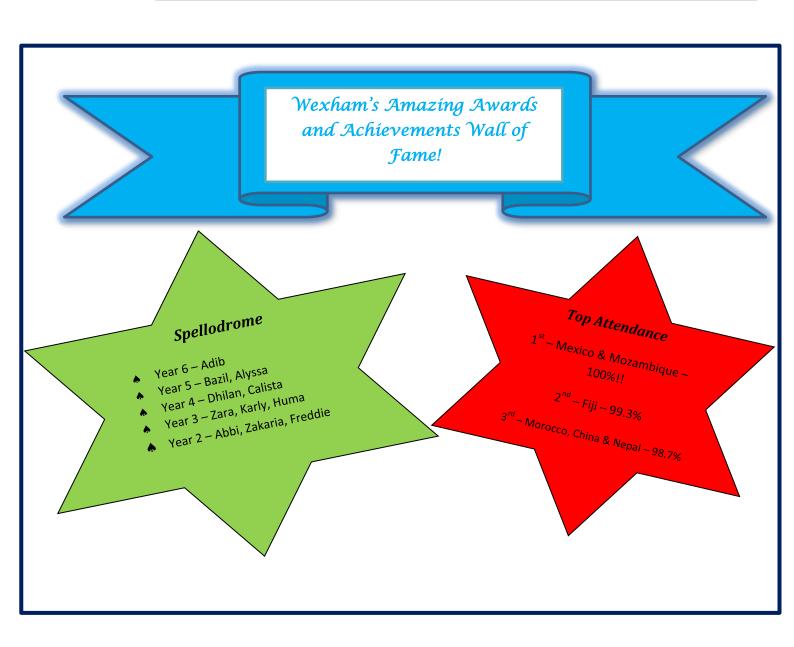
# WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### **Important Dates:**

- \* Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY (children back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the normal time)
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May SATs week
- \* Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May Reception children (sight & hearing tests)





Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder to parents that next week is the last week before Year 6 examinations. These will take place during the following week (9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> May). Please ensure that all pupils are in for the next two weeks, so that they can benefit from the revision sessions being offered throughout the day.

We had an external visit from Ruth Miskin Phonics this week, which went really well. The lead, Angela Jukes, was very positive about the visit and pleased that the pupils continue to make good progress. A quick reminder to parents in Year 1 that the phonics packs have been sent home with the pupils. Please go through these words daily with them. Thank you.

### **Year 3 Trip to Look Out Discovery Centre**

Despite the chilling winds in Swinley Forest, the sunshine came out and Year 3's science trip to the LookOut Centre was a success! The children played architects in the Build It! Zone, physicists in the Forces and Light rooms and enjoyed an inquiry based show on the effects of forces including gravity, air resistance, friction, displacement and magnetism. The adventure playground and climbing 88 stairs up a tower were definitely highlights. Please ask our children about it. I hope as a thank you to the **wonderful** teachers, teaching assistants and parent volunteers that the children will write some letters about the trip or



information texts on what they learned. Children are so naturally fascinated by science and it can inspire some great talking, questioning and writing.





They may be particularly inspired by the 'hilarious' (terrifying) moment during the

demonstrations when the teacher was asked to sit on a bed of nails!

Miss Tierney

## **Phonics Workshops for Years 1 & 2 Parents**



On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April Year 1 & 2 parents were invited in to watch and join in a Phonics lesson with their children. This was to provide an opportunity for parents to gain a greater understanding of how Phonics is taught. There was also an opportunity for parents to watch how sounds are practiced and applied in reading and writing, as well seeing how we improve children's reading and

comprehension.

### **Good Work**

Well done to Zainah in RSB who has produced some brilliant writing about the lifecycle of a butterfly. Please do open the attached document to have a look.

## **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair, which visited us last week. It was lovely to see the children being so enthusiastic about their reading and we sold over £500 worth of books. This is a great result as it means that the school will receive a discount on books in the future. The Book Fair will be visiting again at the end of Autumn Term 2016.

## **Library Opening Times**

The Library is open on Friday afternoons from 3.15 -3.45pm for families to come and choose books for the weekend together.



Parents please talk to your pupils about the following topics so that your children have a more in-depth and varied knowledge.

Next Week's Assembly Theme: Holocaust Day

Collective Worship: Isra & Mi'raj (Islam) / Holocaust Day (Jewish) / Ascension Day (Christian) /

**VE Day** 

British Value Focus: Tolerance

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend! Kind Regards, Miss Mehat and the team