



## CULWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

### NEWSLETTER 3

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a great start to your new year. It feels like such a long time since we were celebrating Christmas!! It's been another very busy and enjoyable term. I'd like to tell you about some new certificates that your children may have been coming home with over the last couple of months. All children are trying really hard to improve their handwriting to make it as good as they can. We are giving out handwriting certificates to recognise all of the hard work going into this. We are also recognising children that show the school values around school and will be developing our values tree in the hall with leaves that show children have displayed good values. As well as these two certificates we are also looking for children in each class who are the general stars of the week. Look out for continued certificates coming home on a Friday! ☺

To see the core values for the school, you can look on the school website and they will be in the Aims, Ethos & Values section.

#### **News from the CPSA**

The CPSA's AGM was held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> with a number of the committee stepping down having come to the end of their term in office. There is a slight change in format for the new committee. Gemma Clowes and Rachael Thewsey have taken over from Juliet Nicholls and now share the role, and grand title, of Joint Chair. Eleanor Edmonds has kindly agreed to take over as Secretary from Gemma Clowes and Robi Brenchley replaces the lovely Sarah Garnett as the new Treasurer. They're a fab new committee, full of enthusiasm and new ideas and will need lots of help and support in order to maintain or even exceed the amazing fundraising achievements of the previous committee. Thanks goes to all those who have served so magnificently in recent years and may they enjoy their new found freedom and relaxation time... ☺

The next CPSA meeting is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Staff Room complete with cocktails and canapes (well, wine and crisps but it's a nice thought...).

## The Nest



The Nest have been working hard on this term's topic. They have started by looking at The Great Fire of London and will follow this up later in the term with learning about modern London. When The Burrow had their school trip The Nest were visited by Daventry Fire Brigade and had lots of fun meeting the firemen and women and exploring the fire engine. Mrs Wharton seemed to enjoy herself too....

## The Burrow



We have been learning about the Great Fire of London and we started the term as we mean to go on with an amazing trip to St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Did you know that the cathedral we can visit today was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and is the 5th cathedral to stand in that place?

## The Drey



The Drey have been making posters about London landmarks. They worked in pairs on the laptops.

Flora said 'As well as enjoying creating the poster, I found out some new facts.'

Chloe enjoyed working with other people but also working on her own section of the poster.

All the posters are on display in the Drey/Den cloakroom.

## The Den



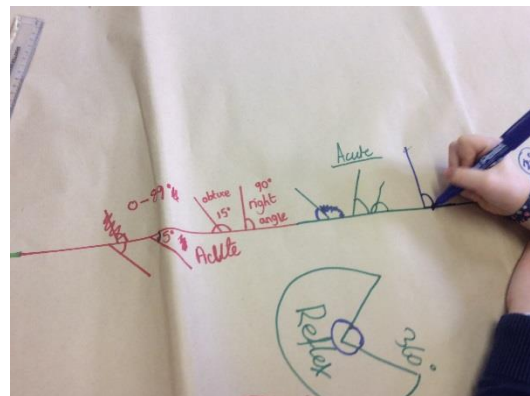
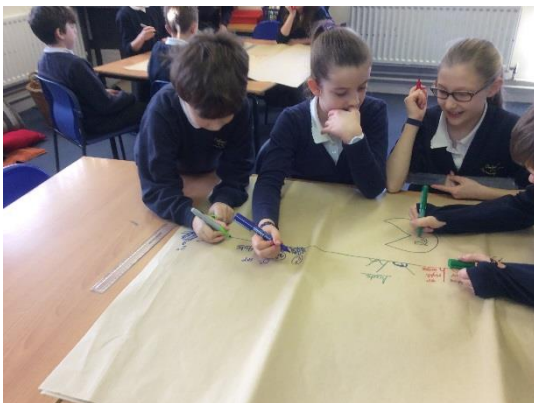
'Mrs Ratcliffe came into school to do some funky art on London. She taught us to use her resources in different ways. We used oil pastels, inks, candles and sharpies. Our finished projects were lovely and looked fabulous on the wall.'

'One day we went into The Drey to do some work on our new topic 'London'. With a partner we did some work on the laptops of various London landmarks such as Buckingham Palace or Cleopatra's Needle. Then we made these iconic landmarks out of silhouettes. The quiz we did was so much fun and we had to say True, False or Maybe to answer the questions.'

'During science Mrs Clarke said we were going to make a lava lamp like the one in our class, now we were excited and wanted to listen. We put some oil in a cup and some colour dye and watched closely. Mrs Clarke dropped in a tablet and it started fizzing, bubbles started floating up and down just like a lava lamp.'

## The Eyrie

Photos from a maths lesson on angles for The Eyrie



The children have been investigating different types of angles this week including acute, obtuse, right and reflex angles. They have been practically experiencing why the angles of a triangle always total 180 degrees and why quadrilaterals always total 360 degrees. The children were able to use this knowledge to work out missing angles.

### **Christmas Jumper Day - 16 December**

We raised a wonderful £78.40 for Save the Children. Thank you so much for your help with this.

### **Spotty Day - 18 November**

Thank you also for your efforts with the spotacular fundraising success of £262.72 for Children in Need.

### **Mrs Locke**

Flo retired after 35 years working at the school as a lunchtime supervisor and cleaner. We had a shared lunch here on the last day of term to celebrate her time here and were joined by several ex-members of staff

### **100 Club**

The winner for December was Vicky Swift. Please contact Jenny Wilson to join the 100 Club. It helps raise money for the school and you have a great chance of winning!

### **Wrap Around Care**

Just a quick reminder about our Breakfast Club and After School Club. If you need a few extra hours to get some jobs finished at home or want to get down to the gym to spruce up for spring don't forget we offer Breakfast Club from 8 am and After School Club from 3.30 until 6 pm. Forms are available from the School Office.



And finally... to all budding authors!

Once again BBC Radio 2 are holding their 500 words story competition. It is a fantastic opportunity to show off all your fabulous writing skills! It is open to all children in the UK aged between 5 and 13 and entries must be in by 7 pm on 23rd February 2017.

If anyone would like to take part, please follow the link below:

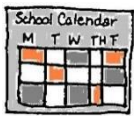
"It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

It contains all the information plus great tips and tricks for writing spectacular stories!

If you do decide to enter, we would love to have a copy of your story to put on display in school.

Happy writing!



## Term Dates

Please note the following dates in your diary/calendar. We will notify you of any changes if/when they occur.

### February

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Half Term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school.
	Mad Science after school club - 3.30-4.30 pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception screening with School Nurse Joules Sale - CPSA (details to follow)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mad Science after school club - 3.30-4.30 pm

### March

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Eyrie to Everdon all day Mad Science after school club - 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Den to Everdon all day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	CPSA Meeting at 7.30 pm in the Staff Room
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	No Mad Science this week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Bus
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Bus
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mad Science after school club - 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	KS2 Trip to London (more info to follow!)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mad Science after school club - 3.30-4.30 pm
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	2.15 pm school Easter Service in St Mary's 3.30 pm - End of Term (Happy Easter!)

New e-mail addresses for Mrs Boasman and Mrs Cummins

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