zoos.

*Well done to all our Stars!*

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

<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	2 pm – School finishes for the February half term holiday.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	School re-opens after half term.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	10.30 am – BSP Gymnastics Competition for selected children in Years 1 & 2.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	2.15 pm – Friends' Meeting – ALL WELCOME!
<b>MARCH 2017</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9.30 am – BSP Gymnastics Competition for selected children in Years 5 & 6.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 pm – KS2 Parent/Teacher Consultations.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 pm – EYFS & KS1 Parent/Teacher Consultations.