



# Speenhamland Primary School

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## Newsletter 4th February 2022



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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week's assembly focused on Chinese New Year and the different traditions that people follow to celebrate it. The children even tried speaking Chinese with some basic phrases linked to New Year. This theme of 'trying new things' was something that the children explored further throughout the week.

In Oak class, the children have enjoyed using the new Rekenreks to support their maths fluency. In Ash class, Riley continued this maths theme and learnt how to use a tens frame to make numbers. Harley tried new things at break time and enjoyed playing basketball with his friends.

In Juniper class, the theme of trying new foods and liking them was popular. Charlie commented, "I didn't like the texture of bell peppers at school but I tried it and I liked it." Similarly, Isabelle said, "Ever since I was a baby, I have hated cottage pie, but I tried it on Monday and liked it!"

In Acer class, the children reflected on the new skills they had developed through trying hard. Ayden said, "I shared a performance on my guitar. It was the first time I had ever played in front of anybody, and I was really proud of myself." Emma stated, "I have been learning the correct way to use my fingers whilst touch typing - my sessions with Mrs Maher are fun!"

Well done to all the children who have tried new things and not given up – you embrace our school value of resilience.

Have a restful weekend

**Mrs J Lewry**  
**Headteacher**



## HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Azul and Verde 178  
3rd Zoltz 160  
4th Laal 154

***Congratulations to Azul and Verde!***

## DIARY DATES

### Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be held at Speenhamland  
after school from 30th March - 4th April  
***More details to follow.***

### Parents Evenings

**Monday 14th February 4 pm to 7 pm**  
**Tuesday 15th February 3.30 pm to 6.20 pm**

Letter and sign up links sent out yesterday.  
Please book your appointment by  
**Thursday 10th February.**

***We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress and achievements with you.***

### Loughborough University Survey Reminder

Loughborough University are inviting parents and guardians of children aged between 4 and 11 years old to complete a survey about children's experiences of handling money. The survey can be completed on any device and can be accessed below, which will take no more than 10 minutes:

[https://lborocmc.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0i8l9cBpYeINUvI](https://lborocmc.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0i8l9cBpYeINUvI)

The survey will help them in understanding how children are learning about money and how they can be best supported in the future.

As a thank you, each participant who completes the survey will have the opportunity to enter a prize draw for one of three Amazon vouchers with a value of £100, £50 and £25.

### Attendance

This week's attendance is 91.99%.  
which is an improvement on last week's attendance of 89.17%.

**Keep up the good work!**

## This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

	ACHIEVEMENT	PSHE
<b>Wisteria</b>	Athulya Chandramoham	Aliyana Hussain
<b>Cherry</b>	Ruby Jupp	Bright Ninson
<b>Oak</b>	Katie Elizabeth Baker	Taran Satheesh
<b>Ash</b>	Morgan Waterhouse	Harley Chandler
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Ted Raven	Jess Grace
<b>Juniper</b>	Esme Cook	Alexis Ridd
<b>Maple</b>	Poppy Harris	Isabel Taphouse
<b>Acer</b>	Tyler Jupp	Logan Thurstan
<b>Redwood</b>	Florence Chalk	Layla o' Sullivan
<b>Cedar</b>	Theo Josling	Ella Noka
<b>Sport</b>	Leah Fairchild & Kinga Drewa	

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### Accelerated Reader

Mrs Allen has had a look at the word count totals on AR for each class for this term and we have some impressive totals!

Redwood has the most words read in UKS2 with an amazing total of 968,457!

Hawthorn has read the most words in LKS2 with an impressive total of 752,938!

**Who will be the winning classes next week?**

**Which class will achieve the Golden Dragon Egg?**

Please remember to read daily and quiz as soon as you've finished your book in school.

### Reading from Home

Well done to Acer class who have had the most children reading at home this week, with Redwood coming a close second and Cedar not far behind.

The Upper Juniors are currently reading the most at home. Can an infant or reception class take their place next week?

Please remember to read regularly with your child and log all reading on the Go Read app.

**Children are rewarded with Dragon Eggs for reading at home recorded on Go Read.**

### FoSS Meeting

**Wednesday**

**9th February at 7.30 pm**

Our Friends of Speenhamland School work tirelessly behind the scenes to raise valuable funds. Due to the pandemic, the last few years have meant that there has been minimal fundraising and funds are low. At this meeting, FoSS will be discussing ideas for summer fundraising events. It would be really great to see you. Thank you in advance for supporting FOSS and the school.

**Cake and biscuits will be served!**  
**We look forward to seeing you.**



### White Rose 1 Minute Maths App

Below is a link to download the White Rose 1 Minute Maths App, which is aimed at younger children.

Full details via the link:

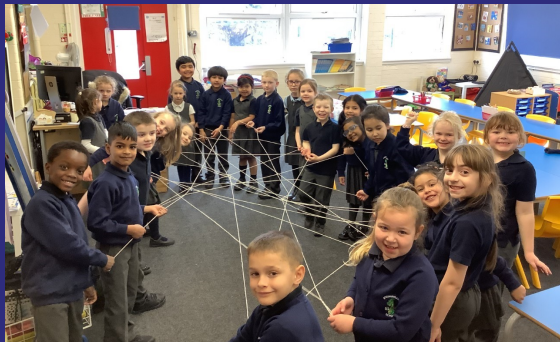
<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>



# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS

## Wisteria Class News

In Wisteria's Science lessons, they have been exploring how they could get to the moon! At the beginning of the term, they watched videos of rockets taking off and looked at their key features. This week they made their own rockets and tried to make them shoot up in the sky using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar!



Cherry class created a friendship web in RE. They thought about the different ways they are friends and how they can be good friends.

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## LKS2 Roman Day

LKS2 have spent the day as Romans, learning all about their lifestyle, battles and inventions. They have discovered how the Romans have affected our lives and what it would have been like to live as a Roman soldier. They ended the day with a Javelin throwing competition!



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