



21st September 2018

## Children First – Aspire – Challenge – Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school has been a hive of activity this week! I would like to start by saying a big well done to all of the children in Year 6 who have undertaken the Medway Test this week - your attitude and behaviour was excellent, and certainly a credit to the school. Thank you to all the children in the school who were very mindful and were extra quiet during these sessions - it was great to see so many supportive members of the school community.

This week we have seen Jeans for Genes day. This is a really important fundraiser and the staff and children all looked fabulous in their jeans, it felt a little like 'dress-down Friday'. Thank you all for your generous donations.

I must say I have been very impressed with how smart everyone is continuing to look, the children take great care in their appearance and it really helps them prepare to be ready to learn at the start of the day, there is much tucking-in of shirts after lunchtime's games on the 3G pitch!

We have so much planned for the rest of the term so make sure you keep an eye on the reminders below so you can share your children's excitement. I'm sure they will have plenty to say both before and after they enjoy these experiences.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Murphy, Headteacher

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- **Year 2** - Creepy Claws Workshop in school on Tues 16th Oct. Payment of £2.50 to be made by 01/10
- **Year 3 Trip** - Caveman Experience at Weald Country Park on Tues 2nd October. PAYMENT OF £18 IS NOW OVERDUE.
- **Year 5** - Astrodome Workshop in school on Thursday 4th Oct. Payment of £3.50 to be made by Friday 21st September
- **Year 6** - Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 10th October. Payment of £9.00 is to be made by Wednesday 3rd October. **All payments need to be paid via ParentPay.**
- The PTFA will be holding their next Pre-loved uniform sale on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September after school.
- Payments for After School Clubs are now overdue, if you haven't already paid please make sure you do so via ParentPay.
- Please could we ask that should your child have taken home the wrong jumper by mistake then it is returned to school. We have several children who have had labelled jumpers go missing.

## Nursery



In nursery we have been learning how to use our environment and discovering lots about the world around us.



## Reception

In Reception we have been learning through using our senses. We have been creating patterns, observing and smelling different herbs and creating observational masterpieces in paint.



## Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time when Jeremy from the Guildhall came to visit us; he showed us a Zoeytrope, a handmade toy you have to squeeze. We all found that toy funny! And finally the Pumpette, a toy you have to push and pull the handles to move.



## Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been writing our own stories based on 'A Bug's Life'. We've changed the ending, the characters and the problems that our mini beasts get up to. We've also been working hard on our handwriting when we first come to school in the morning so that our handwriting is great across all our subjects. In Maths we have begun to look at practical and informal methods for addition and subtraction. We've been using dienes practically to add groups, drawing them and have begun to use a hundred square and number line for both operations.

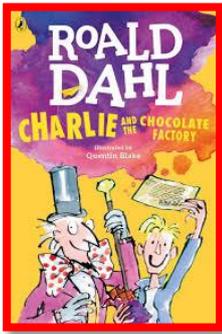


## Year 3

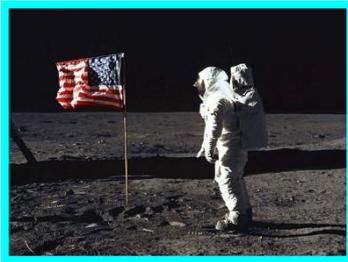
In Maths this week, Year 3 have been introduced to the column method for addition. We started off by making a giant column on the carpet and used dienes to represent the number we were adding. This helped us see how the column worked.



## Year 4



Year 4 pupils enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl Day by spending the day taking part in lots of exciting activities based on the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Pupils demonstrated creative thinking by designing their own Wonka chocolate bars. Many pupils enjoyed creating some very persuasive descriptions about their chocolate bars. In English, pupils have been looking at features of newspapers and they will create their own interesting articles about the Roman invasion of Britain. In science, pupils have performed the creation and movement of sound waves. They have really enjoyed making their learning come alive. In maths pupils have been developing their rounding up and down skills.



## Year 5

Year 5 have been learning all about the space landing and this week we wrote a newspaper article about Neil Armstrong and his crew. We have also been working very hard on our addition and subtraction - taking particular care of our presentation. It was good to focus on our school and class rules so that we could all create our own targets and whole class targets.

## Year 6

Well done to all the Year 6 pupils who took part in the Medway Test. They really persevered and showed that they have a growth mind-set when it comes to challenging themselves. We were really impressed by their mature attitude! The children who did not do the test were also working hard in class and focusing on their learning. Well done for being really grown up and adapting to all the changes this week! We won't be giving homework this week but please ensure that your child is reading every day at home and that an adult is signing their log book. Have a well-deserved rest this weekend Year 6 and we will be back to SATs prep as usual on Monday.



### New Horizons Children's Book Club

Book Club gives children in years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 valuable experience of handling money, selecting their own books and encourages an interest in reading and a love of books. Children are able to bring in a small amount of money, weekly, to save and pay for a book of their choice. We have a large selection of different genres available at discounted prices. New Books have arrived!

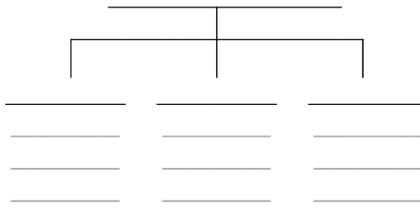
All children will have a savings card issued to them. It will be held in school and will be updated when they come to Book Club. When your child has saved enough money to pay for their book, they will be given it to take home. Children can bring in enough money to buy a book outright, or bring in smaller amounts of money each week until they have saved up for a book. If they change their mind about the book they are saving for they may swap it for a different one. Once they have taken their book home they cannot swap it for another book.

Please give children a sealed envelope with their name, class and amount of money in the envelope written on it. They should bring their envelope to Book Club where they can choose a book to save for or buy it outright.

Book Club is run every Tuesday morning by Mrs Hellier.

### Thinking task of the week

Use a tree map to categorise different types of plants or animals.



### Next week's Think is...

If I take your toys in my bag by accident is that stealing?



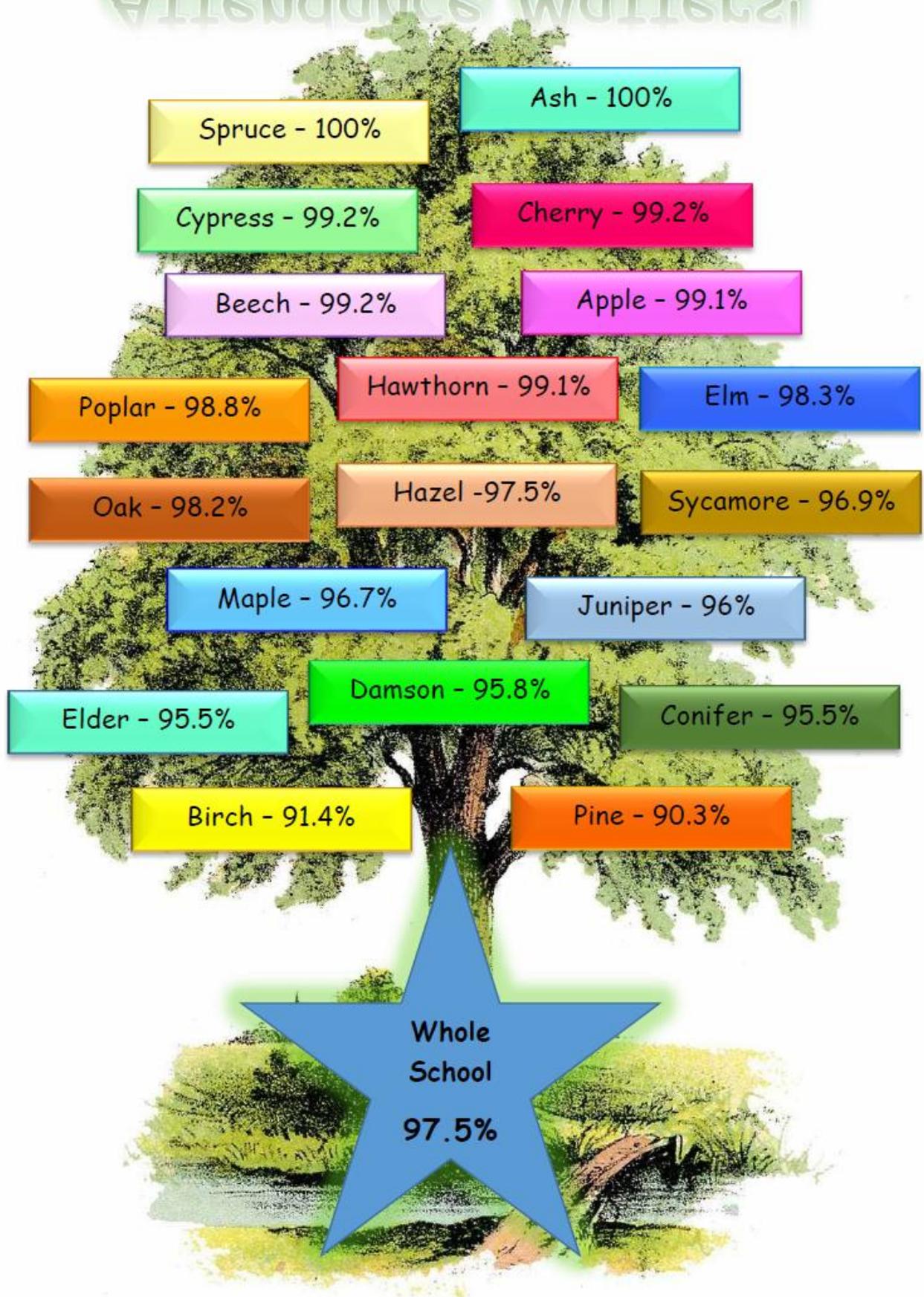
**YOU** can make a difference by helping feed homeless people. Caring Hands needs tins and packets of the following foods – if you have a tin or two to spare at home, please bring them to our school **HARVEST COLLECTION** by **08.10.2018**

#### Tinned Items

#### Dry Items

Baked Beans	Pasta
Soups – any flavours	Ketchup, ground salt and black pepper
Tuna	Rice
Vegetables – any variety	Smash
Tomatoes	Tea and Coffee
Spaghetti/Ravioli	Sugar
Hot Dogs	Powdered Milk
Potatoes	Noodles
Fruit – any variety	Savoury Rice
Rice Pudding	Various cooking sauces (jar or packet)
Custard – tinned and powdered	Pasta Sachets (e.g. mug shots)

# Attendance Matters!



## Buster's Book Club

This week the winning class is **Cherry** again!

Well done to the following children who all read in excess of 90 minutes on Wednesday evening.

Joshua P - Birch, Taylor B - Damson, Jason A - Hawthorn, Ellie - Cherry, Adara - Conifer. These children will all receive a Football ticket when the PTFA have received them.

Please remember to read every Wednesday and have an adult sign your bookmark.

TEAM POINTS	
This week the 'Holcombe Cup' has been awarded to River.	
Attendance Ace	Ash and Spruce with 100%. Well Done!
Punctuality Penny	Apple, Beech, Cherry, Damson, Elder, Oak, Pine and Sycamore with 0 lates!
Golden Tie	Congratulations to: Beech - Evie Hazel - Auburn Maple - Poppy Birch - Joyce Pine - Thomas Spruce - Zachary Apple - Erin Cherry - Freya Damson - Sofia Conifer - Jack F Hawthorn - Emily Poplar - Zachary Juniper - Bill Sycamore - Angelina Cypress - Temi Elder - Mason
Achievement Alley	Beech - Orla Hazel - Jessica Maple - Darcey-Anne Birch - Jack Pine - Moses Spruce - Victor Apple - Kisali Cherry - Harry Damson - Alfie Conifer - Jiya Hawthorn - Isobel Poplar - Tayo Juniper - Alexis Sycamore - Shaeyla Cypress - Peter Elder - Tatiyanh

### Dates for your Diary - Term 1

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 3 - Trip to Weald

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 - Astrodome Workshop in School

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 - Bikeability

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Bikeability

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 - Primary Proms - Royal Albert Hall

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Individual School Photos

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Year 2 - Creepy Claws Workshop in School

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Whole School - 4:00-7:30

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 - 4:00-6:00

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 4:00-6:00

(You will receive information regarding times nearer to the date)