



# FEBRUARY

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## NEWSLETTER 17

## 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

Dear Parents

Last week was a busy one with Healthy Eating workshops, National Number Day and the 'Golden 100' challenge. Thank you for supporting the NCPCC with your donations for non-uniform on Friday. The children had a wonderful morning involving maths hunts, investigations and puzzles. This week we will revisit 'Keeping Safe' with the children, with a focus on E –Safety. Children will experience a high quality production called 'The B Word' on Tuesday afternoon as part of this. On Thursday the PTA have organised a Valentine's Disco. Tickets are on sale at £2 and permission slips/money should be posted in the PTA box in Reception.

Wishing you all a very happy and relaxing half term break.

Miss Corby

### School Council



#### Year 6

Thomas Blower     Anna Powell  
Euan McLachlan     Dimitra Kelpi

#### Year 5

Noah Allen     Megan Wood  
Charlie Meikle     Chloe Green

#### Year 4

Sebastian Chudy     Grace Burgess  
Keith Burdett     Letitia Antohi

#### Year 3

Martin Jack     Jasmine Spurling  
Corey Madziyire     Peyton Filmer

## Diary Dates

12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half-term
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Return to school
19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Artists from Art Solutions in school working with classes
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Purple Pinkie Day (details to follow)
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Week
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform Day for Easter Fayre
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Fayre
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school

### ART DAYS

We shall be having 2 art days when we return after half-term. Visiting artists will be coming into school to work with the children. If you are able to donate any of the following, please bring to the school office by half-term.



Ice-cream/margarine tubs with lids



Paint brushes (3-4cm wide)



Black, brown or cream chunky wool



3A Alfie K  
3E Amber  
4B Luke  
4N Jacob  
5N Lola  
5H Marcin  
6P Emily and Demi  
6B Lewis

The Pupil of the Week Award is voted for by the class teacher and Headteacher.



3A Lexie  
3E Oliver  
4B Alberto  
4N Holly  
5N Owen S  
5H Mahrin  
6P Delia  
6B Liam

The Ambassador of the Week Award is voted for by the children.

### Tea with the Head

There was no Tea with the Head this week as the children were taking part in Healthy Eating workshops.



We are looking forward to the PTA Valentine Disco on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb (3.15 – 4.15 pm). Thank you for using our new PTA post box in Reception and please continue to use this for future PTA correspondence.

We are pleased to welcome Emma Hall who will be joining the PTA as Co Chair to assist Lolly Stewart Thomas.

However, we are still looking to recruit a PTA Co Secretary to assist Dawn Howlett – if you are interested in this position or want to know more details about the role, please email at [icnipta@gmail.com](mailto:icnipta@gmail.com).

Thank you. PTA



Congratulations to

**5N**

with attendance last week of

95.37%

## Houses of Parliament Trip

*At Iceni Academy, the year 6 school council members woke up at 5:30 (yes 5:30) to go to the Houses of Parliament with a few other schools; but it was definitely worth it. Although it took two and a half hours – possibly more – to get to London, when we got there we were all eager to get into the Houses of Parliament. Before we could go in though, we had to go through security and metal detectors. Luckily, I didn't beep when going through the metal detector. What a relief! As soon as we got in, a kind woman took us into a room to show us a video all about the history of the Houses of Parliament. Did you know that the Houses of Parliament was bombed, burnt and bombed again up until now? One of my favourite parts of the day (apart from lunch) was watching a real debate: that the speaker is advised to speak for around six minutes depending on how many people are there to speak. Getting back on the coach was really hard: we didn't want to leave London behind. What a fun day!*

Anna Powell Year 6.



## E Safety

Thank you to parents that attended the E-Safety information meeting on Friday. Below is a list of suggestions that parents can do to help keep children safe online.

- Enable privacy settings on home network/device/apps.
- Turn off location based services.
- Take control of devices – to be used in a communal area where parents can monitor activity.
- Establish an environment where children feel they can discuss issues openly, without being chastised (Children may feel they were to blame or that they may get into trouble so don't tell anyone)
- Educate children to be aware of what they share. (Digital footprint, personal info.)
- Remind children that if something happens online, tell someone: Home/School/Child Line/CEOP

Please find a list of websites links below, as discussed in the meeting:

- <http://parentinfo.org/>
- <https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

### Swimming changes

Historically we have taken children in year 3 swimming during the summer term. However, since the children are taken swimming in year 2, we have decided to wait until they are in year 5 for their second round of lessons. The current year 4 and 5 have already had their swimming lessons in year 3, therefore the next round of swimming lessons will be in 2020 with year 5.



If your child would like the sausage & chip lunch on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, please return the slip to the office by 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Your child will need a packed lunch on the 19<sup>th</sup> if the slip is not returned before half-term.

Year 6 residential trip – June 2019. If your child is currently in year 5 and would like to take part in the residential trip, please return the reply slip that was attached to the information letter sent home recently. Places must be reserved by 8<sup>th</sup> February.

### NSPCC – Numbers Day

Thank you to everyone for your support. We raised £126 for the NSPCC.



### Farewell Mrs Hutchinson!

This Friday will be the last day for Mrs Hutchinson. Mrs Hutchinson joined us as a Teaching Assistant in September 2015. Her first year was in year 3, her second year was in year 4 and this year she has worked in year 5. Mrs Hutchinson has also been a Playground Mentor, our Anti Bullying representative and she has run the lunchtime work room every day. Mrs Hutchinson has been given an opportunity to support children with social and emotional needs at a local secondary school. We wish Mrs Hutchinson all the best in her new role.