



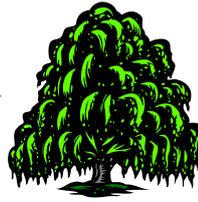
Oak



Ash



Birch



Willow

Cheapside CE Primary School January Newsletter 2015

The staff and Governors would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone for the Spring term.

Our Value for the Month

This month we shall be focussing on the value of Acceptance. The season of the Church is Epiphany.

Surprise visit!



The children enjoyed a surprise visit from two reindeer on the last day of term. Each year group spent time with the animals learning all about reindeer and had the opportunity to ask questions, stroke and feed the animals and handle discarded antlers. The reindeer even had time to make a brief appearance at our end of term assembly during the afternoon!

National Curriculum Update

We wrote to parents during the Summer term of 2014, explaining that with effect from September 2014 there will be a new national curriculum in place which allows schools a little more flexibility in what they teach. During the last academic year, our teaching staff collaborated with staff from two other Church schools in the Ascot Cluster to develop a curriculum which follows a thematic approach with six broad themes covered across the whole school in an academic year. These themes are:

Where in the World?

Bright Sparks

Heroes and Villains

What's cooking?

Animal Magic

The Big Race

This year our teachers have continued to review and further refine their curriculum plans and copies of our updated curriculum overview will be available on our website by the end of the school week.

Parents and friends of the school who joined us for our end of term assembly in December will remember that children and staff had concluded our 'Bright Sparks' topic by staging a re-enactment of the Great Fire of London on the school field using models made by children in class 1H. The weather conditions allowed children to clearly see how the fire spread with speed from the bakery in Pudding Lane. The use of a wind break to prohibit further spread of the flames was also clearly demonstrated.



'Heroes and Villains!'



This half term, all classes will be planning and delivering our third theme of the New Curriculum through the umbrella topic of 'Heroes and Villains!' More details will be available on the school website at the end of this week. To launch this topic, we are inviting the children in classes 1T/S and 1H to come to school on Thursday, 15th January, dressed as a hero/super-hero from a story book. Children in classes 2S and 3B are invited to come to school dressed as a hero from a historical or contemporary period of time.

Class teachers will be sending home additional information specific to their year groups.

Celebration of values

We will be celebrating the values for this term on the following dates.

Friday 30th January, Friday 27th February and Friday 27th March. Please come and join us for a cup of tea/coffee at school 'drop-off' and stay for our Celebration assemblies.

Snow Closure

In the event of an unplanned closure because of snow, we will make every effort to inform all parents as soon as possible using the School Text Service. It would be most helpful if the school office could have your current mobile phone numbers to ensure this service is as efficient as possible.

Other information sites include:

www.cheapsidecofe.org.uk

BBC Radio Berkshire 95.4 & 104.1 FM

210 FM 97 & 102.9 FM

Time FM 106.6 FM

RBWM website

Diary Dates

Thursday 15 th January	- Hero/Super-Hero day.
Friday 30 th January	- Values Assembly
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	- Half Term
Friday 27 th February	- Values Assembly
Tuesday 3 rd March	- Parents' Evenings
Thursday 5 th March	- Parents' Evenings
Friday 27 th March	- Values Assembly
Wednesday 1 st April	- Term Ends
Thursday 2 nd April	- INSET

INSET DAYS FOR 2015

Monday 2nd June 2014