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## MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD

The children had a lovely time in the pantomime yesterday and watched the story of Pinocchio unfold. There was a great deal of audience participation and singing and laughter! The children have enjoyed sharing their excitement about it with me today as I have seen them around school. There will be more on this in next week's newsletter as I know the children are writing about their experiences this week.

The children are also already engrossed in their new topics. Last week KS1 had their Stunning Starter and there is more about that later in this newsletter. There is some lovely art work happening which I am sure you will see up when you attend Parents' Evenings at the beginning of February.

I am sure that some of our children are also involved in things and events outside of school which make you proud. Please do let me know of anything special that takes place as we love to celebrate all achievements.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

### Pupil Premium

We are aware that the weeks between paydays can seem very long following Christmas and the demands on parent's wages are ever increasing.

We also know that there are a number of children who are missing out as their parents could be eligible for Pupil Premium which is a pot of money which is allocated to school to support the children academically and socially. This means that they could have milk at snack time, help with trips and events, access to paid clubs after school or help with school uniform as well as a free hot school dinner everyday, and these are only some of the things that this money can be used for. If you are eligible we will be happy to discuss with you the ways we can support your child so that they don't miss out.

You may be eligible if you receive certain benefits or earn less than £16,190 a year. To find out if you are eligible please call 0300 300 8306. You will need the following information: your National Insurance Number and the dates of birth of you, your partner and your children.

If you want to talk to Mrs Vickery-Cox (our Pupil Premium Champion) confidentially about this, then please make an appointment to see her.



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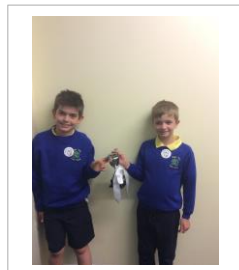
## AWARDS

<p><b>Beech Class</b></p> <p>★ ★ ★</p> <p>Paige S</p>	<p><b>HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS</b></p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p> <p></p>	<p><b>Chestnut Class</b></p> <p>★ ★</p> <p>Freddy H</p>
<p><b>Ash Class</b></p> <p>★ ★ ★</p> <p>Morgan P</p>	<p><b>Willow Class</b></p> <p>★ ★ ★</p> <p>Rosalie L</p> <p>★</p>	<p><b>Sycamore Class</b></p> <p>★ ★ ★</p> <p>Madeleine D</p>
<p><b>Oak Class</b></p> <p>★ ★</p> <p>Jake B</p> <p>★</p>	<p><b>Elm Class</b></p> <p>★ ★ ★ ★</p> <p>Holly G</p>	<p><b>Cedar Class</b></p> <p>★ ★</p> <p>Liam B</p> <p>★</p>

Attendance Award	
<p> The best attendance award is presented to: </p>	
Little Saplings 93.0%	Lime 84.8%
Chestnut 98.6%	Beech 96.4%
Ash 96.3%	Willow 93.3 %
Sycamore 95.2 %	Oak 97.8 %
<b>Cedar 99.0 %</b> 	Elm 97.0%

House Point Winners

**Congratulations**



**Doves**

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



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## Change of Date



The Easter Bonnet assembly has moved from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Stunning Start – Key Stage 1 Spring 2018

Last week we had our Stunning Start to our topic – Artists. We worked in the hall on ‘big’ canvasses to create some amazing art.

As an introduction we looked at some work of famous artists. We then used paint to replicate ‘Summertime’ by Jackson Pollock and a Piet Mondrian piece of art.

We had great fun splattering paint and making handprints. You will see more of our art over the next few weeks.



Key Stage 1



## IMPORTANT DATES

### Spring 1

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January Skipping assembly and activities in class  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January FoMT Cinema Night  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February PGL question session 3.30pm  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February Parents evening  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February Parents evening  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February FoMT Family Fun Night

### Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February

### Spring 2

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February Children return to school  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March Year 4 PGL residential  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March FoMT Cinema Night  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March Family Fun session 2.30pm  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March Easter Bonnet Assembly 9.15am**  
 FoMT Easter Egg hunt 3.30pm

### Easter Holiday Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer 1

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April INSET day  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April Children return to school  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May FoMT Family Cinema Night

### Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

### Summer 2

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June INSET day  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June Children return to school  
 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July FoMT Summer Fair  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July Reports out  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July Open Afternoon 2.30pm  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July Year 4 Leaver’s Production  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July Term ends

## Values Snapshot

This week the children have been showing our values of Patience and Perseverance. Some of children were awarded Head teacher’s Awards for this very reason. In assembly today they could tell me that patience is where you wait a long time for something and perseverance means you don’t give up! Important values for us all!

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