



William Ransom Weekly

Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to the new half term! This first week back has been a busy one for the children with lots of activities and events taking place, in addition to all of the exciting learning that has been happening in each class.

Bikeability featured strongly this week with a number of children developing their cycling skills and taking to the roads in the local area. Bikeability is a a great way to boost confidence and develop excitement around cycling, which will hopefully remain with each child who took part for many years to come!

Sticking with sport, our Netballers were in action this week against Whitehill. There were a number of defensive interceptions, some strong shoulder passes and plenty of amazing athleticism on display! Well done to all who took part!

The book fair on Thursday looked like it was very well attended with a large number of children emerging with a new book to take home and enjoy! Thank you to Next Page Books for hosting the event.

The week finished with a group of our Year 5/6 children heading off to Fernhill to take part in a basketball competition. They were a credit to the school, demonstrating an excellent and very sporting attitude throughout. They put in a great amount of effort and had a really good time playing a great sport. Well done to everyone who took part!

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead and if you are enjoying some fireworks, a bonfire or some sparklers, please do so safely.

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week...

Monday

- **Final collection of shoeboxes**
- Girls Football Match v Wilshere Dacre



Tuesday

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Wednesday

- Yr 5 Viking Workshop
- Parent Tours for Reception September 2024

Thursday

- Parent Tours for Reception September 2024
- Netball Match v Highover

A Message From Lollipop Kate

'As I don't use social media, I hope that this message will convey my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the many cards, gift and money collection that I received on my retirement. Once again, I have been overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity. The lovely words in the cards have touched me deeply. I will miss you all and wish each of you the very best for the future. Lollipop Kate'



House Points

The House Point results for the last half term were announced in today's assembly and were as below. Congratulations to everyone in Neptune!

Neptune - 1049 Mars - 978 Saturn - 911 Jupiter - 868



Lunch Clubs & Year 6 Lunchtime Football

Our new wave of lunchtime clubs, which many children across the school have been singing up for, will begin next week. This coming Monday will also see Year 6 children being given the opportunity to play football on the field at lunchtimes on a trial basis. If your Year 6 child would like to take part they will need to bring in tracksuit bottoms/shorts, a top, a hoodie and a pair of trainers or football boots. They will use specific changing areas in the outside tins to get changed in.



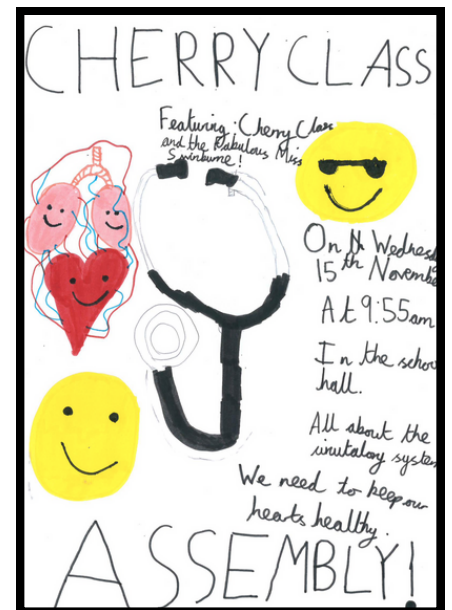
Decorations Day - Friday 1st December

On Friday 1st December we will be holding our first Decorations Day. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we are inviting a parent or a family member to come in to school for an hour to join them in making Christmas decorations in their classroom, or in a space close to it. You will get the chance to come and see your child in their learning environment and to join in with them in making some festive creations! Further details with specific timings will come out shortly and Christmas jumpers/tops are optional for all children and adults on the day!



Cherry Class Assembly

It is class assembly time again and this year we are starting with the Cherry Class Assembly which will be taking place on Wednesday 15th November at 9:55am. Up to four people from each family are welcome to attend and we invite you to wait outside Gate 1, which will open at 9:45am for you to make your way down to the hall. We look forward to seeing you then!



Christmas Carols at William Ransom - 7pm, Monday 18th December

On Monday 18th December, Christmas Carols at William Ransom will be taking place. This will be an outdoor event on the school field and will involve our Year 5 and 6 children singing a selection of Christmas Carols (with everyone present joining together to sing a few more!) to live music from a local quartet featuring our very own brass teacher, Mr John Lavelle. An area at the front will be reserved for family members of Year 6 children, but we are inviting the entire school community to join us for a festive evening of Christmas song.

It will also be 50 years to the day that the school was officially opened and we feel that this is an occasion worth marking and celebrating!

With mulled wine and mince pies being sold by the SPA, we really hope that many of you will join us for this outdoor event and help to make it a Christmas night to remember!

