

# WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018



## Key Dates coming up for Parents & Carers

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 residential trip to Ufton Court
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Tudor Workshops (for children not going to Ufton Court)
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 trip to St Marys Church / Nursery staff conducting home visits for new Nursery children
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Enquiry project final pitches
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Tudor Banquet
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term (children finish at normal times)

## Awards & Honours – Week Ending 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018



HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK					Total Year - 17/18	
House Name (Alphabetical)	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place		
Copper Beech				4 <sup>th</sup> Place	7332	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Horse Chestnut			3 <sup>rd</sup> Place		7590	1 <sup>st</sup>
Majestic Oak	1 <sup>st</sup> Place				7417	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sycamore		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place			7059	4 <sup>th</sup>

<p>Attendance Awards Our weekly attendance winners</p>	ATTENDANCE		
	Year Group	Name	%
	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Morocco	99.7
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Nepal	99.3
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	China	99
Let's improve!	Reception – Badger	87	

<p>Star of the week Rewarding the exceptional work</p>	STARS OF THE WEEK			
	Year Group	Name		
	Reception	Bilal Squirrel	Farah Hedgehog	Ibrahim Badger
	Year 1	Anayah Tonga	Sehajpreet Australia	Zacharay Fiji
	Year 2	Maliha Mexico	Sahill Jamaica	Kaleb Canada
	Year 3	Lillianne Chile	Casey Peru	Kaden Ecuador
	Year 4	Krishna Mozambique	George Tanzania	Gogul Morocco
	Year 5	Aditya Hungary	Manveer France	Israh Italy
Year 6	Naureen Thailand	Lubabah China	Ross Nepal	



Year Group	Class	Highest Points	Total Number of certificates per year group
Reception	Squirrel Hedgehog Badger	Erish (21,130pts) Adhruth (26,995 pts) Anas (41,653 pts)	Bronze - 125 Silver - 14 Gold – 1
Year 1	Fiji Australia Tonga	Harveen (58,805 pts) Abhijoy (114,961 pts) Rihija (142,376 pts)	Bronze - 352 Silver - 62 Gold – 10
Year 2	Jamaica Canada Mexico	Erin (182,406 pts) Vaneeza (118,431 pts) Aiesha (149,752 pts)	Bronze - 406 Silver - 77 Gold – 22
Year 3	Ecuador Peru Chile	Ahmed S. (83,328 pts) Sahiba (16,701 pts) Oliver (91,937 pts)	Bronze - 293 Silver - 59 Gold – 11
Year 4	Mozambique Morocco Tanzania	Abbi (44,963 pts) Mariam (175,669 pts) Maliha (118,922 pts)	Bronze - 243 Silver – 49 Gold – 13
Year 5	France Italy Hungary	Fassi (151,455 pts) Arani (42,833 pts) Rhys (53,290 pts)	Bronze - 302 Silver - 58 Gold – 15
Year 6	Thailand China Nepal	Maksymilian (23,631 pts) Ashriel (50,029 pts) Dhilan (46,397 pts)	Bronze - 120 Silver - 22 Gold - 4
<b><u>WINNING CLASS THIS WEEK: Jamaica!!!</u></b>			

## School News Items - General Reminders – Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Active Movement – Active Easter

Yet again the news has been full of terrible statistics about fitness and obesity:

- the least fit child 20 years ago would be the amongst the most fit in a class today
- childhood and teenage obesity levels have risen ten-fold in the last four decades
- the UK is officially the fat man of Europe, with average weights heavier here than the Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, Italy, France and Spain
- obesity could overtake smoking as the leading cause of cancer-related deaths, according to new research. Sedentary behaviour is seen as a major cause of our failing health. It is why Active Movement's unique approach to reducing it is a vital behaviour change.

And it is not just at school, but at home, too. Even at Easter, children can be encouraged to be as active as possible, particularly now that the weather finally seems to be getting better.

## Year 5 Events

Year 5 have been studying the Tudors this term and there are several events linked with this topic taking place this week.

**Ufton Court** – the children left this morning, full of excitement for their long-awaited residential trip to Ufton Court. There was a wonderful atmosphere as the children waited for the coaches. They are accompanied by Mr Fox, Miss Thistle, Mr Dhillon and Mr Ensby. I will be joining them tomorrow evening as part of the banquet. I have spoken to the class teachers and all pupils arrived safe and sound, they unpacked their bags and have already started their first day of Tudor activities. Please do keep an eye on the school's Twitter feed (click here <https://twitter.com/WexhamPS>) for live updates.

**Year 5 Tudor Workshops** – the children who were unable to attend Ufton Court took part in Tudor workshops at school followed by a treasure hunt, their own banquet and various exciting activities.



### Reception's Easter Bonnet Parade

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Reception's annual Easter Bonnet Parade took place at 2:45pm today, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. There were some amazing entries and the winners were Ayah & Ishaan in Hedgehog, Ibrahim & Amy in Badger and Erish & Iwo in Squirrel . The children have clearly worked really hard with their parents to prepare their bonnets and we were lucky to finally have some sunshine for the

In addition, Nursery will be having their Easter bonnet parades on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11am for morning Nursery and 2:45pm for afternoon Nursery.

## Year 3 Enquiry Project

This half term the children have been learning about forces and magnets. They have designed and created their own board games to fit the specification of their clients (Year 2). The children will be participating in a 'Dragon's Den' style pitch, where they will have to persuade representatives from the gaming industry, including Rubix and Smyths Toys, to buy their products. To accompany the games, the children have learnt about persuasive adverts in English and applied these skills during their enquiry lessons. The pitches will be taking place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March and these will be covered by the Slough Observer. The write up will be published in Friday's paper (30<sup>th</sup> March) and may possibly be placed on their website sooner than that.



## Year 1 Trip to St Marys Church

As part of their RE unit on Christianity, Year 1 will be visiting St Marys Church on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, in order to learn more about the Easter story. Year 1 will be walking to the church and we hope the bright, spring sunshine holds out for them.

## Music Concerts



**The Curve** - On 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018, the choir attended the Slough Showcase Concert which was held at The Curve in Slough. The children were so excited and spent a lot of time practising their songs with Mrs Sarabia who leads the choir. The children performed beautifully and you can watch a video from the concert on our Twitter feed. I am sure you will join me in congratulating our children for their wonderful performance.

**Afternoon of music and poems** – there was also a lovely musical/literary event for parents on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, in the large hall. There were poems read by the children – a Tudor poem by Sanam in Year 5, and some really heartfelt, beautiful poems from Alina and Zaima in Year 5 about their mothers. There were viola players and guitar players and our wonderful choir also performed. All of Year 4 performed a tune on the viola. The concert was so well attended – thank you so much for supporting our budding young stars.



### Year 4 Tennis Skills Session

Twenty children from Year 4 were lucky enough to be chosen to go to Wexham Secondary School, where they had an amazing opportunity to practise their tennis skills. The session was run by Year 8 students and our children really enjoyed themselves and learned a lot from their peers. Tennis is quite a skilled sport and many of our children wouldn't normally have access to tennis facilities so it was a wonderful opportunity for them.

### Top Table

Well done to these pupils, who sat at the top table for lunch on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Shadab, Kaden, Kavan, Maggie and Ross . They all enjoyed a healthy lunch and a chat with Mrs Chahal. The children were selected because they have shown exceptional behaviour throughout the week! Well done guys!



### Homework

**Reading** – Please see how many books your child can read from the recommended reading list for their class. This can be found on the Website. To access these you should click on the 'learning' tab at the top, then from the left hand menu select 'classes', then from the next left hand menu select either Early Years, Lower Primary (years 1-3) or Upper Primary (years 4-6) and then on the next left hand menu select your child's year group. You will then be able to download the recommended reading list for their year group. We have had this list up all year and some pupils have not read very much. Please keep going with the reading, as I cannot stress enough the impact it will have on your children's LIFE and education.

**Timetables and Number bonds** – All children should know their number bonds by the end of Year 1 – please ensure they are secure with these. Number bonds are numbers that add up to a whole number so  $20 + 80 = 100$  or  $28 + 2 = 30$  or  $23349 + 51 = 23300$ . Alongside this, this needs to be very secure with their times tables. Your child will be told which tables they need to work on, please help them learn these off by heart. This will enable them to do the more advanced calculations expected of them in class.

**Project Work** – The children will be given a short project to do over the break.

We will be saying goodbye to two members of staff this week. Mrs Manning has been studying to become a Head Teacher and has successfully secured a position as Head of a primary school in High Wycombe. We wish her the best of luck and hope to stay in touch and work together on many exciting projects.

Mrs Sarabia will also be leaving this term as she is relocating to Bristol. Again, I would like to thank her for all her contributions to Reception and her commitment to the Choir. The Choir performed at The Curve last week, which was a truly remarkable event.

Apologies, this message was meant to go out last week.

**I would like to wish you all a very pleasant Easter break and look forward to seeing you again soon as we embark on our summer term.**

**Kind Regards,**

**Miss N. Mehat**

### Recipe

Our Schools Council have met with our kitchen staff in order to approve the school menu for spring. Also please be aware that Active Swaps are still taking place. If your child has had a red letter, please make those swaps.



### Egg Mayonnaise and Lettuce Bap

Eggs are a great source of protein for growing kids. This works well in a lunchbox with some cherry tomatoes and a fruit snack pot.



#### Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- 1 level tbsp reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- Large pinch of black pepper
- 1 large wholemeal bap
- Small wedge of lettuce, to give 2 tbsp when shredded

#### Method:

1. Place the egg in a small saucepan covered with water, bring to the boil and cook for 10 minutes. Plunge in cold water and leave to cool.

*Cook the egg the night before to save time in the morning rush.*

2. Remove shell and mash the egg with the mayonnaise and pepper.
3. Use to fill the bap topping with the lettuce.

*Try cress or baby spinach instead of the lettuce. Pat it dry before adding to the bap, to avoid soggy bread.*

**Complete your lunchbox with:** 5 cherry tomatoes, fruit snack pot (tinned fruit in juice) and 200ml semi-skimmed milk.

## Twitter



Don't forget to follow on Twitter for daily updates, news and photos. We are keen to share our Twitter page with everyone, so please tell people about it. We do monitor it daily and if anything inappropriate appears, we will remove it. **@wexhamPS**

## Community Postings

**Please remember to look at the school noticeboards for information on local events.**

Please see attached flier for John Lawson Circus – they will be near Iver Flowerland from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Please also see attached a flier for The Battle of Britain Bunker exhibition opening in Hillingdon.