

Swinton Fitzwilliam Newsletter

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Key Stage 2 Book World Cup

I am sure you are all aware that our reading books (class novels) are selected very democratically in KS2 in a fiercely debated Book World Cup. Once the votes are in, copies of the winning books are purchased so that there are 16 copies – one between two children and one for the class teacher.

This set is then shared between the three classes on a rota basis.

I recently saw a school which shared the book title and author so that parents and carers could, if they so wish, purchase their child their own copy to keep forever and thought it a good idea.

So, if you would like to purchase your child their own copy to bring to school and then keep forever once they have read it, I can reveal that the winners of December's Book World Cup are:

Y3/4 Charlie Changes into a Chicken by Sam Copeland (note the book we are reading is chicken and not one of the others from the series)

Y5/6 Wonder by R J Palacio

Going Home After Concerts

After the Monday afternoon FS concert and also after the Tuesday afternoon KS1 concert, as is tradition, I will allow parents/carers to take their child home. Many parents request to take siblings at the same time. This year, I have to put in place a more stringent routine for safeguarding reasons. As such, after either of these two concerts:

*If you need a pupil from FS, please knock on the yellow double doors at the end of the corridor inside the KS1 building

*If you need a pupil from KS1, please knock on the appropriate classroom door in the KS1 corridor

*If you need a KS2 pupil, please go up the stairs and knock on the appropriate external door.

Please do not ask the Admin Team in the Office to telephone classes for you: I will not allow pupils to be released without an adult at the door to collect them.

Please do not try to gain access to the KS2 building via the Hall or the front door: all children will be released to an adult at the outside door.

All other children will follow their usual home time arrangements.

Car Parking - Especially Around KS2

I have had an uncomfortable conversation with a very upset resident who has had her access blocked on too many occasions and has then suffered the indignity of a soaking wet new-born grandchild because she could not access the drive!. This is not Kilnhurst parents as their children are transported by bus. I know we are all busy in the run up to Christmas but it is not acceptable to park in front of people's drives or on the yellow zig zags. I have advised our neighbour to inform the Police of illegal parking. Please be **thoughtful** in your parking; please be **legal** in your parking; and let's not wait until there is an accident involving a child before we all take this seriously.

Battle of the Bands on TT Rock Stars in KS2

Last time we had a Battle of the Bands, the Y3/4 winners were Willow and the Y5/6 winners were Sycamore. Please do all you can to encourage your child to play at least once a day: it will improve their times tables knowledge immensely AND they may end up being part of the winning class!

COMMENT SLIP

Remember these can be anonymous, but it is much easier to help with suggestions if I know who to talk to.

PLEASE HAND THIS IN TO RECEPTION.

Signed.....
(parent/carer)Date.....

Attendance W/c 2nd December 2019

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| F1 Seedlings am - Mrs Kerry | 96.2% |
| F Seedlings pm – Mrs Kerry | 92.7% |
| F2 Acorns – Mrs Gregg/Miss Holden | 84.5% |
| F2 Chestnuts – Miss Watts | 94.3% |
| Y1/2 Apple Trees – Mrs Smith | 95.0% |
| Y1/2 Cherry Trees – Mrs Fisher | 96.6% |
| Y1/2 Pear Trees – Miss Crouch | 92.1% |
| Y3/4 Birch Trees – Ms Sharp | 96.7% |
| Y3/4 Willow Trees – Mrs Wynn | 91.1% |
| Y3/4 Oak Trees – Miss Mattingley | 96.7% |
| Y5/6 Sycamore Trees – Miss Needham | 98.3% |
| Y5/6 Rowan Trees – Miss Worthington | 94.8% |
| Y5/6 Beech Trees – Miss Newbold | 92.7% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL FOR THE WEEK | 93.97% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR TO DATE | 96.40% |