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Dear Parents,

### **The Big Bird Watch**

The children in each class had the opportunity to contribute to our schools Big Bird Watch last week. Class 3 have made four bird boxes with the help of Mr Payne, class 2 have set up a bird feeder station at the front of the school and made bird feeders from recycled plastic bottles and class 1 have made binoculars, made fatty bird feed and made bird mobiles. Through the RSPB website we have tried to inspire our children to look after the birds and enjoy attracting them to our school grounds and gardens. This week we will be helping the RSPB collect data on the types of birds that visit our school.

### **School Dinner Week**

Next week is school dinner week. If you would like to join us for a school dinner next week please complete the form at the end of this letter. Please put the completed form and payment in the letter box outside the office. The cost of a full adult meal is £2.65.

### **Golden Leaves**

**Class 1** – Oli Cank for his knowledge of migrating birds. Fae Corbett and Mia Hughes for super story telling. Mrs Baggley for all her help during bird week.

**Class 2** – Louis Brady and Ben Speake for excellent work writing about a Treasure Chest.

**Class 3** – Bethany Davies, Ethan Hall, Alice Davies, George Williams, Lauren Smith and John Wynne for always learning tables very well.

**Cuddles** was awarded to Class 3

The winning House was Unicorns.

### **New Parent Governor Required**

We have a vacancy for a new parent governor at our school. Mrs Painter's term of office has come to an end so we have a vacancy. Mrs Painter has been a parent governor since February 2006 and has taken a keen interest in school matters, attended meetings and taken a particular interest in Health and Safety. I would like to thank her for her commitment to our school governing body. The official paper work will be sent out to everyone in due course but in the meantime give the idea of becoming a school governor some thought and if you have any questions about becoming a governor please feel free to ask me at the end of any day.

### **Kingswood Meeting – this Tuesday at 7pm in Class 3.**

If you would like your child to go on the Kingswood Activity weekend in June there is a meeting at 7pm where you will be able to meet a member of staff from Kingswood and ask any questions you may have. Children are welcome.

### **Karate Club**

A Karate Club, who would like to offer an after school Club, has approached me to see if anyone would be interested in learning a new sport. The Club will be coming into school next Wednesday afternoon to give each class a half hour taster session. If sufficient children were interested the club would run very much on the same lines as Sportsjam. The charge is £3 per lesson; lessons would start after half term on a Wednesday.

### **New Colour for Our Sweatshirts**

The children had the opportunity to vote for a new sweatshirt colour on Friday. The children's top two choices were bright blue and forest green. It is now the turn of the parents to vote. Members of the school council will be displaying the range of sweatshirt colours in the veranda from Wednesday morning with voting slips so please pop in and vote. The choice is forest green, aubergine, claret or bright blue. The school logo will remain the same.

### **Class News**

**Class 1** –will be thinking about the different characters in fairy stories - the goodies and the baddies! Our role play cottage this week will change to Grandmas house in Little Red Riding Hood. In numeracy, we will continue work on subtraction of 10 and multiples of 10 and simple word problems. The younger children will enjoy solving practical problems (simple addition and subtraction) We will be writing simple prayers for the prayer tree and finding out about natural and man made materials in science.

**Classes 2 and 3** will be having an assessment week; please do not concern yourselves we are just giving the children some old SAT test papers to see how they get on.

**Class 2** – This week is assessment week in class 2 so not very exciting I'm afraid!

The children will be going swimming on Tuesday (y3/4 only) and have music, French and PE as normal. In topic we will be creating a timeline of pirate events. Y3/4 are expected to place dates into chronological order.

### Reminder:

Homework in class 2 is due in on a Monday. Yellow reading records are also handed in so that those children reading at home can be rewarded with house points. Many thanks for your support.

**Class 3** – Class 3 will be doing literacy and numeracy assessments this week. Our work on Kenya is almost complete and will be handed over on Tuesday. We are continuing our theme work on China. The children went to an athletics and orienteering festival at Thomas Adams today.

### **School Website**

If you haven't had a look at our school website recently please take a moment to have a look. The diary dates for the term are there and useful web links to the BBC KS1 and KS2 SATs games which our Y6 pupils may find of interest. I have also been gradually putting on our school policies, lots more to add when I have a moment but it's a start. Please let me know what you think of our website, what you would like to see there that you would find useful.

J.M.Hughes

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### **School Dinner Week – Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> February**

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Please tick next to the day you would like to join us for lunch, if you would like to book more than one dinner put a number next to the day.

I would like to have a school dinner and pudding on: -

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

The cost of an adult dinner is £ 2.65 each and I enclose £ .....

Signed ..... Name: - .....