



## Newsletter: Friday 5th January 2018

### Message from the Headteacher

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for the new term ahead. We welcome a new teacher to year 1: Mrs Vukelic, who joins us with experience from teaching in a British school in Serbia for six years. This week sees a change to the homework policy with weekly homework being given out each Thursday and the expectation that this is handed in each Tuesday. A letter outlining the changes was sent in December and again yesterday and the policy is on the website if you need more detail. If you have any feedback, please let the class teacher know so we can regularly review the homework and impact on your children's learning. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Also this week, the children enjoyed a 'Rock and Pop' show from the music for schools team and staff have been working with our partnership of schools (Orchid Vale, Abbey Meads and Catherine Wayte) to share and compare our books and curriculum experience for the children in our schools. It has now been 6 months since our Ofsted inspection and we are expecting a monitoring visit prior to our conversion to an Academy. We feel that there have been significant improvements made in the school since this inspection and we have achieved our Autumn term milestones from the school development plan. The target date for conversion to become part of the WHF (White Horse Federation) at the moment is 1<sup>st</sup> March but this will be subject to various legal, financial, HR and due diligence activities that still need to be completed.

**Our Core Value in Term 3 is Honesty and  
Assembly theme to link is Truthfulness.**

#### New Football kit

Our school was nominated by Mrs Denness to win a free Premier League football kit through the Premier League Primary Stars. Our nomination was successful and this week we received a wonderful new kit which we look forward to our teams wearing. A huge thank you to Mrs Denness for our nomination.

#### Braden Forest

The Bradon Forest Project Pixar for Y5 pupils starts next week. There are a few places available for some of the after school workshops. Parents can book online via this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bradon-forest-school-9846205327>

#### Sport Stars

At Bridlewood we like to celebrate the children's sporting success from outside of school. If you have any photographs for our Sport Stars board in the hall please email them to

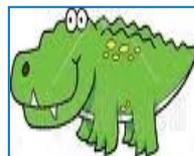
[misshulse@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:misshulse@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk) or bring them in to school.

### Diary Dates

8th Jan	5.30pm PGL Yr6 parents meeting
10th Jan	Yr5/Yr6 hockey competition
<b>11th Jan</b>	<b>Netball match v Greenmeadow</b>
<b>15/16th Jan</b>	<b>Skippy John in school</b>
17th Jan	Whole school mosaic making
18th Jan	Birch class assembly
25th Jan	Oakhurst netball match
29th Jan	5.30 PGL Yr5 parents meeting
30th Jan	Yr2 Roald Dahl Children's Gallery
30th Jan	5pm Swindon schools dance festival
5th-9th Feb	Yr6 PGL
5th Feb	Year 3 Steam trip
6th Feb	Rowan & Maple going to New College—computing
7th Feb	Ash class assembly
9th Feb	Last day of term 3
19th Feb	1st day of term 4
20th Feb	Oxford storytelling museum trip
21st Feb	Oxford storytelling museum trip
22nd Feb	Oxford storytelling museum trip
23rd Feb	Oxford storytelling museum trip

### House points this week

Crocodiles: 103



Dragons: 80



Lizards: 79



Turtles: 57



Well done! A great start to term.

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