

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Didn't they do well! The Gang wishing Park's Butchers a Happy Christmas.

Smart Progress

As you may recall, at the start of this academic year we met with parents to establish what each child could do in every smart area.

Our intention was to review the progress that the children have made on a termly basis, meeting again with parents to share this information, and then for the parent to pass this information on to their child. On reflection, this is quite time intensive and so we have decided that this term, we will share the information with each child, sending a copy home with them to talk through with you. We will happily meet with you to discuss your child's progress at a mutually convenient time if you feel that this would be helpful.

All Change!

Our swimming sessions have moved to a Wednesday morning, starting at 9.30 am in Goring. With this in mind, we propose to pick the children up from three collection points around the village:

1. The Red Lion at 9.00 am;
 2. The covered bus stop at the bottom of Papist way between 9.05 and 9.10 is;
 3. Amwell Place between 9.10 and 9.15 am?
- Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly and has their swimming kit with them every Wednesday morning.

'Be the change that you wish to see in the world' – Mahatma Ghandi

This time last year I remember receiving a phone call from Shaz saying that she felt unwell and may not make it in to school on the first day back. At that stage, we had no idea that Shaz was so poorly and going to need major surgery. Let's hope that the new term, and indeed the New Year, gets off to a more positive start next week!

It has taken me far too long to learn that sometimes life can be straightforward and go according to plan, and other times much as we would like it to, it simply doesn't. My advice, for what it's worth, is to make the most of the opportunities that come your way. Shaz and I feel extremely privileged to work in a school that we have helped to create, alongside a fabulous team of children, their families, our trustees and growing band of friends and supporters. So here's to another year at The Treehouse and all that it brings.

Top Gun

The first cinema showing in 25 years! We have arranged to show TOP GUN at the Corn Exchange to raise funds for the Treehouse. This will take place on February 8th 2014. Tickets cost £7.50 each with a booking fee of £2.00. Please can you advertise this event amongst your friends and at your work place and suggest that they buy their tickets sooner rather than later. Thank you.

John Endean

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Dates for Your Diary

- 7.1.13 Spring term begins
- 7.4.14 Endean music
- 8.1.14 Swimming – home pick up.
- 10.2.14 Friday Forest – venue tbc
- 13.4.13 Joy visiting re: Mouse and Mole film
- 8.2.14 Top Gun
- 17.2.14 Half term
- 11.3.14 Treehouse Film Festival
- 12.3.14 Treehouse Film Festival
- 21.4.14 INSET Day
- 7.4.14 Easter Holidays
- 23.4.14 Summer term begins
- 27.4.14 10K Run
- 19.4.14 Leg It Challenge
- 26.5.14 Half term
- 2.6.14 INSET day



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

This term, the children will spend time working on their 'individual projects' developing a wide range of skills or smart areas at the same time. We have also suggested that they think about potential visits and visitors that would help them with their research e.g. a visit to a museum or the library. Please ask your child what they have chosen to do as their individual project, how far they have got and what the outcome is likely to be e.g. model, poster, PowerPoint. Perhaps you could spend some time with them looking into a visit that would enhance their project, encouraging your child to do as much of the work as possible e.g. cost, duration, learning opportunities.

Trees

- Roll a dice three times and add the numbers together.
- Roll a dice and write the number down three times. Make sure that you start from the top of the number and that it faces the right way!

Houses

- Roll a dice twice and multiply the two numbers together. If you find one tricky, repeat the answer three times to help you to remember it. Make it into a game, taking turns with a member of your family to see who can get the answer first! Keep a score.

Looking for something to do. How about...

Learner Smart

- **Thinking about your individual project – is there somewhere you would like to visit or somebody that you would like to invite in to The Treehouse? Can you find some more information that you need at home, either on the internet, in a book or from an expert that you know?**

People Smart

- **Completing a jigsaw puzzle with other members of your family or friends.**
- **Watching 'Mouse and Mole at Christmas' and either thinking of some questions that you would like to ask Joy, the lady who created the animation, when she visits in January or writing a review of the film.**

Body Smart

- **Going swimming with your family to show them what you have learned at Dippers and Divers.**

Word Smart

- **Writing your own thank you cards.**

To Celebrate...

- The Treehouse Nativity and Carol Concert performances. The Gang acted, spoke, sang and played their instruments beautifully and with so much confidence!