



Message from Mr Porter

The last two weeks have been dominated by meetings. At staff meetings we have been discussing the planning of lessons, marking and the feedback we give pupils. Last week we held our first pupil progress meetings of the year. I met with all teachers and TAs on a class by class basis to discuss each individual child. We discussed academic progress, social issues and how best we can support them. These were very productive and all staff were extremely professional.

This week I have interviewed 22 pupils across years 3 to 6 for the position of House Captain or Student leader. Teaching staff had recommended these pupils based on their potential to lead and their role model qualities. It was a privilege to listen to such mature responses and I had the very difficult job over the weekend of picking 8 House Captains and 4 student leaders. You will see these names on this newsletter. I have witnessed from my work in other schools how powerful pupil voice and student leadership can be to the overall culture and ethos of a school. Donna Johnson and I are looking forward to meeting and working with them on a regular basis. The first discussion items will be a new school motto and engaging children at lunch and break time.

Many thanks for the positive response to the new Celebration Assembly format and the range of rewards we now have. I am passionate about pupils aspiring to and achieving their goals. Over the next two weeks we have our first VIP lunch! We will also be handing out our first reading certificates and some lucky children will be receiving book tokens.

On my daily walks around the school, I continue to be impressed with the improving work ethic I am seeing in the classroom. The children are delightful and Great Wishford really is a lovely place to work.

All pupils have been given a house badge in their house colour. Pupils have been asked to take care of these badges and wear them to school each day. Replacement badges will need to be purchased from the school office at a charge of £1.00. House Captain and Student Leader badges will be presented at this weeks' celebration assembly on Friday.



Student Leadership Team

House Captains

Birch - Claire Shickle, Maya Ledbury

Willow - Ruby Ascough, Charlotte Winstanley

Sycamore - Freddie Gerken, Einin McCloskey

Oak - Max Reed, Becky Barnes

Student Leaders

Matilda Pillans - Birch

Riley Hume - Sycamore

Ollie Khanchanakub - Birch

Joshua Thomas - Sycamore

Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly 22/9/17 were as follows:

Highest Classroom Attendance - Kingfisher Class - 100%

Class Certificates -

**Alexander Shepherd - Owl Class
Alexander Piper - Kingfisher Class
Reagan Saunders - Skylark Class
Claire Shickle - Osprey Class**



Expectations Awards -

**Aspiration - Erin Piper
Belief - Freya Bevis
Determination - Izzy Barratt
Pride - Caydon Hume
Resilience - Jake Whitby
Respect - Max Reed
Responsibility - Hanna Wojtusiak**

Reader of the week

**Owl Class - Jack Spencer
Kingfisher Class - Ivan Gurd
Skylark Class - Florence Coombes
Osprey Class - Rhys Cooke**

Maths Whizz Cup - Oliver Ledbury

Top house point pupils:

**Oliver Ledbury (6)
Freddie Gerken (6)**



**Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly were as follows:
29/9/17**

Highest Classroom Attendance - Skylark Class - 96.8%

Class Certificates -

**Alivia Callaghan - Owl Class
Leighton Marchment - Kingfisher Class
Cohen Grant - Skylark Class
Becky Barnes - Osprey Class**



Expectations Awards -

**Aspiration - Siena Scholes
Belief - Eroni Qiolevu
Determination - Evelyn Hargrave
Pride - Stevie McNulty
Resilience - Teagan Randall
Respect - Jake Dickinson
Responsibility - Ivy Henstridge**

Reader of the week

**Owl Class - Francesca Reynolds
Kingfisher Class - Leighton Marchment
Skylark Class - Dylan James
Osprey Class - Thomas Chalk**

Maths Whizz Cup - Maisie Man-Clarke

Top house point pupils:

**Becky Barnes (10)
Freddie Gerken (6)
Rhys Cooke (6)
Erin Pipe (6)**



Football Tournament

Congratulations to the football team who played at the Cluster tournament at Broad Chalke. They got through to the final and came second overall. A really great achievement, well done to the team.



Harvest Service

We will be holding our school Harvest Service on Thursday 12th October at 2.15 pm in St Giles Church. We would welcome donations of non-perishable cans or packets of food which will then be donated to the Trussell Trust. Please send these items into school on the morning of Thursday 12th October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 2nd Oct - Individual School Photos

Mon 2nd Oct - Football Festival YR5/6 12-3pm Broad Chalke Primary

Tues 10th Oct - Parent Consultations Owl, Kingfisher and Osprey

Wed 11th Oct- Kingfisher and Year 1 Owl class trip to Salisbury Cathedral

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Thurs 12th Oct - Harvest Service 2.15 pm St. Giles Church

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Sun 15th Oct - Jumble Sale - South Newton and Wishford Village Hall

Tues 17th Oct- Harvest Tea - Kingfisher grandparents and OAPs 2.00 pm school hall

Wed 18th Oct - TD Day School Closed to Pupils

Thurs 19 Oct - Fri 27th October - Half Term

Fri 24th Nov - 1.00 pm Flu Vaccinations (Year R - Year 4) - Please

Send back your forms if you haven't done so already.

Wed 29th Nov - Christmas Craft Day

Fri 1st Dec - Posada Service

Wed 6th Dec - Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances 1.30pm and 6pm- School Hall

Fri 8th Dec - Pantomime Visit - Salisbury Playhouse - Whole School

Wed 13th Dec - Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances 1.30 pm and 6 pm - South Newton and Great Wishford Village Hall.

Fri 15th December - Friends of the School Disco 6-8pm

Wed 20th December - End of Term 2

Thurs 4th January - Start of Term 3

Thurs 29th March - TD Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 25th June - Whole School Photo

N.B. There will be no swimming sessions this term as the Pool were not able to accommodate us this term. We are looking into alternative provision for next term.

