



I don't know about you, but this term seems to have flown by! It only seems like yesterday that I was stood on the playground on an unusually warm late February day sharing half-term holiday stories, including skiing injuries! As I write, the temperature outside feels more like winter than spring, but we have definitely had our fair share of fine weather this term, allowing the pupils to be out and about, whether that's Apple Class at Forest School, Maple in their outdoor area or our sports teams at a range of events. School always seems like an even happier place to be when the sun shines and the promise of an exciting few months ahead has us looking forward to the Summer Term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 – 2019 (see School Website for further dates)

SPECIFIC SUMMER TERM DATES

Term 5: April to May 2019	
Monday 22nd April	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Wednesday 24 th April	Mike Mullen BMX Visit
Thursday 25th April	Sportshall Showdown
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 10 th May	Apple Class Sharing Worship (2.30pm)
Monday 13th May	KS2 SATS Week
Wednesday 15th May	Condover Residential Parents' Meeting Y2/3
Thursday 16 th May	Inter-House Football Tournament (3.00pm)
Friday 17 th May	Maple Class Sharing Worship (2.30pm)
Monday 20th May	KS1 SATs Week
Thursday 23rd May (pm)	May Day Celebrations
Term 6: June to July 2019	
Monday 3rd June	Arts Week
Monday 10th June	Art Week Open Afternoon for parents (3.15pm)
Friday 21 st June	Ash Class Sharing Worship (2.30pm)
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th June	South African Teacher Visit
Thursday 27th June	Sports Day
Friday 28th June	Team Superschools Visit *change of date
Saturday 29th June	Summer Fayre *change of date

Friday 5 th July	Beech Class Sharing Worship (2.30pm)
Tuesday 9 th July	Class Changeover Day
Wednesday 10 th July	Maple Class New Parents' Meeting (6.00pm)
Friday 12 th July	Maple Class Sharing Worship (2.30pm)
Friday 12 th July	Reports to Parents
Monday 15 th / Tuesday 16 th July	Upper School Production
Thursday 18 th July	Leavers' Service (2.15pm)
Friday 19 th July	Summer Party
Monday 22 nd July	Sports Personality of the Year Awards (9.00am)
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Worship (2.15pm)

APPLE FINALLY SEE THE FRUITS OF THEIR ATTENDANCE EFFORT!

Attendance for the past term has been an impressive 97.70%. This is an enormous 3% better than this time last year, so well done for dodging the winter bugs and soldiering on when not feeling 100%.

The top two classes for attendance in the second half of the Spring Term are as follows:

Apple Class – 98.15%

Ash Class – 98.03%

Congratulations to Miss Barrett and the determined children in Apple Class who have shown such a huge improvement on previous terms.

Term 4 House Attendance:

Buckle: 99.04%	20 points
Jersey: 97.55%	15 points
Penrose: 97.25%	10 points
Squire: 97.22%	5 points

Remember: House Points are available for any children who achieve 100% attendance for a whole term and this starts afresh for the Summer Term.



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Our ultimate certificate, which is awarded for: outstanding pieces of work; extraordinary effort over a period of time; other reasons where a pupil has performed significantly above expectations. These awards certainly don't come along too often and there have only been three lucky winners so far this academic year.

The third winner of 2018-19, who scores 10 points for their house, was: **Lilly Simmen** – Maple Class

“For a fantastic attitude to learning. Lily has great resilience and determination to get things right, even if it takes a lot of patience. She is also extremely kind and thoughtful.”

SQUIRE STORM BACK

Our house competition has again been keenly contested throughout the second half of the Spring Term, with 1457 points being gained through pupils being awarded a range of certificates, earning points from our class 'Going For Gold' charts, attendance, enthusiastic running and through excellent reading at home. The chasing pack have certainly closed in on Autumn Term runaway leaders **Buckle** and only 60 points separates 1st from 4th position. **Squire**, buoyed by new arrivals Frank, Emin, Shaun and Shaan have claimed the trophy for the second term running and **Chris and Mrs Salter** now lead the yearly competition by a single point from **Jessie and Miss Barrett**. With only 3 points separating **Penrose** (3rd) and **Jersey** (4th), there will be plenty of friendly competition as we head into the Summer Term.



The final Term 4 leaderboard was:

- 1st: **Squire (Chris Meek / Mrs Salter) 393 points**
- 2nd: **Jersey (Charlie Newbery / Ms Bailey) 370 points**
- 3rd: **Penrose (Angelina Cerato / Mrs Leonard) 354 points**
- 4th: **Buckle (Jessie Ward / Miss Barrett) 340 points**

Points for the Summer Term are reset to zero, so everything is to play for in the run up to the holidays. Remember that you can keep up to date on the House Points page on the school website.

The overall 2018-19 leaderboard is:

- 1st: **Squire (Chris Meek / Mrs Salter) 1551 points**
- 2nd: **Buckle (Jessie Ward / Miss Barrett) 1550 points**
- 3rd: **Penrose (Angelina Cerato / Mrs Leonard) 1494 points**
- 4th: **Jersey (Charlie Newbery / Ms Bailey) 1491 points**



AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS

Our gold certificates, which are awarded for outstanding effort, are given out at the end of each term. Two children were chosen per class and received their certificates on Thursday. Each gold certificate winner earns 5 points for their house. Our chosen few this term were:

- Maple Class: **Edith Haynes & Maddie Lee**
- Beech Class: **Harry Mew & Ted Thornton**
- Ash Class: **Joely Donaldson & Sophia Shirvell**
- Apple Class: **Benjamin Isaac & Evie Walford**
- Oak Class: **Thomas Grenfell & Jack Martin**



Handwriting Heroes

These pupils have been chosen for putting in plenty of effort to improve their handwriting this term.

- Maple Class: **Sam Couling**
- Beech Class: **Illy Petrovic**
- Ash Class: **Poppy Muddiman-Wickson**
- Apple Class: **Amy Miles**
- Oak Class: **Charlie Newbery**

Magnificent Musicians

Our musicians and choristers have been working hard at practices, lessons, rehearsals and performances this term and these children have been particularly impressive since Christmas.

Maple Class: **Charlie Rooks**

Beech Class: **Frank Ryan**

Ash Class: **Wyatt Barton**

Apple Class: **Amelie Barlow**

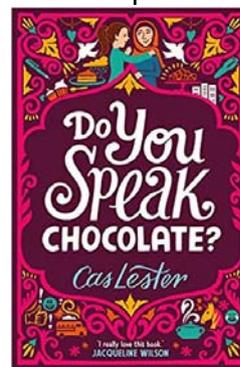
Oak Class: **Lewis Smith**



A BUCKETLOAD OF BOOKS

At the beginning of March, we ran our annual Book Week in school. As always, we saw so many children (and parents!) putting in a huge effort to create some fantastic book character costumes. This year, classes focused on particular authors and types of stories and everyone worked really hard to dress up according to their theme. Well done to all!

Another highlight of the week was a visit from author, Cas Lester, who is well-known for her series of Nixie the Bad, Bad Fairy books, her Harvey Drew stories and her recent popular read: 'Do You Speak Chocolate?' Cas spent the day with us at school and all classes had the chance to work with her, creating and sharing character and story ideas. She was really impressed with what the children came up with and said that she had thoroughly enjoyed spending the day with us. The children seemed really inspired by the visit; perhaps we have a few budding future authors amongst us! The author visits didn't stop there as James Watson, dad of Will and Clemmie, joined us for an assembly the following day to talk about his first ever book, *The Cuckoo Will Call*, a tale about the battle to save the beautiful environment of Otmoor.



To round off our book celebrations, we will be hosting a 'Travelling Books' fair next term, which will hopefully provide a good opportunity for you to buy some new books, whilst earning rewards for the school. We will use any proceeds to purchase new books for our school collections. The book fair will be in school from **Wednesday 15th May** until **Tuesday 21st May**. We look forward to seeing

you there!

Mrs Salter – English Co-ordinator



FRESH AIR AND FREEDOM AT FOREST SCHOOL

This term, children in Apple Class have enjoyed some beautiful spring sunshine but also had to brave the elements at times, including the heavy winds and a spot of rain to take part in Forest School sessions run by me and Mrs Meaney. We would like to thank all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to accompany us during these sessions, it would not be possible to offer this without their support.

The children have had a fantastic time exploring the woodland environment, looking for mini-beasts and experiencing all the wonders that nature has to offer. The children have learnt new skills during these sessions, such as tying knots and using a range of tools including bow saws and hand drills. They put these new skills into practice when making hanging wind chimes, tree cookie necklaces and making rope swings. In addition, the children showed problem solving and teamwork skills when constructing a range of dens made out of natural materials.

One of the highlights of the whole experience was having a camp fire and toasting marshmallows in the final session. We are looking forward to next term when Maple Class have their first opportunity to experience Forest School. **Mr Craven**

APPLE CLASS FOREST SCHOOL PHOTOS – MARCH 2019



GENEROSITY IN ACTION FOR COMIC RELIEF

Chesterton pupils raised a fantastic £613 on Red Nose Day, nearly £250 more than we managed two years' ago! We had an enjoyable day dressed in our rainbow colours.

Each class held a joke-telling competition earlier in the week, before the champion comedians went head-to-head in a special assembly. Watched by our judges – Mrs Rotherham, Miss Norman and Mr Horner - our eleven brave contenders cracked their best jokes to make the audience chuckle. There were some especially cheesy gags, even better than Mr Horner's, and the standard was high. In the end, Robyn

Brandram from Maple Class triumphed with her Postman Pat joke.

Parents also kindly donated loose change at the start and end of the day, with a little encouragement from the School Council bucket shakers.

Thank you to all our jokers, donors and rainbow-wearers who supported such a worthwhile cause.

CHESTERTON CHOIR IN CHORUS FOR CHARITY

The choir have continued to work hard during the Spring Term and in March, we were privileged to be part of a three school performance at 'Children Singing for Children', an annual schools' concert, run by The Oxford Spires Rotary Club and held at St Edburg's Church. Chesterton has been involved in this musical event before and we were keen to represent the school again this year.

The choir worked hard to prepare two new songs for the evening, as well as four songs which they sang together with other schools who attended on the night. Our first chosen song was called 'Let There Be Peace on Earth', and our second song was called 'One World, One People'. Both of these matched well with the 'One World' theme of the concert and the choir did themselves and the school proud with their beautiful singing.

Being part of the choir and preparing for a concert requires real commitment to attending rehearsals. This is not always easy, so a huge 'Well Done' to all the children involved for showing great dedication; it certainly paid off with a brilliant performance. **Mrs Salter & Mrs Meaney**



PRAYER SPACE



At the end of March, our studio transformed into a 'prayer space' with the help of a fantastic team of volunteers.

This year, the children explored the meaning behind the Easter Story in four interactive zones.

The children enjoyed the experience and were really reflective. Whether they chose to pray or not, the children thoroughly enjoyed the space and all showed a high level of respect. The helpers who came in were brilliant and the feedback from the pupils was extremely positive.

Quotes:

"It made me feel calm, relaxed and peaceful."

"I liked the garden and bubble tube, as they both made me focus just on the thing that was in my mind."

"I liked that it made me feel calm and open to my thoughts because of how peaceful it was."

SUPER SPORT

See below for the most recent inter-school sporting competitions that the children have been involved in. The highlight in March was the effort of our two Year 3/4 girls' football teams, who took part in the Girls On The Ball tournament at Oxford High School. Miss Robb's B team, containing a number of Year 2s and many players making their competitive debut, performed admirably against some tough opposition (including our own A team!). All players received 'Self-Belief' School Games certificates and special mentions to the two goalkeepers (**Grace Abbey** and **Esme Eilertsen**) and **Olivia Morgan-Griffin**, who scored her first ever goal for Chesterton. The A team also had a fabulous afternoon, scoring 20 goals (**Amelia Hawes** – 10, **Honour Woodrow** – 7, **Charlotte Hornby** – 1, **Hallie Malin** – 1, **Caitlin Rogers** - 1) and only conceding two goals. We are looking forward to taking on some of Oxfordshire's best Under-9 club teams at the Summertown Stars tournament in June.



Date	Event	Year/s	No. of teams/ competitors	No. of Chesterton teams/ competitors	Results	Certificate Winners
6 th Mar 2019	Bicester Quicksticks Hockey	Year 5/6	15 teams	3 teams	A Team – 2 wins, 4 defeats B Team – 1 win, 3 draws, 3 defeats C Team – 1 win, 3 draws, 3 defeats	Carissa Murfitt Jack Martin Luke Bowkett (Self-Belief)
20 th Mar 2019	Girls On The Ball Tournament	Year 3/4	10 teams	2 teams	A Team – 7 wins, 1 draw, 1 defeat 20 goals for, 2 against	Charlotte Hornby (Player of the Tournament)
20 th Mar 2019	Bruern Abbey Football Tournament	Year 5/6	12 teams	2 teams	Under 10s – 2 wins	Thomas Grenfell Josh Cresswell (Players of the Tournament)

Football Fixtures Both our Bicester Schools' Football League campaigns are

now in full swing and there have been some extremely close games. The A Team have qualified for the knockout round of their league after one win, two draws and a narrow 1-0 defeat to Fritwell. A special mention to the players who have filled in at the last minute for injured/absent teammates, particularly **Jack Martin** and **Tyler Nix** who have certainly added some steel to our defence when they have appeared.

The girls A team are still searching for their first point of the season, but have put up some excellent performances against older, bigger and stronger opposition. Our squad this year only contains three Year 6s and our four Year 4s (**Amelia Hawes**, **Charlotte Hornby**, **Honour Woodrow** and **Anabelle Meek**) have done amazingly well despite playing two years above their age group. Our finest result was a 4-2 defeat against a very strong Langford Village team. Although we went 2-0 inside the first 5 minutes, the girls battled hard and scored two excellent goals through Amelia and Honour. Considering Langford had been representing the whole of Oxfordshire at the South of England football finals in Southampton the day before, it was a result that should give us lots of confidence.

Although traditionally a winter sport, there is more football to come after Easter with the A Team's campaign continuing, our trip to Wembley to watch the Women's FA Cup final and the inter-house football at the end of May.

Date	Competition	Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Chesterton Scorers	Player/s Of The Match
1 st March	League	St. Edburg's	1	Chesterton	4	Reeve 2, Gauld, Kirby	Toby Richings
5 th March	Friendly	Bruern A	2	Chesterton A	2	Grenfell, Kernan	Kyle Kernan
5 th March	Friendly	Bruern B	2	Chesterton B	4	Williams 2, Bowkett, Martin	Toby Goddard
5 th March	Friendly	Bruern C	1	Chesterton C	2	Sinclair-Pearson 2	Logan Malin
7 th March	Friendly	King's Meadow Year 4/5	2	Chesterton Year 4/5	1	Kirby	Toby Goddard
7 th March	Girls' League	King's Meadow Girls	4	Chesterton Lionesses	0	-	Amy Miles
14 th March	League	Chesterton	1	Marsh Gibbon	1	Grenfell	Kyle Kernan
21 st March	Girls' League	Chesterton Lionesses	2	Langford Girls	4	Hawes, Woodrow	Jessie Ward
25 th March	Girls' League	Chesterton Lionesses	1	St. Mary's Girls	3	Hornby	Charlotte Hornby
1 st April	League	Chesterton	2	Launton	2	Kirby, Kernan	Ollie Kirby

Football Top Scorers 2018-19

Player	Games	Goals
Ollie Kirby	11	15
Amelia Hawes	12	15
Honour Woodrow	12	15
Thomas Grenfell	9	8
Lilly Bramham	8	5
Finn Gauld	5	4
Oscar Williams	9	4

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Another six weeks of fabulous fundraising for our school has flown by and we would like to thank everyone that has made a difference by helping, attending events, being enthusiastic or coming up with new ideas. You don't need to be on the committee to be involved!

With the help of the Eco Council, we have secured a £2000 reward from the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. Thank you to everyone who popped a few blue tokens in the pot and to Mr Craven for taking some of the Eco Council to Tesco for a last publicity push for our cause. The work creating a hard standing area for the new shed will commence this month.

We were also able to run a Book Week themed film night, with help of the teachers.

Children had fun in their classrooms watching a movie whilst tuck and homemade pom-pom bookmarks were available to purchase. Food and refreshments were delivered to the classrooms by a band of brave volunteers who dashed from classroom to classroom, hotdogs in hand!

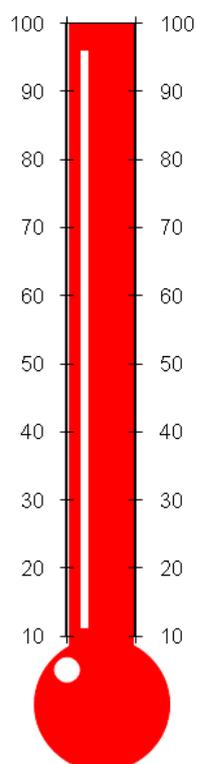
An excellent Quiz Night was hosted by our very own Mr Horner. The bar was kept busy and the competition was fierce. Attended by teams of teachers, parents and villagers, the grey matter was truly tested!

To end this term, we have had an Easter cake stall with lots of creative comestibles. The children were invited to 'dress-down' for the day in exchange for a donation and received an Easter treat kindly donated by Tesco Bicester.

Keep an eye on the School website, notice board, blackboard and email for next terms' fundraising frolics. Best wishes, The School Association.



Totaliser 2018/2019	
Event	£
Disco Sept 18	£226.78
Bags 2 School	£124.00
Jumble Sale	£241.90
Christmas Cards	£236.50
Christmas Fayre	£1,331.34
Andy Reading Run	£213.85
Festive Film Night	£436.92
Disco Jan 2019	£213.71
Book Film Night	£418.59
Quiz Night	£478.31
Tesco Blue Coin	£2,000.00
Achieved	£5,921.90
Goal	5,000.00
	118%





EXCITING EXPERIMENTS

During the week of the 11th of March, the school was awash with budding scientists, keen to predict, carry out investigations and develop conclusions. From identifying what different balloons were filled with in Maple Class, to exploring which ball makes the biggest crater in Lower School, to investigating which balloons spread confetti the furthest when popped in Upper School, the children were certainly very busy! At the end of the week, they created posters to show what they had learnt. I have been busy judging these ready to see which team will go through to the next round of The Big Science Event. For this lucky team, a judge from the competition will come to school to watch them

present and explain their poster. If they get through to the final round, they will be able to visit the brand new Science Oxford centre in Stansfeld Park and will have the chance to win lots of science goodies! We will keep you informed! **Miss Crockett – Science Co-Ordinator**

AMAZING ACTIVITIES, LIVELY LESSONS AND VARIOUS VISITS!

Here are some fantastic photos from across the school.

MAPLE CLASS



Healthy Smoothie Making



Creating an Easter garden



Throwing and catching in P.E.

BEECH CLASS



Measuring using trundle wheels



Investigating craters in Science



Dressed as Roald Dahl characters for World Book Day

ASH CLASS



Measuring craters during Science Week



Practising measuring skills on the playground



Re-telling the story of The Enormous Crocodile during Book Week

APPLE CLASS



Visiting our Easter-themed Prayer Space



Re-cycled percussion in the 'Junk Jazz' topic



Balloon-related experiments during Science Week

OAK CLASS



D&T Set Design



Explosive Experiments During Science Week



Getting active to learn about measurement in Maths

Enjoy your Easter holidays!

Best wishes,

Mr. I. Horner (Headteacher)

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