

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

The children have applied themselves well to the NFER, spelling and reading tests this week. The results of these tests will be shared with you at the parents' evenings in the next couple of weeks. Letters for booking a slot at parents' evenings went out yesterday; please return these promptly to your child's form teacher.

World Book Day is next Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. All children are encouraged to come in dressed as their favourite book character (please no Disney or Marvel characters) to celebrate the day. May we also ask that children make their own name badge for their costume so that all children feel included. We will also be hosting our annual book swap where children bring along an old book of theirs and are able to swap it for a different book; they can then purchase any additional books so please ensure they have a small amount of money with them; proceeds will go to the purchase of books for the library. Donations of books for the swap/sale prior to this date will be welcomed.

Over the half term break, Daniel Franco-Key played in a National tennis tournament at Easton College and finished 13<sup>th</sup> out of 32 competitors; he beat the number 4 seed in the tournament too and last weekend he played in an Under 12 competition at Culford School and finished as runner up; two excellent performances.

Also over half term our swimmers competed in the second weekend of the Suffolk County Swimming Championships. We are currently placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall club competition, 68% of the swims have been personal bests (PBs) and the squad have achieved 94 regional qualifying times and won 11 gold, 12 silvers and 12 bronze medals. In the Prep Department, mention should be given to Rufus Carr who was fastest 10-year-old in the 200m backstroke, Ava Lines who achieved six PBs, Keanan Cross with one PB, Ethan Rattenbury with 3 PBs, Oscar Cole who won one Gold, two Silvers, achieved 10 PBs and gained 10 regional qualifying times and Rose Webster who swam 5 PBs.

I was delighted to present the following certificates in Chapel this morning:

**Bronze Awards**

Leo Murray-Sutton

**Silver Award**

Samuel Barker-Harrison

**Gold Awards**

Isabelle Cole, Beatrice Cross and Megan Fisher

The Under 8 and Under 9 girls enjoyed an afternoon of netball in a joint training session and fixture against The Abbey, Woodbridge on Monday; Miss Wong reports that their skills are developing nicely. The Under 10/11 boys hosted A, B and C teams from Finborough on Wednesday. The A team scored a last minute equaliser to draw 2-2, the B team lost a hard-fought and close 3-1 game and the C team enjoyed their first taste of competitive fixtures but unfortunately lost 6-1.

This afternoon the Under 11 Football and Netball teams depart for their 'tour' to Finborough School where they will take part in tournaments tomorrow after an overnight stay and tour dinner tonight. I will report back with results next week.

Tickets for the Prep Department production of 'Olivia' will be on sale from next week, priced at £5 for adults and £2 for staff. Performance dates are Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, both shows are at 7pm. Please see me for tickets.

**Next Week:**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Under 8 and Under 9 Rugby v Finborough School (Away)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Under 11 A & B Netball v Moreton Hall (Away)

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

WORLD BOOK DAY

Yours sincerely

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