



# Best News ...

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## The Week Ahead

Mon.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	-	ICT Club (selected pupils) Dance Club	Lunchtime 12.50-1.20pm School Hall 3.20 - 4.20pm
Tues.	4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Guitars am (last sessions before Christmas) Chess Club Year 4 Korfball Fashion Club	6Q Lunchtime 12.35 - 1pm 3.20 - 4.15pm
Wed.	5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Guitars am (last sessions before Christmas) Keyboard lessons pm Woodwind lessons pm Skillforce	Music Room ICT Suite 4.30pm finish
Thur.	6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Chess Club Year 5 Korfball Samba Club Drums Dance Club performance at the Puppet Theatre	6Q Lunchtime 12.35 - 1pm School Hall 3.20 - 4.30pm Mobile
Fri.	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Keep it Moving Cross Country Young Voices Choir	8.30 a.m School Hall PM Easton Park 3-4pm School Hall

## Dates for Your Diary

12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Christmas performance 1.45PM and 6PM
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas performance 1.45PM and 6PM
14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Disco Christmas Jumper day (see attached)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 + 5 Celebration Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 4 + 6 Celebration Assembly Christmas Lunch
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	Last day of Autumn Term Pupils return to school

## HOUSE POINT TOTALS!



This week's place

Buckingham	(Green)	4	Total points-	20
Balmoral	(Blue)	3	Total points-	10
Sandringham	(Yellow)	1	Total points-	18
Windsor	(Red)	2	Total points-	22

**Congratulations to Sandringham this week.**

## THE ATTENDANCE CUP



Was awarded to  
**3C**

With attendance of 100%  
For the week  
19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018



## **GOLDEN BOOK AWARD**

Congratulations to the following pupils for providing us with 'WOW' moments and for being entered into our Golden Book;



*Jamie Goreham, Jayden Lee, Daniel Gaskin, Lucy Savage, Abbi Clarke, Eva Hailes, Tyler Rudd, Ruby Aldous, Ella-Louise Ramm, Liam Gascoyne, Tyler Cook, Kayleigh Lucas, Ayva Steward, Freya Wennington, George Green Charlie Wells and Benny Watling.*

## **Prefects**

It was another record year for prefect applications with well over half the year group applying! The quality was very high and every single child who applied should be very proud of themselves. Every child who interviewed was a credit to themselves and the school.

At the end of the process, we would like to announce the following successful candidates:

Ellouise Russen  
Ruby Isherwood  
Justin Wilson  
Holly George  
Ruby Aldous

Abbi Clarke  
Charlotte Bailey  
Carmen Barnes  
Dylan Hall

Seth Queensborough  
Charlotte Beaumont  
Emilee Birch  
Poppy Powell

Evie Craven  
Ellie Hipperson  
Sherryl Sonkue  
Liam Gascoyne

From amongst the high quality applicants, we would also like to congratulate our new Learning Mentors who will be working with children in Year 3 to help them with their reading and their maths. Well done to:

Lucy Savage  
Gemma Smith  
Sienna Brown  
Henry Mann

Romy Darby  
William Clayton  
Eva Hailes  
Millie Labon

Freya Wennington  
Katy Youngman  
Jasmine-Jayne Parker  
Zach Pye

Sam Yau  
Sophie Dobbs  
Libby Croydon

## **BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS**



**Help us collect**



**TOKENS**

IN THE



Tokens are appearing in the Evening News as well as its sister publications across the region for parents, school staff and friends to collect and send in to school. For every 1,000 tokens collected, the school will receive £100 worth of free books.

Post your tokens in the box in reception by December 14th!

Thank you for your support.

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Ofsted  
Outstanding

Following our year 6 visit to watch the acclaimed National Theatre production 'War Horse', based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo, pupils in Mrs Harewood's literacy set spent time writing to the renowned Author. This week they were delighted to receive a response from Michael Morpurgo himself! We have attached a copy of Michael's letter for you all to read.

## TALK HOMEWORK

Each week we send a Talk Homework activity home and we would be very grateful for your support.

We are trying to help all our children develop excellent speaking and listening skills, which in turn will help them with their writing. "If a child can't say a sentence then they can't write it either!"

Talk homework is set in Best News every Friday and will be discussed at school on Tuesday mornings. Please spend at least 10 minutes talking with your child about the words below;

# This Week's Words

**Grasshopper**

**wealthy**

**build**

**gather**

**snuggle**

**illness**

**Shinobi**

**talisman**

**dank**

**exude**

**impromptu**

**crimson**



**Vocabulary Ninja**

*'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding'*

Thank you for your support in helping your child.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



**Imogen Siely 3ST**

For writing a fantastic information text about Edith Cavell at home, following our reading week on World War 1.  
Well done Imogen!

**Imene Bechani 3ST**

For excellent effort and contributions in lessons. Well done Imene!

**Emily Yau 3ST**

For her fantastic effort towards her reading. She always has a very impressive amount of signatures in her reading diary. Keep it up Emily!

**Mia Hall 3ST**

For taking her role in the Christmas play very seriously. She has already learnt all of her lines and delivers them in our rehearsals very confidently. Well done Mia!

**Fia Maxwellstuart 3S**

For impressing me all week with her hard work when learning bus stop division. Fabulous work!

**Gracie-Rose Reid 3S**

For her hard work and fabulous attitude in our maths lessons. She always wants to share her ideas and help others.  
Well done!

**Lily Goodall 4P**

For producing an excellent and thoughtful 'Thank You' poem during Reading Week.

**Evie-Mae Harmer 4P**

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**Reggie Stalker 4P**

For always putting 100% into his lessons

**Macy Ager 4C**

For a fantastic effort in English this week, while planning her newspaper report. I can't wait to read the finished draft!

**Paige Wells 4C**

For her creativity in designing a poster for our Christmas performance, and a brilliant effort at learning her lines.  
Well done Paige.

**Hayden Brown 5D**

For working independently to produce a great recount - well done Hayden.

**Monique Oulare 5D**

For you consistent hard working attitude towards school life, you are always ready to share your ideas with the class and help a friend.

**Sam Smith 5D**

For you consistent hard working attitude towards school life, you are always ready to share your ideas with the class and help a friend.

**George Green 5QR**

For getting on independently with his writing and producing a fabulous recount.

**Zach Harmer 5QR**

For doing his classroom job everyday, without fuss.

**Grace Saunders**

For putting in effort this week and making sure she gets her work done.

**Tamzin Tobias 5R**

For some superb work in Guided Reading, finding top-notch evidence from the text to prove your ideas - well done!

**Joshua Lloyd 5R**

For some absolutely fabulous work in Maths this week. Josh has attacked everything full pelt and been on fire!!

**Ella Ramm 6H**

For always contributing fantastic answers in English and for writing a fantastic magazine article.

**Jayden Lee 6H**

For growing in confidence in maths, Jayden has worked really hard and has really improved as a mathematician.

**Harley Clabburn 6SB**

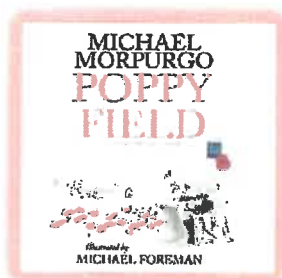
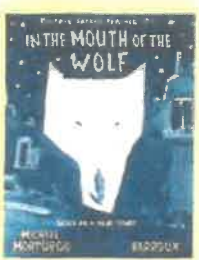
For writing some amazing sentences using words as both a noun and a verb.

Hello!

It's been a busy time, with lots of books coming out one after the other. Not quite sure how it had happened, but ever since *Flamingo Boy* was published this summer, the books just keep coming along, like a convoy of buses!



So here they all are, in no particular order: *In the Mouth of The Wolf*; *Our Jacko*; *Grandpa Christmas*; my translation of *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint Exupery; and then there's my novel inspired by Raymond Briggs's great wordless book *The Snowman*; oh yes and I mustn't forget *Poppy Field*. I know that's an awful lot to read all at once, and you don't need to. Just read them one after the other, which is how I wrote them! I can tell you, they are all very different from one another. I like stories that take me to places and times I may not have been to before, and it's good for me to be telling my stories in a new way.



And because of all these books I have been running around like a mad chicken to festivals and events here there and everywhere, talking about them, writing articles about them, doing interviews about them. All of this has been great fun, because this way I get to meet my readers, young and old, talk to them, tell my stories, hear what they think, try to answer their questions. And then there are the concerts I do, live, or on the TV or the radio, concerts of *The Mozart Question*, *Poppy Field*, *The Best Christmas in the World*, *On Angel Wings*. I love doing that, weaving music and story, and I love telling my stories out loud. I think I'm more a storyteller than a writer.

There have been plays being performed of *Private Peaceful*, *Why the Whales Came*, *Elephant in the Garden* and *War Horse*, all of them travelling round the country and the world, so again telling the stories a different way and often to



new audiences. The National Theatre's wonderful production of *War Horse* is playing now, back where it all started thirteen years ago at the National Theatre. I was there on November the 11th, a hundred years exactly after the guns stopped firing and the First World War ended. An evening to remember. Eight million and more people have seen the play now, and it is about to set off on a new world tour next year. I hope to dress up in my costume and join the cast as I sometimes do. I love to feel part of this great adventure, to make believe I'm an actor, which I should have been in the first place. When you're

an actor you have to be someone else. Which means you can step outside yourself and see yourself and the world differently. I plan on being a proper actor when I grow up!

Come January though, I shall be settling down to write my new book. I know how it begins - I've written that bit. I think I know the middle, but I haven't got a clue how it will end. But that's good. If I don't know, then you won't either when you read it next year, which I hope you will, else what's the point of my writing it. It's called..... Not Telling You. So there!

Have a really Merry Christmas. Be happy.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael Morpurgo'.