

**Friday 23rd February**

Dear Parents,

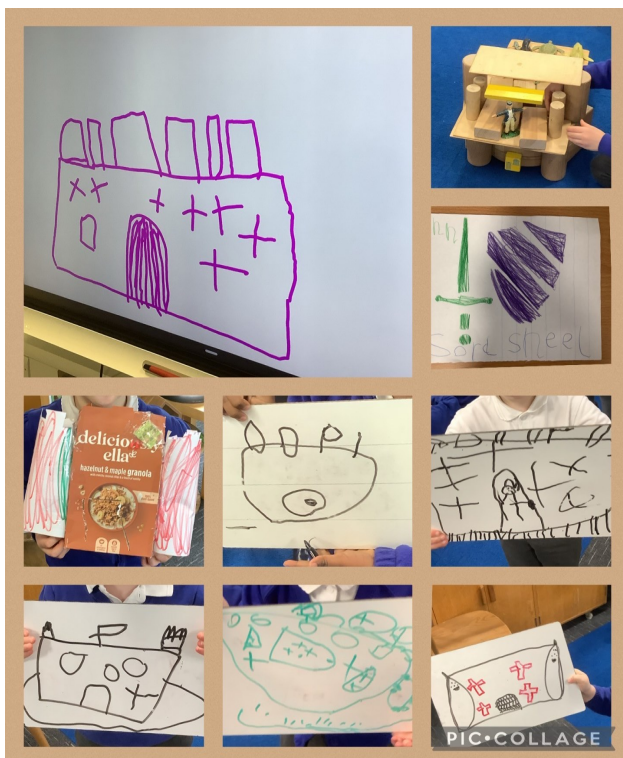
It has been a really positive return to school this week and I hope you enjoyed some rest over half term. The weather has been awful this week, and our grounds continue to be affected by the heavy rainfall we are experiencing. Mr Smith, our Site Manager, works very hard to keep things serviceable and we are working on longer term plans to widen the pathway by the MUGA and edge of Egrets classroom. This week in Collective Worship we have focussed on Lent, and we considered how does Lent help Christians prepare for Easter, and how we need to make good choices to not be tempted – we talked about our school values of Courage, Responsibility and Compassion and how these can help us make good choices. The children shared with each other some of the ways they have been tempted.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

## EYFS Curriculum Update

In Early Years this week we have enjoyed exploring our new theme of castles. We shared our own experiences and looked at photos of castles to explore what a castle is and looks like. Reception shared the story of The Very Last Castle and the children used their imaginations to make their own castles from junk modelling and construction as well as drawing and labelling pictures of what or who they think live in the castle from the story. They had wonderful ideas including, dragons, knights, giants, princesses, dragons and crocodiles! Nursery shared the story of George and the Dragon and have explored how to create their own castles and dragons in different ways as well as retell the story together.



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*“Stand firm and be deeply rooted in love” Ephesians 3:17*

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## World Book Day Thursday 7th March

This year we will be extending our love of reading for World Book Day over the whole week! The children will take part in readarounds with different classes and story sharing with different teachers. On Thursday 7th March children are invited to dress as their favourite book character. During the week classes English work will be focussed on one of the “Little People, Big Dreams” series of books. Each class has chosen a different famous person and will be finding out more about their lives as part of their work.

## Comic Relief Day Friday 15th March

To help raise money for this great cause we will be having a non uniform day on Friday 15th of March. That week, a £1 donation will be loaded on to School Money to help raise money for the charity.

## Year 5&6 Easter Service at St Mary’s Church (change of time)

Please note the time of this service has changed. Originally it was planned for 1.30pm on Wednesday March 27th but the service will now take place at 10.30am on the same day. Parents are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Year 3&4 Production

We have changed the date of the Year 3&4 production planned for this April. Originally it was planned for Thursday the 25th of April, it will now take place on Wednesday the 24th of April. Please make a note in your diaries of this new date. Performances will be at 1.30pm and 6.30pm with more details to follow nearer the time.

## High Flyers

We hope everyone had an amazing half term. We had a fantastic time during holiday club. It was great to see all the children back this week. They have all been involved in lots of artistic activities. Leo is a High flyer of the week this week as he is so helpful, responsible and caring. We offer breakfast and after-school service for children to play Monday – Friday, within school. You can book through our website: <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform: <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

## Diary dates

Saturday 24th February	EYFS open morning for prospective nursery parents 9.30-11.00am
4th March to 8th March	World Book Week
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (dress up day)
Thursday 7th March	PTFA Plant Sale (forms now due in)
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief Non Uniform Day
Tuesday 19th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm—5pm
Wednesday 20th March	Parent Consultations 4.00pm—7pm
Wednesday 20th March	Palm Sunday Service - Reception, Y1/2 at St Mary’s Church - 1.30pm
Wednesday 27th March	Easter Service— Y5/6 at St Mary’s Church - 10.30am

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## Learning Certificates

### Owls

Olivia for doing so well at explaining her feelings to her friends and teachers.

### Penguins

Nene for great counting skills this week.

Flynn for his compassion to others this week being kind, helpful and always being polite.

### Flamingos

Michael C for finding his confidence within the classroom and asking for help when needed.

Zoe for great participation in Geography, showing off her knowledge of castles!

### Peacocks

Harley for a fantastic homework model castle

Maisie for great resilience in Maths

### Woodpeckers

Olena for showing independence and for being a responsible learner using all the tools offered to help improve their writing.

Solly for showing courage at working hard to improve his reading and writing.

### Hummingbirds

Albie W for making excellent contributions in our whole class reading sessions, well done!

Christian for working really hard and showing great determination in English this week, I am noticing a big improvement in your sentences, well done!

### Toucans

Kenzie for his amazing attitude to learning, contributing lots of great ideas and showing passion in his work

Hunter for being a superstar this week, contributing to our class discussions and focusing hard

### Parrots

Jasper W for working really hard on his handwriting this week and taking on board feedback so positively.

Calen B for always being actively engaged in his learning and for the progress he has made with his writing.

### Hérons

Riley for a really positive attitude towards his learning and making huge improvements in his writing and handwriting.

Teddy trying really hard this week with his story writing using some excellent vocabulary.

### Kingfishers

Huw for the fantastic writing in English this week, using all the correct punctuation.

Edith for your respect, kindness and friendship to others, you are a great role model for our school.

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