



Bird's Bush News

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Futsal Competition

We are really proud of our football team who have qualified for the final of the indoor football competition by winning all of their matches last Friday.

In the 4 games played we scored 17 goals and only conceded 2!

The boys represented the school admirably and played exceptionally well. Aidan, Harrison, Mason, Hayden J, Jack, Fraser and Hayden H.

The final will take place at Landau Forte Amington in February.



School Census

We have to complete a school census 3 times a year with detailed information about school characteristics and pupil/student details, e.g. pupil/student address, free school meals, exclusions etc. A new item this year is the collection of the pupil's Country of Birth and their Nationality. Please let us know by Tuesday 17th January if your child was born outside the UK and/or their nationality is anything other than British. Thank you.

Weekly Update

This week we have continued to focus on reading and have been delighted at the increase in home reading engagement so children can earn their Read It! Tickets. In our staff meeting, all teachers shared ideas from their Guided Reading sessions and Mrs Davies has trained up our first team of Y6 Reading Buddies who will be working with our younger children.

We have not received any information from the Regional Schools Commissioner about the plans for academisation yet.

Learning Champions

R1 -	Oliver	Class 5 -	Alexi
R2 -	Reece	Class 6 -	Dylan
Class 2-	Ethan	Class 7 -	Phoenix
Class 3 -	Jamie-Rose	Class 8 -	Hollie
Class 4-	Toby	Class 9 -	Isabella
		Class 10 -	Oliver

Characteristic of the Week : Organised

GOLDEN TABLE

At our Golden table today were:-

Ella-Mae W, Harvey L, Ocean P, Logan H, Logan T, Lilian D, Lewis B, Emma G, Liam C and Elsie-Louise S.

(photos on next week's newsletter)

Our catering staff will be serving a Cowboy themed lunch on Thursday 19th January.

Beef Burger

OR

Vege Burger

Served with Wedges and Baked Beans

OR

Jacket Potato

OR

Sandwiches

Happiness builds success.



READ IT!

We have an amazing selection of books to choose from for the lucky winners. Children earn a Read It! Ticket for every time they prove they have read at home.

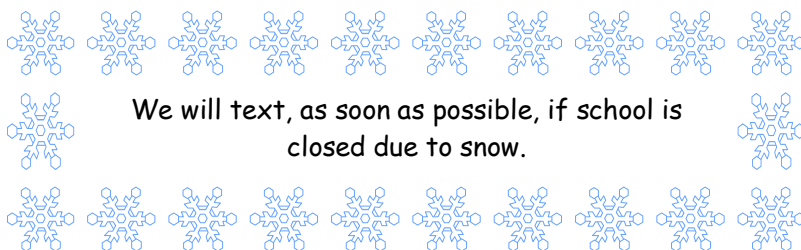
Our lucky winners this week are:

Reception - Jayden Danks
Infants - Spencer Smith
Lower Juniors - Mia Whitby-Pinheiro
Upper Juniors - Ruby Jones



VOLUNTEER READERS

We are always keen to welcome volunteer helpers to read with the children in school. If you have any available time to help read, please let the school office know.



We will text, as soon as possible, if school is closed due to snow.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

We are unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If you feel there are Exceptional Circumstances that require your child(ren) to miss school during term time you should ask at the school office for an Exceptional Circumstance/Unauthorised Leave form. Our Attendance Policy is available to view on the website.

Parents taking their children out of school without prior authorisation are committing an offence and could be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice or prosecution. As a school we would really like to avoid that situation, but the new regulations may leave us with no choice. This could lead to fines of up to £1000.00 paid to the Local Authority (not to the school).

As a school we have to adhere to the Department for Education amendments in the law, strictly and fairly to ensure equality for all families.

We would advise parents/carers to think very carefully about their arrangements and ask you to plan ahead. The Education Welfare Worker conducts an annual inspection of attendance and will look at all requests for exceptional leave and at all absences from school. They will issue penalty notices which will incur fines for poor attendance.

Coffee Mornings

Denese Hill (our Family Support Worker) holds a coffee morning every Friday 8.45 - 10.30 a.m.



Super Heroes Theme Night
Tuesday 17th January, 2017
3.15—6.00 p.m

£8.00 (10% sibling discount)

Super Hero themed games, arts and crafts.
What's your super hero alter ego?

Create your own mask, cape and super hero name.

Tea time—served at 4.30 p.m.

Super Noodles

Chocolate Towering Inferno Fountain

Booking is easy—just call Little Stars on
01827 475173 to book.

All children need to be registered with
Little Stars before they can attend.

Forms need to be collected from Little Stars.



Diary Dates

1st Feb 9.00 - 10.15 Y6 SATS parents workshop
20th February - 24th February Half Term
3rd March - Class 3 Assembly
24th March - Class 5 Assembly
31st March - Class 6 Assembly
5th & 6th April - Parent Consultation Evenings
10th April Easter Holidays
25th April - Summer term starts

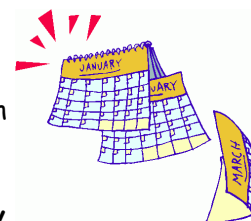
INSET DAYS

2016/2017

- 24th April 2017
- 24th & 25th July 2017

School will also be closed (Year R - 5) on 4th
May for voting.

**YEAR 6 SHOULD STILL ATTEND FOR
AN EXCITING SATS PREPARATION DAY**



Read It!