William Gilpin CE VA Primary School

Newsletter 29-01-16

An Inspirational Visitor

I feel so privileged to have had the opportunity on Tuesday to listen to Chris Lubbe as he addressed our KS2 children. Chris shared with the children his experiences growing up as a child during apartheid in South Africa and his subsequent life as a body guard for Nelson Mandela. His key messages that everyone can make a difference and that forgiveness is the key to freedom fitted perfectly with our core values. I hope your children have shared their thoughts and views of this talk with you, especially if you were unable to join us. A huge thank you to Mrs Roberts who arranged this amazing speaker.

Eco Team

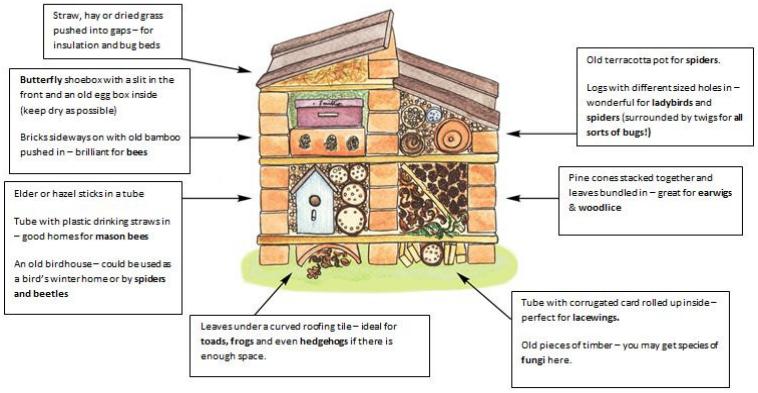
As a school we have taken part in the RSPB Birdwatch and the results will be sent in as part of their national survey. Don't forget that if you'd like to take part you can join the Garden Birdwatch by counting the birds in your garden or local park for an hour, over this weekend, 30-31 January. More details can be found on the RSPB website.

We would also like to make a bug hotel in the school grounds and wondered if anyone can help us by sending in any of the following items: garden canes; pipes and guttering; clay tiles or bundles of sticks. If you think you would be able to help with the actual construction, please let us know.

Also, please can we remind you that we are collecting used stamps and old pens so please send them into school.

Thank you ~ *Eco Team*

~ Ellie, Ella, Lara & Izzi



Focus Christian Value

Forgiveness

Important Dates:

February

Wed 3rd	Family Worship
Thurs 4th	Open Classrooms 3:15–4pm
Fri 5th	Class 2 Trip to Southampton Sea City Museum
Week Beginning 8th February	
	Anti-bullying Week
Tues 9th	Community Pancake Races - 2.30pm
	Curriculum Events 9am /7pm
Fri 12th	KS2 Cluster Rugby at Burley Primary

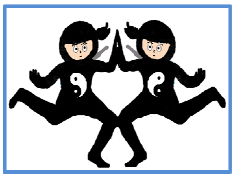
HALF TERM ~ 15th - 19th Feb

Please look at the complete Diary dates sheet for a full list of events.

Diary dates can also be found on the school website.

Question of the week…?

Nelson Mandela said Forgiveness was the key. What did he mean?



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'The greatest oak was once an acorn that held its ground'.

Forgiveness, Kindness, Belief

Nature Club

Mrs. Sally Mitchell has kindly agreed to provide the after school Nature Club again and will start after the half term break on Wednesday 24th February. There are three places still available on a first come, first served basis for this five week club (£20). It would be really helpful to have a parent helper for these sessions and would have the added benefit of enabling an extra two children to take part so if you'd like to help please let the school office know.

We hope to run another five week club in the summer term, so if you're not successful now we can put your child's name on the waiting list for the summer sessions.

School Grounds

We are in need of man power again for the next stage of grounds work. If you could spare a few hours we would like volunteers to help clear and fill in the old pond on 12th Feb at 9.00 am. If you are able to help, wear wellies and old clothes and bring a spade and bucket if possible. We'll be seeing if there is any wildlife in there, removing any plastic items and then filling it in.

Open classrooms

Classrooms will be open for parents to view the children's work on Thursday 4th February from 3:15 until 4pm. The teachers will also be on hand at this time to talk to you and answer any questions.

Chimney Work

We will be having some work done on the roof over the next few weeks to strengthen the chimney. In order to do this the contractors need to erect some scaffolding by the side gate closest to the office next Wednesday 3rd February. Could I please ask that all children enter school by the front gate on this day.

Up to date details

Please make sure the office have up to date records if your details or circumstances change. If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may qualify for additional support from school in the form of free school meals and/or help with purchasing uniform. To find out if you qualify visit the website for more details -

www3.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals.htm

Other Dates:

Wed 24th	Family Worship
Fri 26th	Class 3 Worship 2:40pm
Mon 29th	Class 4 Trip to the Planetarium

March

Wed 2nd	Celebration Worship
Fri 4th	Class 2 Worship 2:40pm
Weds 9th	Family Worship
Thurs 10th	Reports home
Fri 11th	Class 4 Worship 2:40pm
Wed 16th	Celebration Worship
Fri 18th	Sport Relief day
	Class 1 Worship 2:40pm
Thurs 24th	Service at St Johns Boldre at **9:00am**
	END OF TERM ~ 3:10pm

Cake Sale

Bees Knees Boldre Pre-school are holding a cake sale on Saturday 6th February at the Moore & Blatch Courtyard in Lymington High Street.

Yo Ho Ho! Treasure Island

Pilley Players are performing Treasure Island at the Boldre Memorial Hall Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th February. Tickets are available from Pilley Stores. See the poster in the office for more details.