

## **Pre-Prep Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Dear Parents,

The dark winter mornings seem to be well and truly behind us and we returned to school this week to blazing sunshine! Coats were discarded as the children enjoyed playtimes outside in the warmth of the sun.

We officially welcomed Mrs Amanda Stephens back to the Nursery as our new Supervisor and look forward to seeing the results of the many exciting activities she has planned for the children.

We also welcomed our new pupil Charlie Moore into Year 1 and 'Kay' House by issuing him with a yellow badge. The Pre-Prep is growing with 31 pupils now!

### **Star Assembly**

Ms Wong came along to announce the results of the Interhouse Cross country race that took place on the day before half term. Once all the points gained by the Pre-Prep were added to the points from the Prep department it showed the overall winning house as 'Kay' (yellow badge). Ms Wong and Mr Harrison handed out certificates to first, second and third placed runners in each class and congratulated all runners on their superb effort on the day. Well done Kay!

In Reception Monty Charter demonstrated beautifully why Mrs Laughland had chosen him as this week's star worker. Monty had visited Halesworth library with mummy over half term and made a super sock puppet which he was able to draw and write about in his 'News Book'. Monty had captured the puppet's unique look, even adding details like eyelashes. Monty then went on to read us a whole story from a recent reading book, amazing us all with his ability to read aloud independently. Very well done, Monty.

Millie Cooper received Mrs K's Star Certificate this week for work completed in science. Millie has been learning about materials and their uses in the topic 'Houses and Homes'. Millie had used a large photograph of her own house to pinpoint its different features, identify the materials used for each one and tell us why they had been chosen. She remembered new vocabulary including: opaque, transparent, rigid and waterproof. Millie had then used these words in beautifully neat, free written sentences describing a home and its characteristics. A fantastic piece of work Millie, well done.

I didn't have any academic work to show for Seyomeh Adzaku's star award this week as she had achieved it for outstanding progress in the swimming pool! Miss Watling and Mrs Greenacre have told me how impressed they have been with Seyomeh's growing confidence in the water, culminating in her ability to swim unaided using only two floats. Great achievement from a little girl who would not even enter the water in the Reception class! Well done Seyomeh for developing your self-confidence alongside a vital life skill.

### **Forthcoming dates for diaries**

#### **World Book Day - Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on the day WITH the book! Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are encouraged to focus on well-known, traditional stories and authors. We will be joined by children in the Nursery for a costume parade and photographs and are looking forward to our very first book sale organised by Mrs Kinsella.

There is still time to sort out your own book shelves and help us to raise money towards some new reading books. Each donated book will find a new home and inspire a new reader.

Our adult/children's book sale will be open from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, with all

hardbacks selling for £1.00 and paperbacks 50p. Thank you for donations already received, especially some books which are brand new! Do give us a look!

**School Photographs - Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

School photographs will begin straight after Chapel. Please make sure your child is correctly dressed on the day. Award stickers should be removed from blazers and children's hair should be styled neatly with navy or green fastenings. Sibling groups will be photographed separately and together and during the morning, pupils from the Nursery and Pre-Prep will join the rest of the school for a whole school photograph.

Lastly, members of the PTA would like to apologise for the mix up over the half term quiz which was due to a technical fault. The quiz has now been withdrawn.

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Head of Pre-Prep