



# St. Swithun's Weekly News

## Week ending 22nd March 2019



Dear parents/carers

It has been another busy week here at St. Swithun's. The children had a fun and educational time on our two Science Days. Dr Sarah Stuart came into school to teach the older children about the human body. She also did some work involving bubbles with the younger children. We are grateful to her for giving up her time to provide this valuable experience for the children. Thank you!

Nursery had their first class worship on Monday morning, it was based on this terms value of justice. They retold the story of "Mr Wolf's Pancakes", talked about the "traffic light" system used for behaviour in EYFS and about "red choices" and "green choices". We were very proud of them for performing so well in front of an audience.

The Nursery chicks have gone home now, the staff and children were sorry to see them go. We would like to say thank you to the Doherty family who have taken two of the chicks home as pets.

Some of our Year 1 children attended a Benchball tournament at Robert Peel on Thursday. They came in 3rd place after taking part in the semi-final. We were impressed with their impeccable behaviour, teamwork and sportsmanship.

The last two weeks have been about charitable giving. Thank you to those families who helped us to raise money for Comic Relief, we raised a total of £185. We would also like to thank those who helped us raise money for Downs Syndrome Charities by supporting Odd Sock Day, this raised a total of £38.

I was disappointed to read the email from the PTFA saying that they have had to cancel their planned Easter events due to lack of support and that they are planning to scale back future events because they do not get sufficient support from the school community. The PTFA are a small group of hard-working parents/carers who raise much needed funds to support our children. Their continuing hard work is appreciated by the school and the funds that they provide cannot be replaced from the school's own budget. Therefore, we will have to cut back on events that the children enjoy or ask for parents/carers to fund activities that the PTFA had provided funds for in the past. If you would like to talk to me about the PTFA then please make an appointment via the school office.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Anita Whitehurst

Headteacher



### What's on next week?

Date	Activity	Time
Monday 25th March 2019	Choir Jesus and Me Club	3:30-4:15pm 3:30-4:00pm
Tuesday 26th March 2019	Baptist Church Easter Trail Years 3 and 4 Mothers Day Coffee Morning—Fully Booked Dance and Drama—All Year Groups	AM & PM 9:30 & 10:30am 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday 27th March 2019	Newspaper Club B	3:30-4:00pm
Thursday 28th March 2019	Homework Club Premier Gym Club	3:30-4:15pm 3:30-4:30pm
Friday 22nd March 2019	Last Celebration Assembly of Term Last Year 4 Swimming of term	9:15am PM
Tuesday 2nd April 2019	Easter Church Service all welcome	9:30am



## Birthdays—From 16th March to 22nd March 2019

Kayla  
Finney

Ruben C

Ella L

### Headteacher Award

Acorn	Edie	Rowan	Kai
Beech	Ianthe	Oak	Heath
Willow	Lola	Maple	DJ
Cedar	Ella	Elm	Katie
Chestnut	Ralph		



### House Points

First	Second	Third	Fourth
Luke	Matthew	Mark	John

### House Point Certificates

Keira N (50)	Thomas B (50)	Lilia (50)	Rosie W (75)	Katie S (75)
Amelia E (75)	Ryan W (100)	Ethan E (100)	Keris S (100)	Zenikah (75)
Harriet Y (75)	Samuel A (75)	Harriet B (75)	Jack P (75)	Bethan (75)
Joseph T (100)	Harrison (100)	Sophia (100)	Ellis (100)	Georgia B (100)
Seth (75)	Hamida (75)	Billy (50)	Blake (50)	Elysia (50)
Thomas H (50)	Noah S (50)	Jaida-Mae (75)	Jacob G (75)	Grace (75)
Thomas J (75)	Steve (100)	Heidi (100)	Liliana (75)	

### Rainbow Point Certificates

None this week

### Attendance week ending 15th March 2019

	Class	Percentage
Class with highest attendance last week	Rowan	99.00%
Percentage attendance last week	n/a	94.57%
Percentage attendance to date	n/a	96.43%



### Values Education

This half term our value is Justice.

**'Learn to do right. Seek justice'** (Isaiah 1.17)

# Writing star of the week

We have decided to celebrate the hard work of our pupils by having a writing star of the week in the newsletter. This will rotate through each year group giving all children from all year groups a chance to show their talents.

Wave at the Beach Rosie Remyly  
Alice Maya Ella

summer

Sand scatters the beach  
Waves crash on the sandy shore  
Blue water shimmers

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Ethan, Year 2