

Platt Primary News



'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a thank you to the parents who attended our first Parent Forum this week. We may have been a small group but both myself and Mrs Brown appreciated your perspectives and ideas on the behaviour blueprint and communication. It was lovely to hear many positive comments from you on how the school is working. Thank you also to the parents who shared their thoughts via email. The minutes are attached and the next forum will be in the latter half of the spring term.

Secondly this week, we have taken time to engage with the national Anti-Bullying week. We now have our own school motto related to this:

'Bullying is not welcome at Platt School.'



We had workshops for Years 2-6 on Monday led by an external company and on Wednesday our School Council led anti-bullying workshops in the hall where children made badges or bracelets to remind them to be kind and that we are all different.

On Thursday, we held an assembly to share what each class had learned and many had created posters that we will put up in school using the acronym STOP to understand what bullying is:

Several
Times
On
Purpose

This acronym can be further used to take action:

Start
Telling
Other
People



Finally, please see the message in the next column about our open afternoon.

Take care and enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Smith

Remembrance Sunday

Well done and thank you to our Head Girl and Boy for laying the wreath from the school at the village Remembrance service last Sunday. A thank you also to Mrs Toombs for attending the service.



Voyagers' Class

This week, Voyagers have been showing that Bullying Is Not Welcome At Platt. We enjoyed our drama workshop on Monday, where we thought about why we should stand up not stand by. We got to act out scenarios that made us think about how we can help include everyone and what it feels like to be left out. In class we discussed the difference between banter and bullying, how we should T.H.I.N.K. before we speak – are our words True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind. We talked about what it means to be an ally (someone who stands up for a friend) and why making a noise about bullying can be even a small noise (like telling one other person). We designed excellent posters that help us to get across the key message - that Bullying Is Not Welcome At Platt.

Whole School Open Afternoon

You will have seen from the diary dates that next Friday is our whole school open afternoon. You are welcome to come into school at 2:45pm (we will open the side gates) and join your child in class to look at their books and chat about their learning. Please note that this is not the time to talk to the teacher about how your child is doing in class. At approximately 3:05pm we will ask you to move onto the playgrounds and we will dismiss the children to you as normal. Ideally, we need to keep to one adult per child otherwise classrooms will be too full.

Travelling Book Fair

Please support the school by coming along and purchasing books for your children or Christmas gifts. The school gains commission from the sales and can use that to purchase books for our classrooms and library.





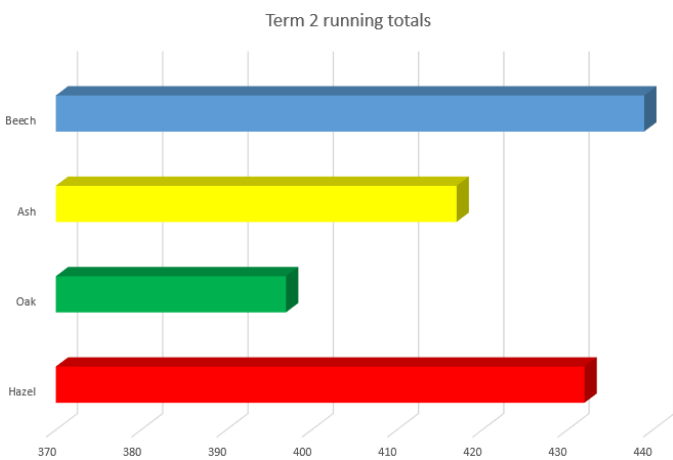
Achievement Award



Well done to this week's recipients for showing the value of compassion are:

Creators: Noah
Explorers: Jake
Astronauts: Frankie
Inventors: Lilly-Rose
Adventurers: Alice
Voyagers: John-Marc, Jess K
Ambassadors: Simon

House Points



Hazel took the win this week with 166 points! Well done!

Ash: 134

Beech: 145

Oak: 150

200 Club Winners

October 1st prize - Michelle Gollan

2nd prize - Tom Allewell

November 1st prize - Katie Henry

2nd prize - Barbara Harris

Thank you

A huge thank you to the owners of Greenacres Garden Centre for donating several trays of plants and bags of compost to improve the flower bed outside Mrs Smit's year 2 classroom. Further bulbs were purchased and we hope will be full of beautiful flowers for the children to enjoy in the spring.

Kind Regards, Adam Porter

A big thank you from us to Adam for giving up his time to plant the flowerbed—it looks amazing!

Diary Dates

Please note that all events and dates listed below are accurate at the time of printing this newsletter, but, could be subject to change in the future.

Autumn Terms 1 and 2

- Forest School for Year 5 every Friday during term 2
- 17th—22nd November Travelling Book Fair—book sale after school
- Monday 20th November New Entrants' Open Evening 5:30pm
- Friday 24th November Whole School Open Afternoon from 2:45pm
- 29th November – PTA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
- Monday 4th December—Bags to School
- Tuesday 5th December Nativity performance 10am
- Wednesday 6th December Nativity performance 2pm
- Thursday 7th December Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 8th December 9am Christmas Coffee Morning for potential New Entrants
- 18th December – 1st January School Holidays

Spring Terms 3 and 4

- Tuesday 2nd January INSET Day 4 – children not in school
- Year 4 Forest School (days to be confirmed)
- Friday 2nd February Number Day
- Monday 5th February – school photos
- Tuesday 6th February Safer Internet Day
- Tuesday 6th February Parents' Evening
- Thursday 8th February Parents' Evening
- 12th – 16th February – Half Term

Church Services this academic year:

- Friday 15th December—Christmas—Key Stage 2
- Thursday 18th January—Epiphany—Year 2
- Wednesday 21st February—Lent—Year 1
- Friday 22nd March—Easter—Year 4
- Friday 7th June—Communion—Year R
- Monday 22nd July Leavers' Service—Y6

If you can support the school and volunteer to walk both to and from the church on these dates, please let your child's class teacher know.

For more dates for this academic year, please see the diary dates list that has been emailed to you or the school website.

Mrs Smith and the school team

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