

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2022



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Sun Shine Awards (31/01/22-18/02/22)

Reception: George, Nancy, Estee.

Class 1: Leila, Sophie, Finnlay.

Class 2: Perdi, Edie, Daniel.

Class 3: Sophie, Gabriel, Morgan.

Playtime trophy goes to Class 2.

W/C 31.1.22 School Sports Award goes to Edward for Respect.

W/C 7.2.22 School Sports Award goes to Jenson for Respect.

W/C 14.2.22 School Sports Award goes to Otis.

Alex was very keen to show us all his robot. He built 'Alex the Robot' and demonstrated how it moved on the wheels he had put on. He also wrote a sentence to go with it! Well done Alex!



Congratulations to Imogen who has won her Apprentice Scribe Award! Congratulations to Gretel who has just been awarded her Level 1 Learn to Swim Award.

The Year 2 children managed to complete 1243 skips for their Big Skip & Year 3 completed 1553 skips for their big skip Well done. The Big skip score for year 4 was 530 skips, but a great effort by 4 children from year 4.

Thank you to Mr Scorer who came into school and fixed a leak in Class 2. He was kindly volunteered by his daughter Alba!

After School Club T4

28/02/22-28/03/22 Camp Kindness Yr 2 3.15 - 4pm

09/03/22-30/03/22 Multisport Club Yr4,5&6 3.20-4pm

Future Dates/Notifications

18/02/22: Non Uniform day

18/02/22: End of Term 3

28/02/22: Start of Term 4

11/03/22: Book Look 3.15-4.30pm

15/03/22: Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm

16/03/22: Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm

24/03/22: Rags2Riches Collection

08/04/22: Easter service @ 2.30pm at school

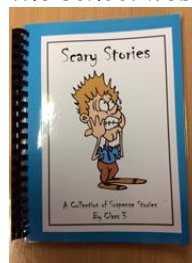
All Parents

Please switch off your car engines whilst waiting to pick up your children from school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Myself and Mrs Perry have been working on our Healthy Schools Award recently and we are pleased to announce we have just been awarded the accreditation. Well done to the whole team at school! There were many areas involved in achieving this award and we are pleased it recognises that we help our children to grow healthily, safely and responsibly. Keep those healthy snacks coming into school, it makes a big difference!



Class 3 have enjoyed writing some scary stories. We have made them into a class book to share with you at Book Look and uploaded them to the Class 3 page of the school website for everyone to read and enjoy.



Key Stage 2 children have been involved in a very exciting project known as The Stitch Story. Stitch story is about bringing together 15,000 Tewkesbury Residents in one wonderful new community embroidery. Through this project many communities, businesses, charities, venues, and individuals are featured and have a chance to share their stories and memories of Tewkesbury as well as their stitches, it is a legacy piece that will be referred to for future generations. The team, from the Roses theatre are going stitching in as many locations across the town and with as many people as possible, in the lead up to the launch in early May. It is very exciting and we are very pleased to be part of this history!



A big thank for from all of the pupils and staff at Deerhurst and Apperley to Mrs Rayson who brought to life our Resilient Rhino.



Thank you also to Mr Higney who has built the school 2 planters.

Staffing

This term we say goodbye to Mrs Kilpatrick who is retiring. We would like to say a huge thank you to her for the service she has given to our community. She will be back for the Easter Egg judging in April!

At the end of next term Mrs Baker-Hale will be leaving us to relocate with her husband and family to Cornwall. We will be sorry to see her leave but understand the sea beckons! We wish Mrs Baker-Hale well for the future.

Honours List

Each week, awards for children's achievement will be presented in Celebration Assembly. We will also recognise children who have demonstrated our value for each term in the everyday life of our school - our value for Term 3 is Perseverance.



Award winners for w/c 31st January -18th

February 2022

Achievement:

Reception -Estee for being a wonderful role model to her friends. Alex, Martha & George for amazing writing all week. All of reception for wonder writing in literacy this week.

Class 1 - Amelia for an amazing story map in English about the paper dolls. Hugo for super phonics. Clara & Eleanor for showing super confidence in Maths this week.

Class 2 - Isla, Rose, Sally & Evelyn for their powerful description in their overcoming the monster story. Ed for your hard work in English Assessment. Isla, Betsy, Imogen & Sally for their amazing inventions in English.

Class 3 - Charley & Gabriel for great collaboration in their suspense storywriting. Sophie & Maddie for their super poster advertising Pandora as a tourist attraction. Morgan for his hard work in Maths, particularly division.

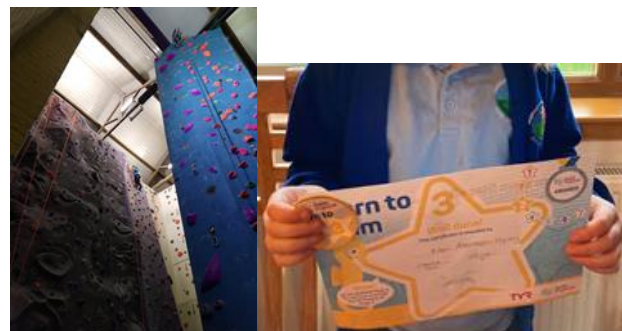
Values:

Reception - Nancy, Poppy, Alex.

Class 1- Thomas, Ellis, Harvey.

Class 2- Kai & Ethan, Luke& Sally, Fei.

Class 3- Ryan & Millie, Gabriel, Eden & Jenson.



Well done to connie for her climbing achievements and also to Eden (class2) for achieving her grade 3 swim award.

Cross Country

The Cross Country returned last week and Deerhurst had some fantastic results. Well done to all the runners, some of whom have qualified to represent the District in March. Last week the boys came first overall for the small schools and the girls came 2nd. There were over 120 boys running, Apperley boys results were:

- Ben 2nd, Jenson 27th, Charley 31st, Jonathan 50th
- & Gabriel 63rd

Out of 70 girls running, Apperley girls results were:

- Molly was 3rd
- Eleanor 12th
- Milly 22nd



Thank you to the parents who took these fantastic photos too!

Little Deers have been very busy learning the names of shapes, spotting circles, triangles, squares and rectangles everywhere they go!

They celebrated Chinese New Year with beautiful red and gold lanterns and bunting, stories and information books, and a feast of prawn crackers and noodles.

Last week they were measuring all sorts of things around preschool - they talked about things which were heavy / light, long / tall / short, and big / small. In the photo they are lining up in height order!



Thank you to Mrs Salisbury who has donated a number of plants and trees to our school. One of the trees will be used to mark the Queen's Jubilee later in the year as part of the Queen's Canopy Project.

Planks

Thank you to the parents who offered to supply us with planks/decking. Mr Hird has kindly volunteered to make another two planters for us to go with the ones already made by Mr Higney.

School Meals

Please order your child's meal for next term before the cut off on Thursday 24th February.



Reception have enjoyed watching and investigating the golden scaled dragon egg! Look how big it has grown the children have decided it must be magically growing everyday.

Well done to Orla who has achieved distinction in Grade 2 Modern Dance! Fantastic!



School Council prepared and organised a fabulous Fruity Friday today, we great 84% of children participating enjoying some new fruits such as redcurrants and snowball melon. Please find a link below with photos and Mrs Neveu's Wake and Shake!
<https://t.ly/EPEW>

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and came to the Eco-committee cake sale, we raised £55.60!

Ash Wednesday

After half term, the first week back is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent, leading up to Easter. Ash Wednesday is traditionally the day when people come to church to receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads in ash, made from palm crosses from the previous year. It is the sign of the 40 days of preparing for Easter throughout Lent, and traditionally people 'give something up' i.e. chocolate or another favourite snack, or a special hobby or other activity i.e. watching TV or video games. The idea is that through giving up, we become aware of a need or loss of something, and that instead of getting ourselves that chocolate or other snack, or putting the TV or computer on to watch something or play a game, we ask God to come alongside in our need.

In recent years it has become popular to not give up, but take up something i.e. say prayers every day before going to work or school, or read a part of the Bible we have not read before, or read a spiritual book about prayer or faith. The aim of this too is to find ways to be more aware of God's presence in our life. Receiving the sign of the cross indicates that we have chosen to give or take something up.

On Wednesday 2nd March it's Ash Wednesday, Revs Iise and d'Esterre will be at the school gate with a big sheet of paper so that children and parents who want to, can draw the sign of the cross as a symbol of something they want to give or take up during Lent this year.

In Class One we have carried on enjoying reading every day and building upon "reading for pleasure" throughout the day too.

The children have been particularly enjoying reading to the teddies in the book boats using their torches and magnifying glasses as well as the reading teepee and comfy cushions. Class One you are wonderful readers and we are very proud of you! Well done!

A huge thank you to PTFA who have bought resources for all the classes this term. Everything is very much appreciated and they couldn't do it without your support.



Little Deers are putting the FUN into FUNdraising!!

Please join us in our very first Virtual Balloon Race - buy a 'balloon' online for £3 and customise it with a name, colour and message. From Sunday 20th March watch your balloon's progress in the race and check the leaderboard. We have some really amazing prizes for the owners of balloons who travel the furthest, and will be declared the winners on Sunday 27th March.

Follow this link which will take you to the Little Deers balloon race

page: <https://www.balloonrace.com/deerhurst>

Feel free to share the link with family and friends who may wish to join in the fun, and support our preschool. Why not buy a balloon for everyone in the family and have your own mini-race?! All money raised will help us to buy some new outdoor play equipment - thank you so much for your support.

Good luck to all our balloons!!

All the children enjoyed a very special Prayer Space in school. They were able to think about God, the world and the importance of prayer and forgiveness. Thank you To Rev Ilisa for joining us.



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