

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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'Chillaxing' at The Holies on Friday

## PE Update

During the summer term, we plan to take advantage of the warmer weather to play rounders, tennis and to do some cycling. We will therefore be taking a break from judo, but you can reassure your children, who have loved these sessions, that we have already penciled in judo for the winter months. Alternatively, they may be interested in joining Steve's judo club at Fir Tree School in Wallingford on a Wednesday evening (6.30 - 7.30 pm) or Saturday morning (8.45 - 9.30 am).

We plan to swim until the end of this academic year (July 2014) and from then on to swim alternate years, starting again in September 2015!! This will enable us to offer the children a balanced diet of other body smart activities while they are at The Treehouse.

After the Easter break, please can the children bring in their PE kits to include shorts, t-shirt, trainers and a track suit.

## Well On Your Way to 7-A-Day!

A very Big Thank you to Cassie, and those who have bought Abel and Cole fruit and veg over the last year; together you have raised £800 for The Treehouse!!

Orders will resume on Tuesday 22nd April. New customers are always welcome, of course! Please let Cassie know if you would like to be included in the weekly "what's in this week's bags?" email. Occasional orders are fine, there is no obligation to place an order every week. The order arrives on Tuesdays and Cassie delivers the bags to your doorstep. What service!

## 'Bonne Paque'

Schools are very busy places, especially it would seem, The Treehouse where we often 'meet ourselves coming back!' That coupled with our very busy lives can sometimes mean that we forget to acknowledge or thank those that continue to keep this show on the road. So as we come to the end of the spring term, we would like to take this opportunity **to thank you all for all that you do for us**, and to wish you a 'Bonne Paque' (thank you so much for continuing to run French Club for us Fliss) or Happy Easter too.



Well done to all who entered James and Samuel's 'Landmark Competition'. The models, currently on display in our Outdoor Classroom until the end of April, are well worth a look. Our thanks to Maurice and Sheena for judging the competition and to The Endeans for supplying the medals.

## Dates for Your Diary

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| 23.4.14    | Term starts.<br>Endean Family music.<br>Work experience student.<br>No swimming.<br>Herbie's Making Morning |
| 24.4.14    | Trees cycling tbc   |
| 25.4.14    | Friday Forest at Lollington.  |
| 27.4.14    | 10K Run   |
| 28.4.14    | Wallingford Dance Festival 6pm  |
| 29.4.14    | 10.00 am Nature Walk with Tony  |
| 30.4.14    | Swimming  |
| 1.5.14     | Trip to Cadbury's World tbc   |
| 10.5.14    | Nearly New Sale 2.30 - 4.30 pm  |
| 11.5.14    | Wallingford Car Rally (bike sale)   |
| 19-23.5.14 | Treehouse Book Week (20.5.14<br>Dress up as a book character)   |



# Going for Gold!

## Keeping You in the Loop

This year's Smart Awards Ceremony is being held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00 pm. To give the children more involvement and ownership of their learning and achievements, they can put themselves forward for the Smart Awards or badges that they think they deserve, justifying their nominations in writing with three examples. We are circulating a list of criteria for each smart area and a nomination form to guide their thoughts. The applications are to be completed at home. Although the children have until **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** to submit their nominations, it would be a good idea to encourage your child to start thinking about which badges they feel they have achieved during the Easter holidays. This will also give them time to work on any weaker areas during the first half of the summer term. For those children that find writing a challenge, an adult may be the secretary or scribe for them. Thank you in advance for your help with this. Please let us know if you need further information or clarification.

### **Trees**

Take a look in your Reading Passport and try to fill some of the gaps during the Easter Holidays.  
Make up your own number sequences for other members of your family to complete  
e.g. 2, 4, \_\_, 8, 10, \_\_, 14

### **Houses**

Take a look in your Reading Passport and try to fill some of the gaps during the Easter Holidays.  
Teach a relative how to play 'Dice Lottery'. Can you remember how to do the grid method?

## Looking for something to do? How about...

**Word:** Keeping a diary of what you get up to during the holidays (Martha)  
Challenging yourself and read a chapter book (Herbie)

**Practical:** Learning how to knit (James)

Making some Easter presents for your family (Paige)

Making something for Chelsey's Health Day...a food pyramid, a healthy plate, a poster...(Lee)

Making your costume for book week (Lee)

Decorating an egg (Paige)

**Nature:** Visiting a farm and learn about animals (Edith)

**Number:** Practising your x tables (Lucy)

**Body:** Going for a swim (Magnus)

**Music:** Making a recorder out of a carrot!! Strange but true. (Alice)

**Learner:** Finding out more about an interest eg. Black panthers! (Alex)  
Thinking about our next whole school topic 'Chocolate'. What would you like to find out more about? Can you think of some questions that you would like us to investigate?

**Self:** Looking at the criteria for the Smart awards over the Easter holidays to see what you need to work on (to be circulated with the Update).

## To Celebrate - Number Smartie!

Ollie for doubling numbers in his head starting from 1 and ending up at 2048.