

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start this term, you will find the new learning maps on the website and Google Classroom platform for your child's class. The purpose of these maps is to give you an insight into the planned curriculum for this term so that you can continue to support your child at home.

This week we were treated to a very special visitor. Dee Dee, an ex Mrs E's pupil, delighted the children with a piano recital in Worship on Monday morning. It was inspiring and the children were amazed by her ability to play Chopin so beautifully. Thank you Dee Dee for coming back and sharing your incredible talent with us.

Swifts' class started our day with a wonderful worship about good choices. They spoke brilliantly about the good choices we can make, and how to 'shine our light' to make the world a better place. We couldn't stop smiling as we watched, and particularly enjoyed their song, *This Little Light of Mine*. Well done Swifts'!

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March. As always, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character, or in their PJ's ready for a bedtime story. The children have chosen their books already, and will receive these on the day. Please could the children also bring in a named book of their choice. They will have the opportunity to read these as part of our 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions throughout the day.

At the end of last term we said a fond farewell to Mrs Heath who has been a very long-standing member of staff at Mrs Ethelston's and has provided a great link between the school and preschool. Thank you for all your years of service. It has been wonderful to also welcome two new staff members to our school team. We have Miss Unwin who works in our wraparound care team and Mrs Harding who is supporting our Year 6 children and is also part of the wrap around care team. Welcome to both of you.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Allington

Community News

I am very sad to announce that Roger Grose, a previous Headteacher at Mrs Ethelston's has sadly passed away. He was a huge supporter of the school, and very recently visited the Year 6 coffee money. He will be missed by the whole community.

With this in mind, on Friday 7th March, could we please request that parents do not drive up to the school at the end of the day due to a service of thanksgiving for the life of Roger Grose at the church.

Our Core Value this half term is

GOOD CHOICES

Whole School Attendance This Week

96%

The class with the best attendance is
WRENS' with 99%

The winning house this week was

RALEIGH

Well done and keep earning those house points!

Coming up:

MONDAY

**SWALLOWS' CLASS RESIDENTIAL @
HOOKE COURT**

**TUESDAY
RUNNING CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY
HERONS' CLASS CURRICULUM DAY @
WOODROFFE
TAG RUGBY CLUB
ART CLUB**

**THURSDAY
DODGEBALL CLUB
CHOIR CLUB
SATS CLUB (YEAR 6)**

**FRIDAY
WORLD BOOK DAY
FOOTBALL CLUB
WOODWORK CLUB**

Thought for the week

