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Spotted being "TERRIFIC!"

Our Terrific Awards were presented this week to:-

- ❖ Sam Maskell in Class 1 who was spotted being "INVOLVED by showing a lot more engagement in class."
- ❖ William Hibberd in Class 2 who was all spotted being "RESPECTFUL all of the time to everybody."
- ❖ Lola Whines in Class 3 who was spotted showing "INNER PEACE. She is calm, quiet and thoughtful and conducts herself maturely at school."

Well done to all our Terrific Award winners!

Miss Hodge

We had hoped that Miss Hodge would be able to return to school after the Easter holiday. Unfortunately, due to the complex nature of Miss Hodge's illness it is very unlikely that she will return this academic year. We wish Miss Hodge as speedy a recovery as possible. The Early Years will continue to be staffed by Mrs Badman, Mrs Johnstone, Miss Young and Mrs Cole.

Year 6 SATs

Recently the children in Year 6 have been working very hard in preparation for the SATs which will take place in the week beginning Monday 8th May. We would like to thank parents of these pupils for all of the support that they have been giving to their children with the extra homework and revision exercises. To enable the children to come into school feeling relaxed, we will be providing a breakfast club each morning of that week (Monday to Thursday). Year 6 children may be left with Mrs Maskell at 8.30 am and then they will be offered a selection of juice, fruit and pastries. There will be no cost for this to parents.

Year 6 parents, please see table below detailing the schedule of the tests next week:

Monday 8th May	Reading Comprehension test (1 hour)
Tuesday 9th May	Spelling, punctuation and grammar – Paper 1 (45 mins) Paper 2 (15 mins approx.)
Wednesday 10th May	Mathematics - Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 mins) Paper 2: Problem solving and reasoning (40 mins)
Thursday 11th May	Mathematics – Paper 3: Problem solving and reasoning (40 mins)

Year 5 Mini-Enterprise

Just a reminder that Year 5 pupils will be selling their wares after school next Wednesday afternoon. These children have busily been developing their business plans, checking their costings and doing market research. Please try your best to support all of their hard work and effort. The flyer attached with this newsletter gives further details.

Bioengineering Experience

On Friday last week, some children from Year 6, along with those from Puller Memorial, joined students from St Joseph's In the Park on a unique and exciting educational visit to London. The children arrived at Queen Mary University, London for an experience of the fascinating world of bio-engineering. Following an initial lecture by Professor Tina Choudhary concerning the principals of tissue engineering, the pupils donned lab coats, protective gloves and goggles and began a variety of research activities in the laboratory. They used polymers to manufacture materials; later they examined a cow's foot by watching it being dissected in order to examine the cartilage within and finally they mechanically tested the properties of hydrogels – what happens to the cells when they are put under stress then relaxed. The day was so interesting and certainly inspirational and provided an invaluable insight into research, development and scientific discovery.

Bingo Night – Friday 12th May

This event has now been advertised and tickets (£3 per child) can be purchased via the 'shop' on the SchoolMoney system. Children may stay after school to enjoy a few games of bingo, a hot dog and a soft drink. Parents are welcome to come along to help with the game as, especially for some of the younger children, it can be a bit tricky. Tea and coffee will be available for those parents who are staying. We should be all 'bingo-ed' out by 5 pm so, if you are not staying, please be back at school at 5 pm promptly for pick up. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Wednesday of next week, as we need to know numbers to be able to buy the correct number of hot-dogs!

Quiz & Curry Night – Saturday 20th May

Hopefully you are all getting your teams together for the Friends' Quiz & Curry Night on Saturday 20th May. If you are intending to join us for this event, please let Mrs Waight know as soon as possible so we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Teams should have a maximum of 10 people, however, if you can't make up a team of 10, please don't let this put you off coming – we are very good at putting teams together and will be happy to do this for you.

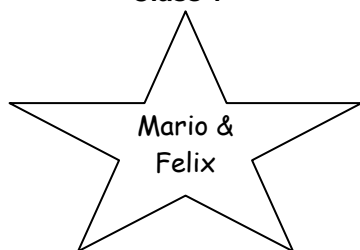
Next Week – Hatfield Forest

Just a reminder that next Thursday Years 3 & 4 (Class 2) will be visiting Hatfield Forest and next Friday, Years 1 & 2 (Class 1) will be going. Full details of these visits have been sent out in a separate letter. Please make sure you have read the letter and paid for the trip via the SchoolMoney system. Any difficulties with transport please let Mrs Waight know as soon as possible so she can endeavour to come up with a solution.

Stars of the Week

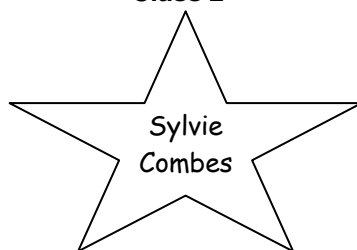
This week's stars are:

Class 1



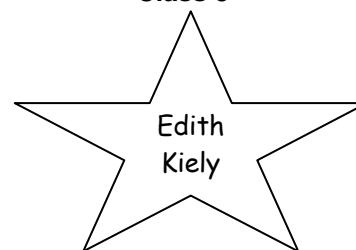
For great performance in literacy.

Class 2



For fantastic work in English and maths.

Class 3



For hard work, perseverance and determination during SATs revision.

Well done to all our Stars!

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

MAY 2017	
w/c 8 th May	SATs week.
Wednesday 10 th May	3.15 pm – Year 5 Mini-enterprise scheme sale.
Thursday 11 th May	Year 3 & 4 visit to Hatfield Forest.
Friday 12 th May	Year 1 & 2 visit to Hatfield Forest – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
Friday 12 th May	3.15 – 5 pm – Bingo Night – Friends' event.
Wednesday 17 th May	2.45 pm – Church assembly with Rev Steve – ALL WELCOME.
Thursday 18 th May	9.45 am – Year 6 Crucial Crew.
Friday 19 th May	Pre-school & EYFS visit to Hatfield Forest - **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
Saturday 20 th May	7 pm – Quiz & Curry Night – Friends' fundraising event.
Wednesday 24 th May	8 am – Big Breakfast - Friends' event.
Thursday 25 th May	Year 5 & 6 visit to Hatfield Forest.
Friday 26 th May	2 pm – School finishes for the half term holiday.