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Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reward Assembly: Wednesday 6th May at 8.55am

Our next reward assembly is on Wednesday 6th May, during which the following children will be receiving their reward certificates (except, Reception children who will receive their certificates in class):

Class	Citizen	Learner
Frog	Rakhshi Ahmad	Safa Alam
Newt	Harrison Tomes	Vinnie Koc
1Hedgehog	Zidane Ur Rehman	Blake Dobson
	Toby Bodnar	Rory Stagg
1Mouse	Pearl Keegan	Zayd Kayani
	Thea Ovenden	Zander Matta
2Squirrel	Edith Woodrow	Zachary Bryant
	Monae Bartley	Callum Archer
2Otter	Sawyer Lockett	Solomia Muts
	Rosalie Turner	Noah Byrne
3Badger	Arlo Bertrand	Amiya Kennedy
	Eden Phillips	Jannat Kazi
3Mole	River-Rose Sheppard	Jason Barry
	Inaaya Mahreen	Amelia Simmonds
4Fox	Hashir Kayani	Jacob Smith
	Bella Armstrong	Ivy Smith
4Hare	Seren Woodward	Fred Bosher
	Luke Alderson	Teddie Wilson-Hayes
5Rabbit	-	
5Deer	-	
6Dolphin	Jamie Lau	Max Mason
	Michael Leverington	Leila Sheldon
6Seal	Lottie Kinsella	Molly Harbor
	Archie Wearing	Henry Old

Congratulations to all the children. Parents, carers, relatives and friends of children in Years 1 – 6 are welcome to attend the assembly on Wednesday at 8.55am.

Reception children will receive their certificates separately, in class.



Date for the diary: Celebration Event for Mr Micklewhite

As mentioned in previous correspondence, we plan to have a special day to celebrate the life of Mr Micklewhite. While we do not have the details yet, I wanted to share the date so that you can plan ahead and add it to your calendar. On **Friday 17th July**, we are planning:

- **During the day:** A Theme Day in school for all the children to take part in
- **After school:** An event involving the children with also parents, carers and families invited

More details will follow as we finalise our plans but I wanted to share the date with you as early as possible.

Parent/Carer messages for the office

Thank you to everyone who is now using the 'Absence notification' feature on My Child at School (MCAS) to advise us of a child being off school. This is our much preferred method. Please note that you can also use this feature to advise us of absence/upcoming absence due to medical/dental appointments, secondary school visits etc. Just ensure that you include what we need to know and a date in your comments.

If you are contacting us after 3.00pm to tell us about an instruction for school pick up arrangements, please always phone, to ensure that the message can be delivered to the class in time. Emails late in the school day cannot be guaranteed to be seen in time. Thank you.

Morning Clubs

The parents/carers of children who attend a club before school are reminded that you should **always** escort your child to the school building and ensure that the coach has arrived to run the club before leaving them. Please do not leave them at the school gate, to make their own way in. If the coach is delayed or cannot attend, your child is technically unsupervised, as we cannot guarantee there will be a member of staff on hand to look after them.

Absences from after school activities

If your child will not be attending a club activity or tutoring after school, please advise the **school office** as it is the **office** who check the registers when they come back from the coaches/teachers and messages given elsewhere do not always filter back. We will not accept advice of absence delivered by a child, and we would like to avoid time phoning parents to check where absent children are, which might delay identifying a child who is genuinely missing. Thank you for your help.

Sunscreen

As the summer months approach please can we remind parents/carers that we recommend you apply sunscreen to the children before they come to school, and that hats (clearly named inside) should be brought, to provide additional protection from the sun when the children are playing outside. The children should also be provided with shorts for PE.

If it is necessary to reapply sunscreen during the day, the children need to be able to do this themselves, and in this case please provide a small bottle or tube to be kept in their school bag. Sunscreen should not be shared with other children.

Please be aware that under normal circumstances sunglasses are not allowed in school for health and safety reasons and to reduce day-to-day issues. Research shows that hats with a brim are a good alternative to sunglasses and reduce the UV radiation to the eyes by 50%. If your child has a medical condition that means they need to wear sunglasses, please write in with details.

Reminder: No Parking in St. Catherine's Church Car Park

Please may I remind parents/carers that they should not be parking in the church car park for school drop offs and pick-ups (or any other time) unless attending a church/church hall event. We have been made aware that parents/carers are parking in the car park meaning that when the hall is booked, they have paying customers unable to park. There are also residents at the Vicarage that either can't park or get blocked in on a regular basis. Thank you for your co-operation.

Date for your diary: School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming into school on the morning of **Monday 15th June** to take class photographs of the children in Reception to Year 6. Year 6 children will also be having a year group photograph and an individual photograph taken.

School Calendar

Please use the following link to the school website events calendar, to check dates etc.

<https://www.birchcopse.co.uk/events-calendar>

Please note that this school calendar is a live working document, and events are added, removed or changed from time to time. If in any doubt please contact the school office to check, thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Massey