# The Pilgrim Post

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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say well done to Donna Harris, our Parent Support Advisor who this morning 'Braved the Shave' for MacMillan Cancer Support; a really amazing thing to do! Thanks to all parents and carers who made or donated cakes for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning event. We were overwhelmed by your generous donations. Thanks also to all of you who came into school to take part in the coffee morning to support Donna and this very worthwhile charity. We will combine the money raised by Donna and the coffee morning with today's Mufti donations to give a grand total to send to MacMillan. We will let you know the total amount raised in the next newsletter.

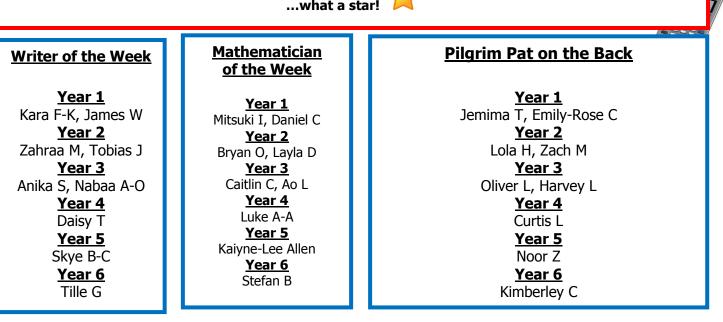
Last week, we invited parents/carers to come to school to find out about future school developments and have a chance to meet your child's new teacher. It was lovely to see so many people attend the events. During the meetings, we talked about the changes to the new curriculum now in school. It was agreed that parents/carers would welcome some information about the expectations and content of the new curriculum for each year group. After half term, we will arrange for workshops to take place in response to this request.

In the last fortnight we have had some great celebrations in assembly. Last week, our Year 6 Eagles performed a poem to the school and today we learned all about the habitats around the world with Year 2 Owls, who entertained us with a poem and song!

Lastly, I would like to make special mention of our Year 5 & 6 children, who have done an excellent job helping out our new Foundation children in the dinner hall at lunchtime. They have helped unzip lunch bags, cut up food, encouraged the younger children to eat up and helped them back to their classrooms to go out to play! It has been wonderful to see our oldest pupils enjoying the company of our youngest children and I am very proud of the excellent role models that they are.

Have a good weekend and see you on Monday! Mrs Meek

Well done to Rufus H in Year 2 Owls class, who is our youngest ever Times Table Champion! Rufus has been awarded his own calculator for knowing all his times table and division facts...



...what a star! 🔀

Attendance - Our Target is 96.3 %			
Week Ending 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Whole School Attendance	Best Class Attendance	Best Class Punctuality
Last Week	97.6%	Yr 1 Seastars 99.2%	Yr 3 Geckos (1 late)
Year to Date	96.4%	Yr 3 Chameleons 98.3%	Yr 6 (4 lates)

### Look out for our Year 6 House Captains

**DOUGLASS: Tille G & Joseph O-B** 

**SMEATON: Allan T & Shannon H** 

**RUDYERD: Ellie G & Toby B** 

**EDDYSTONE:** Levi E & Courtney F

#### **Site Security**

Recently, we have become aware that when the gates are open, members of the public are beginning to use the school site as a cut through. Obviously we do not want strangers on site.

In order to ensure pupil and staff safety at all times, we will now be locking the gates after 3.15 collection time and reopening them ready for pick up from any clubs at 4.15. Please ensure that you vacate the school site between these times so that gates can be secured. Gates will be locked again at 4.30 after clubs, at which time all pupils and adults are required to be off site.

Many thanks. Your co-operation is appreciated in this matter.

#### <u>Clubs</u>

Club season is now up and running with lots more of extra-curricular activities on offer this term. I have noticed that some children are already dropping out of the club that they signed up to. Please ensure your child attends their club regularly. If your child is no longer able to continue a club, please let the club leader know at the earliest opportunity as many clubs have a waiting list of children who would be eager to take their place. Thanks.



## Dates for your Diary...



#### Events this half term

Assemblies: 04/11/16 YR3 Mrs Forgan,

18/11/16 YR6 Mrs Buck

Harvest: Friday 14 October 2016

Yr 6 residential: Wednesday 19 October to Friday 21 October