

# Spring Meadow Newsletter

## November 2015

Welcome back after the half term. I hope many of you got to enjoy the firework display in Ely on 31st October as well as your own family displays this week. Just to remind you to keep your children safe at all times during these events. The school seems to be ablaze with all the autumnal colours both indoors and out with the work that many of them are doing on bonfire night and with the noticeable seasonal changes.

### **Support with the Garden area**

A big thank you to the parents and children who came to support with clearing our garden area. It is now ready for classes to use. So well done! I know that some parents have offered to continue their support of the garden area throughout the school year. This will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help with the garden area in any way, please contact Mrs Jones in the Nursery.

### **The Success of Movie Night**

Our PSA has now been re-established and organised. Its first event, the Movie Night for years 1 and 2, was a huge success and was attended by over 160 children! Thank you to our PSA for their commitment and hard work in organising the event so successfully in such a short space of time. Watch this space for more information about our Christmas fair which will be later this month on **Saturday 28th November 2015**.

### **Important information about the Christmas Meal**

Continuing the Christmas theme, there is an important amendment to our school calendar. Christmas lunch for the whole school will now be on 16th December 2015. The school will no longer be inviting parents to join their children for the Christmas lunches. This is because the sheer volume of children having school lunches has increased considerably since the introduction of the Universal Free School Meals. This means we can no longer accommodate parents at this time. However, we would still like parents to join Year 2 children for the parents' lunch in July.



## New School Council

We now have a new school council for Autumn second half term. The school council consists of one representative, voted for by their classmates via a secret balloting process, from each class in Years 1 and 2. The school councillors are:

Rowan class- **Emily**

Oak class- **Alice**

Wren class- **Louis**

Willow class- **Sophia**

Wagtail class- **Libby**

Woodpecker class - **Lucy**

Maple class- **Caiden**

Robin class- **Oliver**

The school councillors were presented with the badges on 5th November 2015. Their responsibilities include; fortnightly meetings to discuss the priorities of the school, helping to prepare the pupil questionnaire, sharing the views of their classmates with me and selling poppies. *All very important business.*

## Mrs Cansdale

Mrs Cansdale who taught in Year 1 last year and who this year has been teaching in Bluebell's class this term, has left our school to take up a full time position at Girton Glebe school in Cambridge. She said that she is very sad to have left us at Spring Meadow so suddenly but the position was for an immediate start. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Cansdale for stepping in and taking over Wren class last year and for covering in Bluebell on Fridays. Bluebell class will be receiving a postcard informing them of the arrangements for Fridays this week.

## Family Talk Time

This week we are re-launching our family talk time. This is where we encourage you to discuss a question with your children and for them to provide a written response. The question under discussion this week is: **What makes a good toy? Why?**

## Coffee morning

Friday 13th November

in the School Hall

after drop off



# THANK YOU

Ely Foodbank have emailed to ask that we pass on their sincere thanks to you all for your very generous donations. The total collection weighed in at whopping 250.10kg!

## Dates for your diary!

### School Term Dates 2015/2016

#### Autumn Term 2015

2nd November

Professional Day

3rd November – 18th December

#### Spring Term 2016

4th January

Professional Day

5th January – 12th February

15th February – 19th February

Half Term

22nd February – 24th March

#### Summer Term 2016

11th April

Professional Day

12th April – 27th May

30th May – 3rd June

Half Term

6th June

Professional Day

7th June – 21st July