

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



All Things Bright and Beautiful - The Gang enjoy the last day of term at Wittenham Clumps

## “And Don’t Forget The Champagne...!”

As our book fortnight draws to a close, I want to **thank you all** for going the extra mile; rising to the challenge; and meeting our constant demands. Dressing up costumes, story-themed picnics, marathons, assemblies, story times...the list, as always, is endless. This in addition to cooking, cleaning, administering, mending, repairing and fundraising for the school. The good news is that the hard work and investment that you all put into the next generation now, will without doubt pay off in the future. Witnessing at first hand such dedication and commitment, The Gang, Shaz and I appreciate the lengths that you all go to, but even more important, the children are learning from some of the very best role models.

**Help the House Martins!** The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) is carrying out a survey of breeding House Martins in 2015 to establish a more reliable population estimate as a basis for future surveys. This will involve surveys of randomly selected 1 km squares. You can select a square to survey at [www.bto.org](http://www.bto.org) Full instructions / recording forms can be downloaded from the website.

### Tuesday Trading at The Treehouse

‘Tuesday Trading’ will take place at The Treehouse first thing in the morning after half term. With their parents approval, children may sell items first thing, that they no longer play with or have created, every Tuesday for a maximum price £1.00. ‘Sellers’ will be asked to calculate and donate 25% of their profits to The Treehouse. Any items that are purchased or not sold should be taken back home on the same day. The ‘market’ will give children the opportunity to sharpen up their mental maths skills as well as recycling and raising some funds for The Treehouse.

### Lion King Production

As well as having their scripts, children have been given a CD of the songs we will be singing in our production so that they can practise and rehearse over the holidays. Our goal is for all children to be word perfect by the start of the new term.

### Dates for Your Diaries

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm Bookworm Event, Oxford
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Forest School recce tbc- 10.30 – 11.00 am home pick up. Please e-mail Lee if you would like to come.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Lion King costume workshop 10 – 3.00 pm at The Treehouse, lunch provided. Adults/Gang (not suitable for younger children)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April.	New Term starts Work experience students at The Treehouse
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Laura rehearsing with The Gang
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday Trading begins before school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Hula hooping workshop
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Book Marathon ends

Andrea and her family are holding a **CHARITY CAKE SALE** on FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, from 10am-1pm at 9 Jethro Tull Gardens, Crowmarsh. **Homemade cakes for sale including chocolate, lemon, coffee, fairy cakes, simnel cake and bakewell tarts.**

Requests and pre-orders taken - email: [theturner9@o2.co.uk](mailto:theturner9@o2.co.uk)

All proceeds to The Meningitis Trust.

**We wish you all a really relaxing Easter Break.**



# Going for Gold!

## Trees

Read some books for The Treehouse Marathon and think about your likes/dislikes/patterns and puzzles.

## Houses

Practise multiplying numbers by 10.  
Include money e.g. £1.50 x 10  
Read some books for The Treehouse Marathon. Did you spot any patterns?

## Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...

We are all enjoying 'The Treehouse Telegraph', thank you for your help with this. From next week, to give the children the opportunity to use their e-mail accounts on a more frequent basis, please print a hard copy of The Telegraph for school and circulate the rest to The Gang via e-mail.

To make this possible, Lucy has kindly refreshed and updated the children's Yahoo accounts and passwords. Please spend some time over the holidays with your child helping them to learn how to log in, check their inbox and send an e-mail so that they are able to do this with increasing independence, and can start to communicate with other members of The Gang on a more regular basis. It would also be worth discussing some basic e-mail protocol at the same time, for example, remembering to include a subject when sending a message, as well of course as reminding your child how to use the Internet 'safely'.

## Looking for something to do over the Easter Holidays? Why not...

- Visit some pill boxes and marvel at why they were built, there are a lot by the river
- Organise a family Easter egg hunt
- Plan your learning log entry
- Learn your Lion King words and the songs we are going to sing
- Write a family newspaper
- Send a postcard
- Write a poem (using Jill's structure) for another family member
- Listen to some music
- Think of a treat for the Easter bunny
- Organise an egg rolling race for your friends
- Blow an egg and decorate it
- Press some spring flowers
- Paint a scene to put in your window for Easter
- Try making some hot cross buns
- Make a holiday scrapbook
- Plant some seeds
- Go on a spring flower hunt

This week a golden mention to Gracie for repairing the stool in the Meeting Room without being asked to.