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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to see our visitors, the chicks, getting bigger each day this week. I know that the children have very much enjoyed spending time holding them and looking at how they have grown. We have now sent them back to the farm where they were bred (Incredible Eggs) so that they can grow and develop in the open space.

Last week, I informed you of the Trustees and Governors decision to approve the change of timings to the school day. There are some parents who are still concerned about the end of the school day and health and safety at pick up. We will be making changes to our school site over the Summer holidays and as a result, will be able to update you about how we will make the pick up safer in due course.

I know that the children have been very interested in the chicks and Mrs Berry has informed me that there are also some exciting visitors at the Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre. These visitors are two Tern chicks and they have migrated here from the Southern Hemisphere, typically South Africa and South America but can also come from as far away as the Antarctic, 12,000 miles away. They usually arrive around the end of April and return in September time. Mrs Berry's husband has been working at the Nature Discovery Centre to refurbish the raft in the middle of the lake for them to use. He and a group of volunteers have done this, using our Speenhamland values, particularly resourcefulness and resilience! Mrs Berry has given me some photographs so that you can see the Terns and if you would like to see them, then take a visit to Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre. Thank you to Mrs Berry for sharing this news with us. See photos on page 3.

We were very lucky to start our week with an assembly delivered by Chenoa Leaver from West Berkshire Library Service. She used Microsoft Teams to present a library to all the children in their classes. She talked to us all about the Summer Reading Challenge, which we are all very excited to get involved with. Please see the flyer attached to know how you and your families can be involved. This year, teachers and other adults in school can get involved and we are all very much looking forward to doing this. Watch out for further updates in the future.

There is lots of very important information in this week's Newsletter. Please take the time to read it carefully, as it is about our events as we move towards the end of term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Dr C Wilson—Executive Headteacher



Sports Day

Wednesday 30th June

Our Sports Day will be on Wednesday 30th June. Unfortunately, we are not able to invite parents to watch. The event will take place outside in the same bubbled groups that we have in school now for playtime.

Juniors Sports Day will be in the morning and, EYFS and Infants Sports Day will take place in the afternoon.

The whole day will be sports themed, so we ask that children wear their PE kits to school.

We will remind them to take their kits home the day before.

Children can wear a t-shirt in their house colour if they would prefer, as our Sports Day will be a house competition.

If the children don't have a coloured top to match their house, don't worry, they can just wear their usual PE kit.

If the weather is sunny, please make sure they have suncream and a full water bottle.

We will be providing rest stops and water during the event.

FoSS News

(Friends of Speenhamland School)

We had a really productive meeting of FoSS this week. We are planning an Autumn Fair, as we have missed out on our great events and fundraising opportunities in the last 18 months. For all Friends of Speenhamland School who are interested in helping us make the Autumn Fair an excellent event, there will be a meeting on **Tuesday 13 July 7 pm** on the school field, socially distanced, weather permitting.

If you would like to attend, please contact our **PTA Chair Brenda Smith on psmith1948@icloud.com**



Changeover Day

Many of our Secondary Schools are no longer having their Year 6 Transition Days.

So we will be changing our Changeover Day. Instead of having two days for changeover, we will be using the last three days of term,

Monday 19th July to Wednesday 21st July for our changeover days.

We are planning some exciting work in these days for your child in their news class with their new class teacher. We are also changing to this format, to keep the integrity of our new bubbles, in line with COVID measures.

I know that there are a few parents that have asked about the classes and new teachers. We are putting the finishing touches to these plans in the next few weeks with our new Headteacher Mrs Lewry and we will inform you in due course.

REMINDER

Friday 25th June is INSET Day

SHINGLES

Please note that we have had a case of shingles in Infants.

HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Laal 305

2nd Zolty 291

3rd Azul 274

4th Verde 270

Well done everyone!



Tern chicks at Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre.

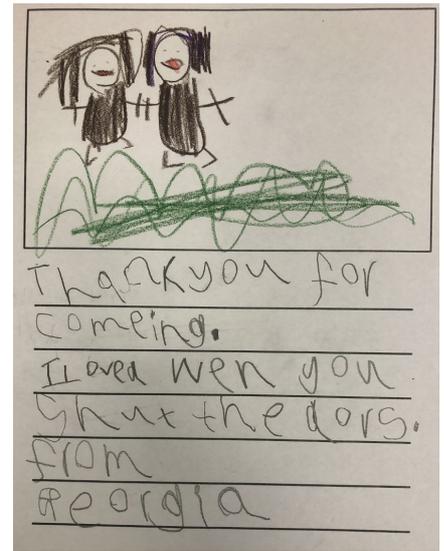
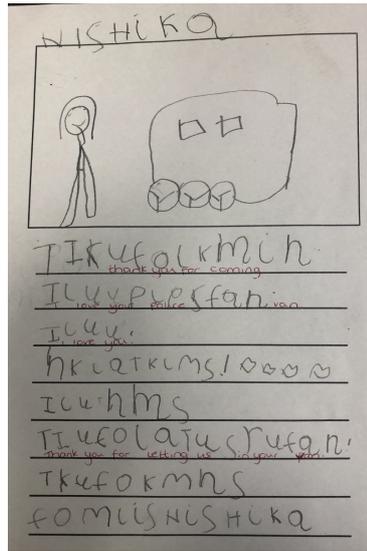


This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

	Teacher	PSHE
Class 1	Sewal Findik	Riley Aitken
Class 2	Lily Heaver	Nathaniel Newing
Class 3	Remi Robinson	Millie Parish
Class 4	Ian Baker	Jude Waters
Class 5	Samuel Carvalho de Jesus	Ava Jerome
Class 6	Hollie Fairclough	Lilly Prins
Class 7	Jack Collins	Emmie West
Class 8	Kaleb Smith	Brooke Bodin House
Class 9	John Meira Canedo	Caleb Rees
Class 10	Thomas Breslin	Ffion Pritchard
Class 11	Joshua Paisley	Cinemehr Ranjbar

PUPILS' AMAZING WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS

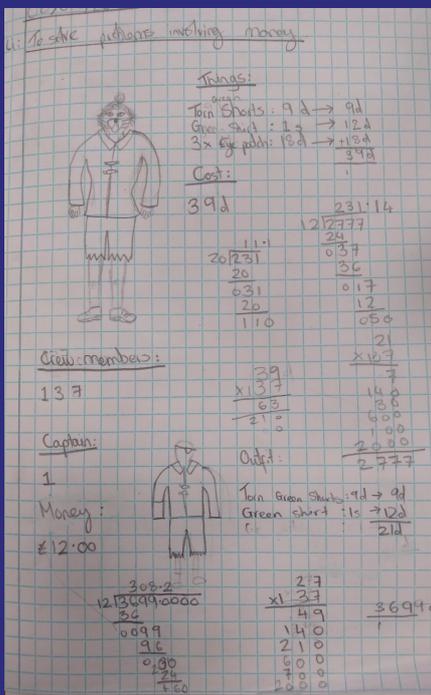
This week, pupils from Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from the Police.



Nishika and Georgia from Class 2 have written thank you letters to the Police.



Class 3 have been sketching and painting British wildlife using watercolours. Hrudhay painted a butterfly and Henry painted a ladybird.



Last week Class 10 used and applied their knowledge of coordinates, the four operations and converting between measures to become pirates. We had to buy a pirate ship, find clothes for the crew, create a treasure with clues to find the treasure, crack the code to open the treasure chest itself and then share out the loot amongst the crew.

Work by Ffion

Congratulations to Grace Neale (Class 9)

Grace auditioned for Rare Productions last Sunday with her sister and have both been offered places in the next production.

Grace has been in the ensemble before but this time she has been given a featured performer role and will get to perform at least one solo. She is extremely pleased and can't wait to get started.

Well done Grace!