

Newsletter

February 2023



Oak Class

Despite lots of the children fighting illnesses, the children in Oak class have continued to work really hard this half term. Every day they practise and develop their reading, spelling, writing and maths skills along with learning across other areas of the curriculum. Highlights this half term have included the trip to Pipers Vale where all the children challenged themselves and grew in confidence during the morning - fantastic to see. They have also really enjoyed singing and playing glockenspiels to perform the song 'In the groove' and working with clay in art. Ugly Ducklings and clay tiles will be coming home soon!

Ash Class

This half term Ash Class had our first trip out to Piper's Vale Gymnastics Centre. We all had a great time and were very excited about going on the bus and trying all the equipment. We all impressed the adults with how brave we were and how well we behaved.

We have also had fun learning about the history of toys and about Chinese New Year. We particularly enjoyed making stir fry and doing a dragon dance.

At half term we say goodbye to Miss Moore, the student teacher who has been working with us. We have very much enjoyed her time with us and wish her every success at her next placement school. Have a lovely half term everyone. LF

Chestnut Class

We have had lots of wonderful highlights this half term in Chestnut, please do take a look at the photographs on our class page to see more! We absolutely loved our trip to Piper's Vale Gymnastics Centre last week - it's brilliant to see the children being so brave on the equipment and having such a great time! We have also enjoyed watercolour painting in Art, learning to play the Glockenspiels and writing our own raps in Music, investigating rocks and soil in Science and playing Hockey with Liam in PE. In Literacy, we have been reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl and will soon be writing some newspaper reports.

Dear Parents & Carers,

A quick half term, but a busy one as always.

Have a read of each class sections to see what everyone has been up to. There is lots to look forward to next term, with decorating potatoes for World Book Day, more swimming lessons, Easter plans, sporting competitions, Comic Relief and everything else in between! Have a wonderful half term holiday, and we'll see you back on the 20th.

Pipers Vale

All of our pupils enjoyed their trips to Pipers Vale Gymnastics centre in Ipswich this term. Some photos have been added to the class pages on the website. The staff at Pipers Vale all commented on how well behaved everyone was.

Sports and Teams

This half term the whole school visited Pipers Vale Gymnastics Centre to develop their skills and experience some amazing facilities. The children all enjoyed this greatly and developed in confidence throughout the session. We also had an enrichment dance experience based on Anti Bullying Day. The school sent a team to the Sportshall Athletics competition and performed very well. They finished in third position and showed great enthusiasm for the event. Next half term we will be entering the basketball and hockey competitions, more information will follow shortly.

Birch Class

Birch Class have had a busy half term. They have learnt about The Earth and beyond in Science and learnt about looking after the Earth in Geography. This was an interesting unit and the children found out about renewable energy sources, food miles and preserving resources. In RE we have learnt about Hinduism and money matters in PSHE. In Literacy, the children have written some amazing pieces based on the short film 'The Piano'. They were very emotional pieces and they should be very proud. Year 5 have been swimming each week whilst year 6 have begun their SATs preparation.

Mon Feb 20 th	Back to school
Thurs Mar 2 nd	World Book Day
Tues Mar 14 th	Debenham High School Liaison Morning
Fri Mar 17 th	Comic Relief / Enrichment P.E - Trigolf
Mon Mar 20 th	Parents Evenings this week
Fri Mar 31 st	Doughnut Sale after school (PSA)
Mon Apr 3 rd – Fri Apr 14 th	Easter Holidays
Mon Apr 17 th	P.D Day
Mon May 1 st	May Bank Holiday
Thurs May 4 th	Cricket Day
Mon May 8 th	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tues May 9 th	Enrichment P.E - Bollywood / SATS week
Wed 10 th May – Fri 12 th May	Thorpe Woodlands for Year 3 & 4
Mon May 29 th – Fri Jun 2 nd	Half Term
Weds Jun 7 th	Class photos
Fri Jun 30 th	Enrichment P.E - Paralympics
Fri July 21 st	End of Term

Swimming

A fantastic start to swimming so far this term! Everyone has been working really hard to improve their skills and technique and Ms Knights and Mrs Morton have been super impressed with their groups. Keep practicing during Half Term!

PSA

We have started our plans for 2023 and there is so much to look forward to! First up we have the Cakes and Bakes sale on February 10th after school, tied in with a Be Bright, Be Seen dress up day. We also have plans for an Easter Bonnet/Hat competition towards the end of March, and the date for the Summer Fayre has already been pencilled in for Saturday June 24th! As always, if you can help out with any of the events or planning then please let Felicity Knights know.



Reading at home

Please never underestimate the enormous difference you can make to your child's education and self-esteem by reading with them every day.

Working together as parents and teachers combined, we're helping our children to become confident readers who are ready to access and enjoy a wealth and variety of reading opportunities.

Every half term children who have read with an adult at home 4 times a week or more, receive a certificate. Last term this was the lowest it has been in Chestnut and Year 5 specifically. We would always love to see more certificates handed out, celebrating this achievement!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday February 20th

Gardening and Eco Council

As we're coming into Spring now, we are starting to look again at our garden areas and sensory garden. If you have any spare plants, bulbs, seeds or equipment these would be most gratefully received.

Attendance & Lates: 01/09/22 – 03/02/23

Ash	96.12%
Oak	95.18%
Chestnut	94.62%
Birch	93.18%
Ash	3 lates
Oak	14 lates
Chestnut	11 lates
Birch	4 lates

World Book Day

This year World Book Day is March 2nd, and as we have done previously we will be encouraging children to bring in a decorated potato as their favourite character, book or story. Examples of previous years can be found on the website. A winner from each year group will be chosen and receive a £5 book voucher funded by the PSA.