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# **Newsletter**

<sup>2nd</sup> February 2018

## Message from Mrs Huxham

Thank you very much all the Skylarks parents that came in on Wednesday to share their learning about SPACE — it was so nice to see so many of you. The children enjoyed singing their song and taking part in the quiz.

Thank you to all those parents that have sent their children in with wellies so that they can continue to enjoy running around and playing on the field at break times.

As mentioned in my letter earlier this week, from 19<sup>th</sup> Feb which is the first day back at school after half term there will no longer be a member of staff on the playground to supervise the children. Mrs Perrin will be in Roblarks classroom from 8.40am, for any of you that have an occasional emergency and need to leave them unattended. If you have a child in upper KS2 that comes to school unaccompanied please ensure they do not arrive before 8.45 am. All the teachers will be on the playground from 8.50 if you need to pass any messages onto them.

A note for your diary – Parents Evening is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The signup sheets will in reception in the new term.

I am really looking forward to going to the West Wiltshire School Partnership Dance Festival next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February and watching the Year 2 children take part.

This will be the last newsletter of the term as we finish on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Have a happy and restful holiday.

**Debby Huxham** 



#### Richard Maguire – Guest Speaker - 'Autism' - Monday 26th February 2018 at 3.30pm

We are pleased to invite you to hear our guest speaker Richard Maguire on Monday 26th February 2018 at 3.30pm here at West Ashton Primary School.

More than 1 in every 100 people in the UK are on the Autistic Spectrum. All our children have different needs and as parents, governors and teachers we always want to do our best to provide for them. Understanding those needs and the needs of others around them isn't always simple but is critical in understanding school life, the relationships our children develop and how we as adults can help them. You may even know someone with the condition, a family member or a friend.

Richard is Autistic and Dyslexic. He has been a speaker for more than 26 years and has lectured at many Universities and Schools providing insight, inspiration and advice to teachers, parents and schools alike. We are privileged to have him talk to us about Autism and his first hand experiences.

Please let Judy know in the office if you would like to attend this talk.

#### World Book Day - Thursday 1st March World Book Day 2018

On this special day, your child can come to school dressed as a favourite character from any book. It would be good to discuss with your child different characters from their favourite books. The dressing up possibilities are endless: Postman Pat, Oliver Twist, Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, Danny- Champion of the World, Matilda, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Twits, Cinderella, Gruffalo, Elmer the Elephant, Three little Pigs, Harry Potter etc... etc... Prizes will be given for the most imaginative and creative costumes.

We are also holding a competition to find our most extreme reader! Think about different, exciting, fun and SAFE places you can enjoy a book. Children – tell your parent/carer your idea and ask them if they could take a photograph of you reading your book in your 'extreme' place

#### **Vacancies**

**CATERING ASSISTANT** 15 hours a week 11.00 to 2.00pm Monday to Friday term time only. Duties include set up the Hall for lunch. Serve pre-delivered lunches and then clear and wash up. If you are interested, please let Judy know in the office.

Assistant to Governance Adviser Pay: £10.00 per hour Hours: 5 hours per month in the first instance To include evening meetings. For further details of the Trust please visit <a href="http://www.acorneducationtrust.com/">http://www.acorneducationtrust.com/</a> and for details of the post please contact: Mrs Z Stockley, Governance Adviser Telephone: 01985 224220 e-mail: <a href="mailto:zas@acorneducationtrust.com/">zas@acorneducationtrust.com/</a>

### **Certificates**

The certificates given in the last two weeks Celebration Assemblies were as follows:

Class Certificates – w/e 26/01/2018 Luke Molloy, Joshua Locke w/e 02/02/2018 Noah Heywood, Lewis Cordon, Finley Lewis

**Good Work Certificates** – w/e 26/01/2018 Jimmy Gammell, William McDonagh, Isabel Heywood w/e 02/02/2018 Toby Williams, Larry McCarthy, Kinga Olach

*Kindness Certificates* – w/e 26/01/2018 Lilli Morris, Jack Le Grys, Evie Morris, Eleanor Squires w/e 02/02/2018 Mia Faulker, Tilly Lewis, Tom Roberts

**½ way to bronze house point certificates** – w/e 26/01/2018 Maks Cwajda, Luke Molly **Bronze badges** – w/e 26/01/2018 Joshua Chapman, **Silver badge** - w/e 26/01/2018 Kinga Olach, w/e 02/02/2018 Alexa Lux

A big well done to all these children.

#### **Key Dates:**

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February West Wiltshire School Partnership Dance Festival
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February TD Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> February school holiday
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February FOWA Committee Meeting 8.00pm Kings Arms, Trowbridge – All Welcome
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February Richard Maguire Guest Speaker 'Autism' 3.30pm
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March World Book Day
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening 3.10 5.00pm
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening 3.10 6.00pm
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Academy Council Meeting 6.00pm
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March Easter Egg Hunt WA School Grounds 2.00- 4.00pm
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March TD Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> March 13<sup>th</sup> April school holiday

