

BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

HEADTEACHER

On Monday we are having an Inclusion Review led by The Local Authority to review what we do in school and our Inclusion strategies already in place. We will let you know how the review goes and any feedback shared.

I will be hosting another Parent Forum session after half-term on Monday 16th June at 2.30pm. If you would like to come along to discuss any suggestions or ideas you have for the school or wish to talk about something in particular please come along to the school office on the date above. Alternatively, if you can't make that time and wish to raise something for the forum to discuss, please email me in advance.

Thank you

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Half-term is just a week away!

We return to school on Wednesday 4th June.

Please make sure all uniform is named, especially in this warmer weather when sweatshirts and cardigans are discarded randomly around the school! We will always endeavor to return items to their owners whenever we can .

SPORT

The past two weeks have been a little quiet on the sporting front but today made up for it with both of our fantastic Rapid Fire squads picking up medals and booking a place in the next round.

Competing against seven teams from the local area, our two teams - made up of children from Kestrels class having been selected for their performances in PE lessons - demonstrated superb teamwork, communication and striking skills (three integral skills to Rapid Fire Cricket) to put in fantastic performances earning themselves a 1st and third place finish booking themselves a place in the next round. Next week sees Kingfishers class play their version of cricket with a Three Tees Cricket tournament being held on Wednesday morning.

AFSS

A huge thank you to all of the AFSS Colour Run team for putting on another incredible afternoon of fun for our children today!



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 9th May	Friday 16th May
Wrens	Hattie & Carter	Ollie & Oscar J
Robins	Benjy & Devon	Jasper & Avalon
Kingfishers	Kalia & Ira	Charlie S & Ben
Woodpeckers	Jenna & Frankie	Jasmina & Freddy.S
Kestrels	Eva & Millie	Isabelle & Dexter
Ospreys	Oliver Ba & Hunter	Lilly & Amelia
Owls	Bonnie & Sophia	Owls Class











## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 9th May	Friday 16th May
Wrens	Penny	Ocean
Robins	Robyn	Charlie
Kingfishers	Grace	Charlie K
Woodpeckers	Freddie. E	Harvey
Kestrels	James	Clara
Ospreys	Tilly	Neve
Owls	Emilee	Owls Class

## Reading Champions & Presentation Awards

	Friday 9th May		Friday 16th May	
Wrens	Oscar R		Stebbing Reading Champion: Millie (Kingfishers)	
Robins	Alex			
Kingfishers	Isla			
Woodpeckers	Stebbing Reading Champion:		Archie	
Kestrels			Albie	
Ospreys			Isla	
Owls			Owls Class	
DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
09.05.25		Robins	Elias	
16.05.25	The whole school (thank you for our cards)	Owls	James	

						
Date						
09.05.25	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers	Owls	Owls	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers
16.05.25	Woodpeckers	Kestrels		Kingfishers	Kestrels	Woodpeckers

# EVENTS CALENDAR & GUEST SPOT

DATE	EVENT
23.05.25	Break up for half term
04.06.25	Back to school
04.06.25	Science week
06.06.25	Ospreys trip to Cudmore Grove
06.06.25	Owls to Crucial Crew (AM)
10.06.25	Year 3 & 4 to Go Ape
12.06.25	Manor Adventure information evening 6-7pm
17.06.25	Ospreys to DEEP careers fayre
20.06.25	Sports day KS1 (AM) KS2 (PM)

## GUEST SPOT- MRS BUCKNELL- DRAMA

The time has come again where I foolishly decide it would be amazing to put on a Summer production with the students to showcase their hard work. Needless to say I forget each year how little time we have; how high their expectations are and how much work goes into it! It is always worth it, and I am incredibly proud of each and every student I have the privilege to work with and learn from.

In previous years we have done 'Extracts from plays', a mashed-up version of 'Alice in Wonderland' and last year 'Square Eyes' which was a series of extracts and improvisations based around the television. Whilst you may wonder what an odd mix of works, we bring to you each year I feel very passionately that Drama should be inclusive and about allowing each and every student time to shine; this means that I tend to avoid pre-scripted works. Life would be much easier if we did choose a pre-made script but that then means a handful of students get the really exciting parts and the rest of the student become background characters. This has its place and is a very worthwhile and valid experience, developing resilience and teamwork. However, for some students (especially those who may struggle with an audition/reading process) this can be really daunting.

In Drama Club everyone is the star of the show. We are again this year combining the two groups and the choir to create a wonderful performance based on the concept of students being 'Snowed in' at school. What happens when they can not escape, there is little to do, and the teachers have all mysteriously vanished?! I am not entirely sure of the answer to these questions myself at this stage, as the work will be based on improvised scenes, scripted extracts and songs selected by the students. It is currently a work in progress and whilst it is not the easiest way to work it means the students have ownership of the piece, they steer the direction of the work, they apply the drama techniques they have learnt, and most importantly have fun in the process. I am privileged to have watched the Drama Club and Choir grow each year we have worked together, and I will be extremely sad but proud to see the huge year 6 cohort leave. They joined me in year 3. They are indeed a very talented bunch who I hope will continue to act, sing, perform, entertain and create. Even if the students do not continue with their Drama/Choir journey I hope they have wonderful memories and have learnt at the very least to work with anyone, enjoy being creative and know it's ok to be daft!

To view our annual calendar of events, please click here: <https://stebbingprimary.co.uk/calendar/>