



NEWSLETTER



January 26th 2024

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| Sunday 28th January: Children's Church 11am St Andrew's, West Dean | |
| Monday | Science Workshops P.E. Day for Oak Class P.E Day for Beech Class Teacher led CLUBS TODAY 3-4PM |
| Tuesday | Drama workshop for some Y3/4 pupils with other schools (see below) Oak Class Clarinet Lesson (4 week free trial with Mr Godfrey) CLUB TODAY: GYMNASTICS 3-4PM |
| Wednesday | P.E. Day for Willow Class CLUB TODAY: FENCING 3-4PM |
| Thursday | P.E. Day for Willow Class CLUB TODAY: FOOTBALL 3-4PM |
| Friday | Swimming Session for Beech and Oak Class |

Animal Magic!

On Tuesday, the children in Willow Class enjoyed a visit from 'Reptylers.' The company sent geckos, spiders and snakes for the children to meet and hold. The information was well presented and the children were so excited to actually be able to touch the animals! This is the link to his website, in case anyone is interested in the birthday party package: <https://www.reptylers.co.uk/packages/>

This afternoon Oak Class, met Matt Hodgson and his 6 husky dogs. Matt became GB's first ever on Snow Sled dog World champion in 2023. Matt visited the school after Harrison and Joshua emailed him with some questions and I cheekily asked if he would like to come to Singleton to meet us!

He spoke to the class about how in his very first race, he came last out of 250 competitors. It took him many months and years before he reached the point where he became a World Champion. This story of perseverance and resilience is exactly what the children need to hear sometimes. They often assume that adults are born with all of their talents, skills and knowledge – they forget that you were once children too.

Drama Workshop for some Y3/4

Some pupils from Y3/4 will be selected to join a group of other children from local schools to attend a morning drama workshop which I am running in the school hall. They will take part in a variety of games and drama exercises. This is a wonderful opportunity for some of our pupils to play 'host' and mix with new children. The selected pupils will be informed on Monday.

Worship and Golden Book This Week: MUSIC: Katie Perry Roar <http://tinyurl.com/rbsswn32>

This week we thought about perseverance from the point of doing the right thing for other people. We watched this film: <http://tinyurl.com/ykryb2az> about a Hedgehog who due to his 'prickles' was at risk of not being able to fit in to his school. The other animals in the animation persevere with the friendship and consider an action they could take to enable the hedgehog to 'fit in'.

Reverend Sarah is coming into school next week to collect any of the palm crosses which the children were given last year. They were asked to bring back the crosses, to enable Sarah to burn them ready for Ash Wednesday. Please can you have a look at home and check whether your child stored this safely away!

In the Golden book this week:

Freddie (YR) has been sharing his ideas in response to our class Worship focus this week, thinking about ways to show respect and kindness – well done! Seren (Y3) has demonstrated her understanding in R.E. offering a clear explanation with several key points to the class – fantastic! Joshua (Y5) for having a brilliant attitude towards his learning, which has led to fantastic improvements in handwriting, excellent understanding in maths and guided reading and moving up to a new group in swimming, congratulations!

Corporate Challenge

The children in Y5/6 are bringing home a letter today about taking part in the Corporate Challenge which is a road race around Chichester. Just to give you an idea of the route, the map below indicates the junior race. The children complete 2 laps. Please ensure you let us know as soon as possible if your child can compete as we do need to book the event as soon as possible. The school will pay for the entrance.



Girls Cricket Opportunity



Have a lovely weekend – Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team