



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were very excited to welcome Teach Rex into the school yesterday, after having to reschedule twice due to Covid! Teach Rex deliver workshops in schools with the aim of developing creative writing, ICT skills, PSHE, drama and science. This was an amazing cross-curricular experience for all children across the school, which was also great fun and really captured the children's imaginations! Children were 'hooked' into the event when, on Tuesday morning, they found dinosaur eggs in each of the classrooms! As the week progressed, the eggs hatched, and on Thursday, two huge dinosaurs came to spend the day with us; they even brought some baby dinosaurs along for our younger children to meet! The children were inspired to complete some superb pieces of writing, supported by their drama and vocabulary work, as well as some stunning art work.

We have also enjoyed the first two sports days of the year! Owl and Kingfisher Classes had their events on Monday and Tuesday, and they really enjoyed themselves and showed great support to each other throughout the events. Thanks to Miss Smith for organising the events, and also to Tracie (Remi's mum) who has kindly been coming in to photograph our sports days for us (in line with the consent that we have from parents to take photographs of their children). We will be posting Tracie's photographs on Facebook and Class Dojo (for children who have permission), so look out for them there!

Mrs Deborah Sadler
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES



Toy donations welcome!

We are always looking to develop our Early Years and outdoor areas with different toys and resources to support learning. If any families have any of the following (or similar) that they no longer use, and would be happy to donate to our school, we would be incredibly grateful of your support:

- Sand/water tables and trays
- Chalk boards
- Tuff trays
- Building blocks (ideally wooden)
- Toy cars (such as mini hot wheels)

Transition Events – An Update

Transition events to secondary schools, planned for Year 6 pupils in July, can no longer take place as planned following a decision made by the local authority, in light of increasing Covid cases.

As a result, our internal transition plans will be affected. We will ensure that all children have time with their new class teacher before the end of term, but this will be in smaller year group bubbles and not in their new classes. Information about the revised plans for all children, including Year 6, will be sent out as soon as we have it.

Reading Awards

This week's Accelerated Reader award winners are ...

Skylark:

Charlie W and Franky

Owl:

Freddie B

Well done!

WORSHIP



This half term, in worship, we will be focusing on the Christian value of **truthfulness**. Next week, we will be looking at '**Making the right choices (Zechariah 8.16)**'. If children have any prayers, linked to this theme, that they would like to share during worship, they would be very welcome to do so.

CELEBRATION!

Happy Birthday to:

Freddie B, Martha and Bobby, who celebrate their birthdays this week!



AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's **Headteacher Award winners**, who are:

Hummingbirds: Reggie, Martha and Astrid

Robin Class: Arthur, Enid, Eliza K and Tate

Skylark Class: Jacob, Franky, Tilly and Dorothy

Kingfisher Class: Corey, Lily, Poppy H and Eve

Owl Class: Jack, Oliver, Freddie and Amelia

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 12th July** – PD Day. School closed to pupils.
- Wednesday 21st July** – Year 6 Alderford Lake visit
- Thursday 22nd July** – Leavers' Service
- Friday 23rd July** – Last day of term

Sports Days and Leavers' Service – Changes to Arrangements

Unfortunately, due to the increasing number of Covid cases, and the delays in relaxing some of the restrictions, some of our recently-planned events will not be able to go ahead as planned with parents spectating. The decision made by the Marches Academy Trust is that events will not go ahead with spectators in any of our primary schools. There remains a legal limit in place on the size of outdoor gatherings, which would be unable to safely comply with if our events went ahead as planned. Sports days will still take place on the dates below, without spectators, and we will share as many photographs and results from the events as we can with parents. Will review our arrangements for Year 6 parents to attend the Leavers' Service closer to the time, and if it is possible to accommodate parents, we certainly will do. Apologies for any inconvenience or disappointment caused.

Skylark Class: 19th July

Hummingbird Class: 9th July

Robin Class: 13th July

