



**Headteacher Awards**

Alps Cody

Rockies Teddy

Atlas Oscar

Himalayas Megan

**Ambition Award**

Tristan, Freddie I & Evelyn

**Attendance this week:**

Alps 92%

Rockies 98%

Atlas 100%

Himalayas 99%

**National Target is 95%+**

Messages from Mr Poultney:

What a lovely final week we've had to this half term as our topics draw to a close.

The Friends had a successful evening on Wednesday with their pre-school and main Valentine's disco. It was well attended and it proved to be a successful event. Thanks goes to everyone that contributed to and supported the disco.

We then had a wonderful visit from the birds of prey. They included a Harris's hawk, peregrine falcon, a bald eagle and a barn owl. The children learnt more about these birds and their habitats and were truly in awe as they flew around the hall. I'm sure you heard all about it!

We've also seen some great activities in class this week including dressing up, work in Forest School and food tasting adding both depth and enjoyment to the children's learning experiences.

We all hope you have a relaxing half term break and are ready to return to school on Monday 24th February.

**Letters sent home this week:**

- Rags 2 Riches bag
- Class Three Avoncroft Museum Trip
- Broadway Arts Festival Permission letter
- Reading letter
- SRE letter for Year 5

**House Points**

Morris 993

Eadburgha 970

Lygon 981

Russell 976



### Himalayas

After planning a (hypothetical!) school trip to Italy, Class 4 have been taste testing and making their own pizzas. We have also been testing which materials would best protect astronauts from harmful UV rays.

### Alps

Alps have been very busy this week! We have worked with our partners to write out our own story of 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We also loved the visit from The Birdman and learnt some amazing facts about the different birds of prey. We even learnt about the extinct bird of prey whose talons were bigger than a human head. Look at the model of its talons! We drew the birds we saw and talked about our learning. We had a great end to the topic dressing up as People Who Help us too.



### Rockies

This week we celebrated the end of our Farming topic by going to forest school. We got the opportunity to design and make the farms. It was great fun!

## Year 2 SATS Parents Information Meeting

On Thursday 27th February we will be holding a meeting for all Year 2 parents regarding the SATS in May at 5.00 pm. It is really important that parents attend this to help their child prepare.

## Hearing Tests for Reception Children

On Wednesday 26th February Reception children will be having their hearing tests carried out by the NHS. Due to this, Book & Biscuit will NOT be on.

## Friends News

The next New Friends meeting is taking place on **Monday 24th February at 9.00 am** in school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Valentine's Disco held on Wednesday, this event raised **£214!** We are aiming to hold another disco on Wednesday 6th May to celebrate VE Day.

Don't forget we are holding a quiz night complete with a fish and chip supper from Russell's on Friday 27th March at The Lifford Hall. All tickets are £10 each - no more than teams of 8 people. Easter chocolate goodies are on offer as prizes!

## Birds of Prey Photographs

Photographs of all the children who had their pictures taken with a bird of prey this week will arrive the week commencing 24th February. We were very impressed with some of the children who, despite being nervous, held a very large bald eagle named Alaska!

## Avoncroft Museum Trip

Class 3 will be going on a trip to Avoncroft Museum on Monday 16th March to tie in with their topic of 'Homes'. Please note the deadline for payment is **Friday 28th February** to allow us enough time to cancel the trip without incurring a fee. Please note ALL children will need a named packed lunch from home on this day.

## Sandfield Farm Trip for Reception

On Friday 13th March Reception will be going to Sandfield Farm. The deadline for payment for this is Monday 2nd March. Please note ALL children will need a named packed lunch from home on this day.

## Rags 2 Riches

Having a clear out over the half term? Help to raise funds for your school by collecting reusable clothes. We will be sending out Rags 2 Riches bags for every household after the half term break. Please can you bring your filled bags into school on **Friday 6th March** ready to be collected on Tuesday 10th March in the morning. All bags gratefully received! All families should have received a collection bag yesterday, please ask at the office if this is not the case.

## Dance Club on Thursday 12th March

Please note there **will not** be a dance club on Thursday 12th March due to a prior booking. Ari will either issue a refund for this session or can take the £3 off the following term's fee.

## Going Green!!!

After the half term Class Catering are trialling going green by cutting the plastic from their packed bags. Sandwiches will be served fresh from the trays apart from when on school trips.

As a school we would appreciate your help in supporting us to become greener and avoiding the use of single use plastic, especially bottles as these have a devastating effect on our environment. We sell re-usable bottles in the office at only £1 each or children are welcome to bring in their own from home. All children in Classes 1 & 2 have water bottles which are kept in school.

## Inspire Workshops

Inspire workshops will be taking place on the following days:

Class One	Monday 2nd March
Class Two	Tuesday 3rd March
Class Three	Wednesday 4th March
Class Four	Thursday 5th March

All workshops start at 9.00 am and last approximately 30 - 45 minutes depending on the activity taking place. We hope you are able to join us.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the day. Please note the emphasis is on BOOK character, costumes such as Iron Man, Spiderman, Elsa are **not appropriate**. Dressing up is optional as we have some other activities that you can partake in instead. There is a letter with more information on this from Mrs Nightingale. All children will receive a £1 book token to support this initiative.

## **Next week:**

<b>Monday 24th February</b>	9.00 am New Friends meeting in the meeting room 3.15 pm Archery club
<b>Tuesday 25th February</b>	Broadway Arts Festival Art Day with St Marys First School. 3.15 pm Hockey club
<b>Wednesday 26th February</b>	9.00 am <b>NO</b> Book & Biscuit 9.30 am Hearing Tests by NHS for Reception 3.15 pm French club 3.15 pm Fizz Pop Science Club
<b>Thursday 27th February</b>	PM Forest School for <b>Year 4</b> 3.15 pm Dance 5.00 pm Years 2 SATS parents information evening
<b>Friday 28th February</b>	3.15 pm Team Games



**Sparky the Barn Owl**