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With Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent this week, we spent time thinking about the meaning of Lent as a time of waiting and preparing for Easter. With the excitement of Pancake Day looming, we thought about why it is that people traditionally ate pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, a way of using up sugar, flour and eggs before the abstinence of Lent.

Good Manners' Champion:

This week's Good Manners Champion is **Freya** in Year 3. Freya approaches school life with an up-beat and smiley attitude and shows beautiful manners to us all, both children and adults alike. She has lots of ideas and a great sense of fun and she is particularly good at seeing the positive in others. Freya has the knack of being able to see when others need help, whether it's holding a door open, organising something in the classroom or sorting out a squabble. The children recognise how kind and inclusive Freya is; if children are arguing in the playground Freya will go up to them and tell them they don't need to argue. Mimi told us how friendly Freya was when she first arrived. Isabelle told us that Freya is passionate at Eco Team meetings and really wants to make a difference and reduce plastic in school. The children told us how Freya gives things her best, and always with a smile on her face. Well done Freya—you have indeed got beautiful manners.

Stars of the Week:

Well done to the following children:

Rec – William S– for trying very hard to put sounds together and using these in his writing

Y1&2 – Edith - for trying very hard, showing resilience in maths tests and tasks and smiling all the way through them

Y3&4 – Henry – for coming back to school with real positivity, getting stuck in to his learning and always with a smile on his face

Y5&6 – Mya– for working very hard, taking an active role in class discussions and showing enormous enthusiasm for her learning

Fancy Dress Competition for Aspire:

For: all parents/carers

On Monday morning, four Year 9 students from Chipping Norton School will be leading our assembly. They are taking part in a Business Enterprise Project to raise money for Aspire, the Oxford based charity. The boys are hoping to inspire the children to take part in a fancy-dress competition on World Book Day, with the £1 entry fee going towards helping our local community's most marginalised people.



World Book Day on Thursday:

Thursday is World Book Day; Mrs Butler and Miss Read have planned a day of activities to celebrate the world of books and reading. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a favourite book character—with the added incentive of a competition to get the imagination going! See above. If you would like to come in and share a favourite story with the children one afternoon, please have a word with the teacher/s.

Assistance Dog:

For all parents:

This is to let you know that Arabella (pre-school's) parents are training an assistance dog to keep her safe and provide emotional support from day to day, calming her down, responding to mood changes and raising the alarm when needed. Margo won't be in school with Arabella, but as part of her training she needs to get used to coming in and out of the busy playground. You will soon be seeing Margo, at drop off and collection times, on a lead and initially with a muzzle. Please can I ask you to discourage your children from making a fuss of her—as she is in training and her focus should be Arabella. Thank you.

Diary Dates Coming Up:

Mon 9 th Mar	Tudor Hall running Drama Workshop for Y56
Thur 19 th Mar	Eye tests for Reception children
Wed 25 th Mar	Author to visit KS1
Wed 25 th Mar	Multi-Skills Festival for Y2/3 children
Tue 31 st Mar	Easter Egg Hunt—organised by GTSSC
Fri 3 rd Apr	End of Term Easter Service—St Michael's-9am
Fri 3 rd Apr	School closes for Easter at 2pm
Mon 20 th Apr	First day of Summer Term—school reopens for all