Lower Heath CE Primary School

Part of the **Marches** Academy Trust

Talking Heads

Friday, 28th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Owl Class have truly inspired us all. Their 'Courageous Advocacy' worship focused on raising awareness of Down's Syndrome, a cause close to their hearts. Motivated by a relative who has Down's Syndrome and inspired by Ellie Simmonds' incredible performances on *Strictly Come Dancing*, the children decided to take action. They created their own "Dancing for Down's Syndrome" lunchtime club, completely led and organised by themselves! During worship, they performed one of their dances with confidence and joy, reminding us that inclusion matters and that every voice can make a difference. They'll be performing again next week. What an amazing example of courageous advocacy in action. Well done, Owl Class, in particular Hattie, Issy and Eliza W, and all the children in their dance group!

We are also being blown away by the kindness of our children. Our Kindness Challenge runs all year, and we're starting to fill our photo board with wonderful examples of kindness in action. Please keep sending in your pictures. We love celebrating these moments! This week, Olly and Arthur spent their lunchtime sweeping gravel back into the trench around the KS2 building - not because they were asked, but simply because they wanted to take care of our school. Amazing!

Another highlight this week was Children in Charge Day. The children stepped into leadership roles across the school, teaching lessons, writing posts for Facebook and helping with classroom organisation. They absolutely loved being in charge! This experience is all about developing confidence and stretching them beyond their comfort zones, and they rose to the challenge brilliantly. What a fantastic way to nurture independence and leadership skills.

Next Thursday is our Christingle celebration. Please send your child with an orange that has a cross cut into the top for the candle. It's always a special time for our school family, and we can't wait to share it with you.

We're thrilled to welcome Roger West back to Lower Heath! At 2:30pm Friday, 5th December, he'll be talking to the children and sharing his memories of our school. After school, join us for his book signing - a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our history together.

Helen Reynolds
Headteacher

CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

Harry Wi and Orla who had their birthdays this week!

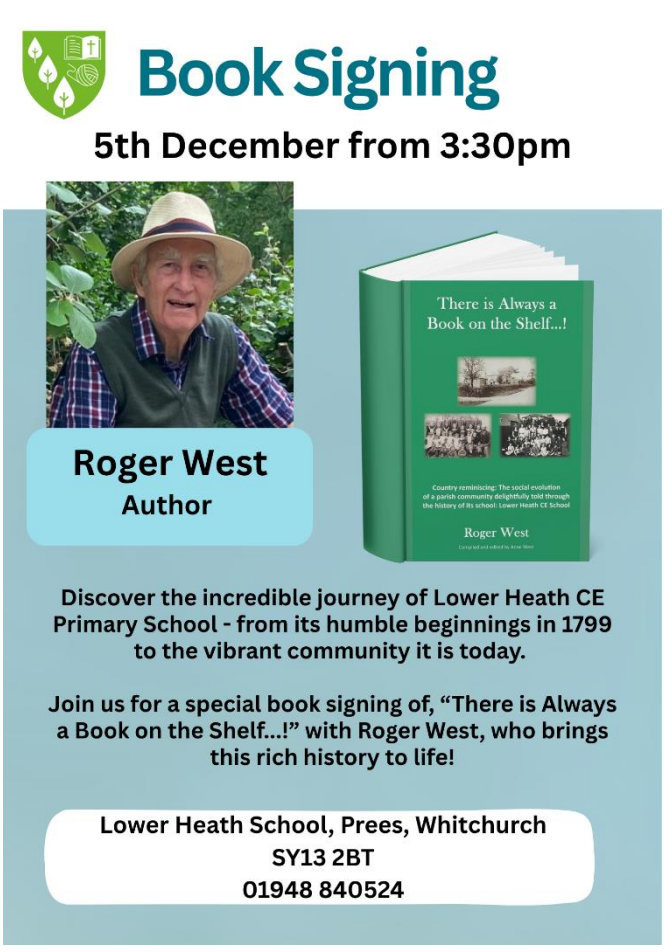
AWARD WINNERS

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

Robbie, Tommy D, Ivy, Reggie L.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4th December: Christingle in School
- 8th December: Robin and Skylark Pantomime
- 9th December: 2:30pm Owl Class Assembly
- 10th December: 2:30pm Kingfisher Class Assembly
- 11th December: Robin and Skylark Nativity - Church (2-3pm)
- 12th December: Christmas Fair
- 16th December: 2:30pm Skylark Class Assembly
- 16th December: Kingfisher and Owl Carol Service - Church (6-7pm)
- 17th December: 2:30pm Robin Class Assembly
- 19th December: Owl and Kingfisher Pantomime
- 19th December: Christmas Parties
- 19th December: Break up for Christmas
- 20th December: Holy Immanuel Crib Service



WORSHIP

This half term, our school value is **Thankfulness**, inspired by the Bible story of the **Ten Lepers**. In this story, only one man returns to thank Jesus after being healed, reminding us of the importance of gratitude. We'll be encouraging children to notice the kindness around them, appreciate what they have, and express thanks in their words and actions — helping them grow as thoughtful and compassionate individuals.

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