



24th March 2017

The Great Forncett Poetry-Recital Challenge

Congratulations to all who participated in our poetry recital held on Tuesday. I was particularly impressed by how many children had composed their own pieces and by how many children, who don't normally put themselves forward, used their growth mindset to rise to the challenge and go for it!

We had 30 entrants including individuals from all classes, staff, parents and a governor. The whole class poems were amazing! The eldest School Council members judged the individual entries. They awarded Isaac Shaard, Noam Dewhurst and Rosie Ames winning gift vouchers, although they found it a very difficult decision. The adults (who were not staff), judged the whole-class entries and it was decided that Diamond's energetic recital of 'Spring' was the winner.

Everyone who entered will be receiving a certificate of achievement.

FOFS Family Quiz

Thank you to everyone who supported the FOFS Family Quiz. It was a very enjoyable evening and the winners were Imogen Ryan and Louise Karayan's team. Special thanks to Ryan Shuttleworth for kindly organising and running the event for FOFS.

KS2 Horstead Residential Reminders

There will be swimming on Wednesday morning before the children go to Horstead.

There will be Sports Club on Friday 31st for any with the energy left to go along!

All Horstead children will need a packed lunch on Wednesday.

EASTER SERVICE

A few parents and carers have asked why the service is on Tuesday afternoon rather than on the last day of term which is our usual choice. This is because of the Horstead trip. The Y5/6's are leading the service and we thought they'd all be too tired to come back and go straight to the church to take a service on Friday afternoon. We tried to give you all plenty of notice through the newsletter diary dates, so we hope it's not caused anyone any difficulty. If you are able to come along, it'd be lovely to see you there.

Celebration Assembly and Star Achievers

It occurred to us and was helpfully confirmed by a parent who is also a governor, that many of you may not know that every Friday, the Y5/6 children run a special collective worship session called 'Celebration Assembly'. During this time, some children are picked out by staff and celebrated for their efforts and achievements. It could be that they behaved in a way that reflected our school value (currently respect), they have been making great progress through hard work and determination or perhaps they have represented the school in a sporting event. Chosen children sit on benches facing the rest of the school and we sing them a congratulatory song. Birthdays in that week are also recognised and celebrated. Every week one child is also chosen to receive the Forncett Perseverance Award cup which is a particular honour, since with 105 children in school, it's rare to receive it! Staff are also sometimes chosen by others. Staff keep records to ensure we remember who has been celebrated.

During the celebration, all the good choice tickets (cloakroom tickets with 'well done' messages written on the back) awarded to children that week, are presented to the assembly leaders in decorated boxes. The boxes are opened and a few tickets are randomly chosen and read out. The number of tickets are added up by the children to give a whole school total for that week. The tickets are stored in a glass jar and when the jar is full, the School Council consult with their classes to decide on a whole-school good choice reward. Past examples are a water themed day, an art day and a film afternoon.

The assembly also contains elements of collective worship such as singing, reflection time and prayers just as it would on any other day. At the end, the celebrated children are photographed by a Y6 monitor and who prints it and puts it onto the Star Achievers noticeboard. Photos are up for two weeks. The noticeboard is opposite the hall doors next to the staff toilet. Now you know where, do have a look!

I hope that helps you to understand the process better.

DIARY DATES

March

Tues 28th – Easter service 2pm in St. Peter's church

Weds 29th – Fri 31st - Horstead KS2 residential visit

Fri 31st – Break up for Easter holiday.

April

Tues 18th – Return to school after Easter break

May

Mon 1st – School closed for Mayday Bank Holiday

Mon 8th – Y6 SATS Week

Half-term week Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017

June

Monday 5th June – school opens for new half-term

Thurs 8th – Class photos

Sat 24th – Forncett Summer Fete

July

Fri 14th – FOFs & School Family Fun afternoon

Mon 17th – School disco party with James D & Fri 21st – Leavers' Service - Break up for summer hols