

## This Week

**Welcome Back:** Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

**Staff Changes:** We have many staff changes this term. Kerrie Doke has left, Claude Hopkins and Vicky Nicolaou are on maternity leave. Congratulations to Claude on the birth of Maverick and to Vicky on the birth of Everlyn. Jo Alderton, Jessica Bean, Megan Harding and Hannah Jones have joined our team of SSA's and Carol Guest returns from long term sick leave to her position as Midday Meals Supervisor in Firs. A list of current staff groups is attached to this newsletter. We also have a new teacher called Emma Risby-Ward who will be helping with PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) cover in classes.

**INSET Day:** There is an INSET day on Friday 9th February. (The Friday before Half Term.)

**Oaks Reunion Prom:** The Oaks Prom this year has a "tropical" theme and will be on the evening of Friday 2nd March from 7pm-9pm. Invitations will be sent out soon.

**Sign2Sing Afternoon:** Our Primary classes will be joining with students from Jolesfield & Holbrook Schools to sing and sign "Friends Forever" as part of this year's Sign2Sing event. There is a link to the video on our Facebook page if you would like to practise at home.

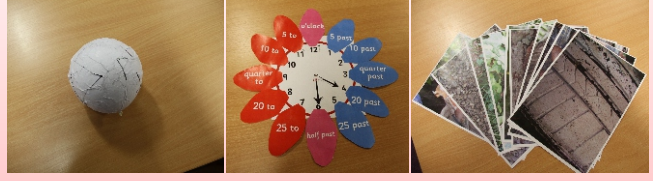
**Tricycle for Sale:** One of our parents has a specialised tricycle for sale. (See picture.) It is a Quest 88 Colt children's trike, suitable for approx. 7 - 12 year old (adjustable) with removable/changeable adaptions added by Chailey Heritage. Very good condition. £250 or near offer.

If you are interested you can arrange to view it in Firs class. Please contact Valerie White on 07877 046922.



### Student Council Awards

- Kacey, Beech - Paper maché 3D art
- Roy, Pines - Clock
- Limes - "Texture" photos



### Class News from Willows Class

Willows class started the spring term by learning the sound 'i'. We looked at different instruments, tried some Indian food and had fun making an igloo cake!





## Class News from Pines Class

On a cold winter's day we all ventured to Southwater Country Park and had a great time. We love being out and about in the community and having fun. We looked at types of directions in the park and followed a dinosaur trail.



## Coffee Mornings/Afternoons

Coffee mornings/afternoons replace Parents' Evenings and give you the opportunity to meet individually with your child's teacher. If you are unable to attend please contact your teacher directly to arrange a time to suit you.

Future Dates:

**Thursday 1st February 10.00am - Sixth Form (Oaks and Firs)**

**Friday 2nd February 10.00am - Seniors (Pines, Cedar & Limes)**

**Thursday 22nd March 10.30am - Primary (Willows, Palms, Chestnut, Beech & Elms)**

**Friday 25th May 10.00am - Seniors (Pines, Cedar & Limes)**

**Thursday 7th June 10.00am - Sixth Form (Oaks and Firs)**

**Thursday 21st June 10.30am - Primary (Willows, Palms, Chestnut, Beech & Elms)**

## Open Mornings/Afternoons

Our Open Mornings & Afternoons are a chance to come into school and join in with class activities alongside your child. Your class will let you know the details of the planned activity as each date approaches.

Future Dates:

**Tuesday 6th February 10.30am - Primary (Willows, Palms, Chestnut, Beech & Elms)**

**Tuesday 13th March 10.30am - Firs**

**Friday 23rd March 2.00pm - Seniors (Pines, Cedar & Limes)**

**Friday 6th July 2.00pm - Seniors (Pines, Cedar & Limes)**

**Monday 9th July 10.00am - Firs**

**Wednesday 25th April 2.00pm - Primary (Willows, Palms, Chestnut, Beech & Elms)**

## Support Groups

Behaviour Support Clinic: 18/01/18. To book yourself a clinic slot to see Dr. Elizabeth Scott Gilba please contact Alison Mitchison in the Office.

Parent Support Group: These are on Thursdays. Dates for this year are 25/01/18, 22/02/18, 29/03/18, 26/04/18, 24/05/18, 28/06/18, 19/07/18. The group meets for lunch at 12.30pm and the speaker usually starts at 1pm. If you are planning to attend please let us know in advance as we are unable to order lunches on the day.

If you have a topic you would like to be covered please let us know.