



I would like to thank Mrs Ball and Mrs Smith for writing the newsletter last week while I was on a course. Please remember that Mrs Smith is holding a SENCO coffee morning next week so please feel free to come along if you have any questions regarding this area - Wednesday 9:00am in the school hall.

We would like to welcome Arya and Kian to school. Arya has joined Swallow Class while Kian has become a member of Starling Class, after their family has relocated from Surrey. If you haven't had a chance yet, then please say hello to them; we know you will make them feel part of our very special Leigh community.

On Thursday Goldfinch and Swallow classes visited Strode Theatre to watch Wild Robot. This was part of an initiative called Into Film which is a charity supported by the British Film Institute which aims to put film at the heart of children and young people's educational, cultural and personal development. The children thoroughly enjoyed the film, although it was very sad in parts.

For parents of children in Swallow Class, please remember our residential meeting is taking place after school on Tuesday next week. We will be able to answer any questions you may have as well as provide you with a suggested kit list. This meeting should take no longer than half an hour but if you can't attend, then please let us know and we will send you any relevant information.

Please can I also bring your attention to our Doodlemaths Parents Workshop on 29th April at 5-5.45pm. After Mrs Ball sent out a google form, many parents responded feeling that this event would be supportive and something that they would like arranging. At present Mrs Ball has only had 7 responses to her second form with 6 parents saying they will be attending the event. Mrs Ball has sent out the google form again this morning in hope for more responses, otherwise the event will unfortunately have to be cancelled, should there be fewer than 10 responses. As the email stated, two people from the company Doodle will come to explain the programme, discuss points that parents raised in the first google form and answer any questions.

Finally, many thanks to all the parents/carers who attended the parent consultation sessions this week. If you were unable to join us, then please contact the school office or class teacher to make an alternative appointment.

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Diary Dates

March

Monday 31st Dragonfly Gymnastics Sessions - Kingfishers, Goldfinches, Swallows

April

Tuesday 1st Swallow Class PGL Residential Meeting for parents - 3.30pm
Wednesday 2nd Coffee Morning with our SENCO at 9am
Thursday 3rd Starling Classes final swimming lesson
Friday 4th FOLS Easter Egg Hunt - See poster in reception
Friday 4th **End of Term 4**
Tuesday 22nd **Start of Term 5**
Wednesday 23rd Swallows & Goldfinch Class Trip - Field to Food at The Bath & West Showground
Thursday 24th Starling Class Archery Session at School
Monday 28th Whole Class & Year 6 School Photos
Tuesday 29th Doodle Maths Parent Workshop
Wednesday 30th Year 4 Football Tournament at Selwood

May

Thursday 1st Starling Class Archery Session at School
Friday 2nd Rags 2 Riches Collection
Thursday 8th Kingfishers - IG Sports Olympics at School
Thursday 8th Starling Class - IG Sports Archery Session at School
Tuesday 20th Year 3 Maths Event - 4 - 4.45pm at Somervale Secondary School
Wednesday 21st - 23rd Swallows Class Residential trip
Friday 23rd **End of Term 5**

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers- Poppy
Starlings - Toby
Goldfinches - Theo
Swallows - Evan

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Oscar & Paige
Starlings - Sienna & Flo
Goldfinches - Ava
Swallows - Sophia, Lottie

Winning Class - Kingfisher Class

Doodle Tables

Starlings - Adele
Goldfinches - Kye
Swallows - Henry

Notices

- **Kingfisher/Goldfinch/Swallow Class** - Children should wear their PE kits on Monday 31st March in preparation for an in school Gymnastics session.
- **SENCO Coffee Morning** - Join us for a coffee morning with our school SENCO, Mrs Smith. You will be able to find out more about SEN provision within the school.
- **PGL Residential** - A reminder that the final payment for the PGL residential trip is due on the 31st March.
- **Clubs** - Sign up sheets for after school clubs are in reception. Please sign up by 4th April in preparation for our return after Easter.
- **Robins** - We kindly ask that all outstanding Robins fees are paid for by the end of March.
- **Field to Food Trip** - Please provide consent for Swallow and Goldfinch children to attend the "Field to Food" trip on 23rd April. This can be made via your Parent Pay accounts.



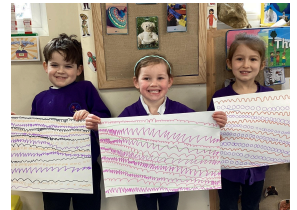
News from the Classrooms



In Robins this week, we have been very busy making lots of things for Mother's Day. We have been learning about plants and growing. We have also enjoyed reading *Jack and the Beanstalk*.



The reception children had lots of fun making patterns in maths, we made wrapping paper and made patterns with dance moves. The year 1's worked very hard learning to count in 2's, 10's and 5's. Keep practicing at home!
In Science we learned more about plants and deciduous trees.



In Starling Class this week we have completed our design and technology project. We designed, created templates, cut fabric and sewed it all together to make a pouch for a very special person (Ssshhh!). The children were very patient when needing support to thread many needles!!! What a great skill they have learnt and what beautiful pouches made.



This week in Goldfinch Class, we are saying a farewell to our lovely friend Theo. He has been a wonderful member of our school and he will be greatly missed by all of the children and staff alike. We wish you lots of luck and happiness in your new school by the sea!



This week, Swallows have been working with micro:bits to create a polling program. This asks how you feel about something. We learnt that these systems are often seen in public buildings (e.g. train stations and museums) to record user experience. The children had great fun creating their code and then testing it out on their micro:bits.

