



# WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started with a really enjoyable science afternoon on Monday, to celebrate British Science Week! Our whole school took part in an experiment looking at which biscuit is the best to dunk! Each class had a different variable to test. The children found the experiments really interesting and it was great that some parents were able to join us for the event.

On Tuesday, Robin Class had a fantastic visit to Hawkstone Abbey Farm, as part of their 'Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots' topic. They learnt about the animals on the farm, and about butter and cheese production – they even made some of their own butter! Thanks so much to Appleby's for welcoming Robin Class for the day – they really enjoyed it and learnt so much to support their topic work.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from double Paralympic gold-medallist, Danielle Brown MBE, who put the children through their paces with some sponsored circuits. She then talked to the children about her sporting journey, showed them her gold medals for archery, and did a question and answer session. This was very motivational and inspiring, so thank you to Danielle for joining us and to everyone who supported this event with sponsorship.



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**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Forest School

The next class to take part will be **Kingfisher Class**, and they will require their forest school kit on the following dates:

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Owl Class will have their forest school sessions in June and July.



### PE Kit Reminder

Skylarks, Kingfishers and Owls have PE every Tuesday. Robins have PE on Fridays. Every child **MUST** have a PE kit to enable them to take part fully, and this is a compulsory part of the curriculum which they must take part in. Please ensure your child brings a kit each week - we do not have enough spare for all of the children who are forgetting their kit. At all other times, children must wear school shoes, not trainers.

### New Parent Governor

We are really pleased to announce that we have now filled all vacancies on our governing body and have both parent governor positions filled.

After many weeks of advertising, Sarah Appleby came forward to volunteer her time as part of our team, and she will begin her role at our next governors' meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

A huge thank you to Sarah – we will look forward to working with you. Gemma Nellies began her role as parent governor at the end of November, and has made a fantastic start.

### Community Litter Pick

We, as a school and community working towards our Eco-School status, have been invited to join in the Whitchurch Litter Pick on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. It would be lovely to see as many of the school as possible attend. Please [click here](#) for further details.



### Secret Reader!

Starting on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be introducing 'The Secret Reader' into our school!

Between **9:00-9:15am every Friday morning**, a Secret Reader will visit each class to read a short story, poem or chapter of a longer book. The Secret Reader can choose what they read, or the class teacher will choose something for them if they prefer.

This reader might be a different member of staff who drops into the classroom as the secret reader. However, parents, grandparents and other relatives would be very welcome too!

If you would like to go on our secret reading rota, **just contact the school office and let Mrs Dakin know the date and class you would like to visit** – but please do not tell your child as the Secret Reader is a surprise!

We hope you come to join us!



### Free School Transport

Any parents and carers of Year 6 pupils, who wish to apply for free school transport for their child/children from September 2020, should do so before **31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**. Applications can be made online at [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk) or over the phone with the Council's Customer Service Team by calling 0345 6789008. Alternatively, should you require a paper copy of the application form, please do not hesitate to contact the school or Passenger Transport directly via email, [schooltransport@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransport@shropshire.gov.uk) or over the phone on the above telephone number. It is important to explain that, if the application is not received by **31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**, the Authority may be unable to provide transport for the beginning of the autumn term 2020 and parents/carers will need to make their own transport arrangements. Access to school transport is not permitted until entitlement has been confirmed.



## WORSHIP



Our theme for this next half term will be Easter. Next week, we will be focusing on 'Jesus is betrayed' (Mark 14.32-46) and 'Jesus is crucified' (Mark 15.22-37). If your child(ren) would like to prepare a prayer or something to share during worship linked to this theme, they would be very welcome.

## CELEBRATION



### Happy Birthday to:

Lily, Mia S and Mr Davies (senior), who all celebrate their birthdays this week.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- **International Women's Day: Year 6 Visit to Oakmeadow**, 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Clive Cross Country**, 28<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Easter Church Service**, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2:15pm.
- **Shropshire Schools Half Marathon**, 4<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Year 3 & 4 Varsity Games at SJT**, 17<sup>th</sup> March.
- **International Women's Day Year 6 visit to Oakmeadow**, 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Year 5 Science visit to SJT**, 20<sup>th</sup> March.
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[Click here](#) to view our term dates.



## AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners, who are:

- **Robin Class:** Leyla, Lukas, Ralph & Tate.
- **Skylark Class:** Imogen, Madeleine, Sam & Ava.
- **Kingfisher Class:** Connor & Remi.
- **Owl Class:** Ava, Owen & James.

Well done also to Honey for her successful dance competition, and Emilia for her dressage!

## NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

- Robin Class World Book Day.
- Nursery celebrate books and reading.
- Owl Class are inspired by Anglo-Saxon patterns.
- British Science Week.
- Robin Class visit to Hawkstone Abbey Farm.

