



## Head's Message

I seem to say this every week... but **what a week!!!** We have had a really successful Science Week with some inspirational workshops and a literally explosive afternoon on Wednesday, a great Sports Relief day with children aspiring to be like their favourite sports star, lots of training and development happening for teachers, and all of this whilst also having a focus on assessment to ensure that expected progress has been made this half-term. Rest assured, both children and teachers have worked incredibly hard and great progress has been made.

Thank you to Year 2 parents for organising the cake sale this afternoon in aid of Sport Relief.

Well done to all the children in Dickens Class for a wonderful assembly today! The children's independence and creativity were clear to see. Thank you also to Nick Lambrianou for his guest appearance!

We break up for the Easter holidays at 1.30pm next Thursday, and there will therefore be no Celebration Assembly. However, we are having an information sharing presentation at 8.35am on the Thursday, specifically to talk about the new arrangements for KS1 assessments. Year 2 parents; it is very important that you attend this to understand the changes that have been made to the curriculum and the way we are assessing this year. Year 1 parents; to be ahead of the game it would be great if you can also be there!

We have been very fortunate to welcome a journalist from the Times newspaper this morning, so keep a look out this weekend for an article about academies, possibly featuring Ark Conway!

Have a great Easter holiday everyone! See you at 8.20am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

## Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:  
**Elton John**



## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1st	Dahl	98.67%
2nd	Dickens	96.33%
3rd	Lewis	94.84%
4th	Potter	93.00%
5th	Carroll	89.67%

## Dates for Your Diary

### Parents Meetings

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Reception and Year 4

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Year 1 and Year 2

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Year 3

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 8.35am:** KS1 Assessment Presentation.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 1.30pm:** School closes for Easter

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016:** School opens for summer term at 8.30am.

## Home Learning

**Reception:** See EYFS News.

**Year 1:** What two objects would you take to go exploring?

**Year 2:** Think of two objects you would put in your African toy box.

**Year 3:** What are the responsibilities to our team mates?

**Year 4:** Draw a city skyline.

## Stars of the Week

For showing aspiration, our stars of the week are:



Evie



Titus



Louis



Mackenzie



Eva



Huda



Rafe



Rahel



Hayder



Frederick



### Absences

If your child is absent from school, please let the school office know before 8.30am. Thank you.

### Outstanding Debts

Please ensure all outstanding monies due for enrichment clubs, breakfast club and after school care are settled by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. Thank you.

### EYFS News

This week we have been going 'Mad about Minibeasts!' Carroll class have enjoyed building their bug books and filling them with facts. Ask your children their favourite bug fact; you may be surprised by our discoveries! Thank you to Titus' mummy, Elizabeth, for accompanying us on our last Forest School outing. Next term we will be swimming every Monday afternoon during this time. You can prepare your child for this by teaching them to undress and re-dress into their swimming kit independently, and think about how they can keep track of their own clothes. We look forward to seeing you on Monday at the Parent Consultation Meeting. To celebrate the end of our topic 'Animals' we would also like to invite parents to listen to our riddles and join us for our afternoon activities on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3.15. If you are able to attend you can take your child home with you at the end of this session. After Tuesday, we will be focusing on Easter Celebrations including bonnets, an egg hunt and hot cross buns! Ideas for home learning; you could teach your child about Easter and how Christian people celebrate this holiday.

## Notices

### Sport Relief

In aid of Sport Relief and to tie in with our value of aspiration, pupils came to school today dressed as the sports person they aspire to be. Pupils completed a one-mile walk around the school this afternoon, cheered on by parents, carers and local residents. The day ended with a cake sale with all proceeds going to Sport Relief. We will let you know next week how much we have raised. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions.



### Science Week

As part of Science Week, the pupils enjoyed lots of Science-related activities on Wednesday. Reception children made bird feed, Years 1 & 2 classified fruit and vegetables and Years 3 & 4 made goo. The afternoon culminated in a whole school Science Assembly with a demonstration from Paul Cook from Burlington Danes and our very own Mr Jones. Miss Collins interviewed Scientists and parents talked about how exciting a career in Science can be.

A huge thank you to Jevan's Mum who did four Doctor's Surgery's in a row for pupils in Years 1, 2, 3 & 4. The children learnt so much from the sessions and had lots of fun along the way!