

Newsletter

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PRAYER

Lord God of heaven and earth,
You changed Saint Paul's heart.
Change our hearts as well,
So that we can be your voice on this
earth.
Through Jesus Christ we pray,
Amen.



**'WELL DONE!' to the following
pupils who received special awards
this week:**

Foundation Stage – Ryan Hatton;
Fin Whitmill; Roman Keeling

Year 1 – Ivan Clements; Miguel Fyfe;
Pietro Janik

Year 2 – Grace Rolls; Sophia Collao;
William Clay

Year 3 – Alexander Goode; Cian O'Callaghan;
Lucy Jennings

Year 4 – Freddie Smith; Hollie Hurst;
Esme Tomlinson

Year 5 – Oliver Sheldon; Harry Thomas;
Nathan Smart

Year 6 – Jay Harris; Grace Jarrett-Rawlence;
Flo Mantell

Message from the Headteacher

This week has been a wonderful week for our swimmers. On Wednesday, our Year 5 & 6 children competed in the Partnership Swimming Gala. They won all their heats and qualified for all finals. As a result, they won the Big Schools Trophy and overall won the whole Gala, and another trophy. This means they will now represent West Oxfordshire in the School Games Competition. Well done to all the children and especially the children who were spotted by the Four Shires Swimming Club. Thank you to Mrs Woolley for organising this event.

Our other good news is that Mrs Hovard is home from hospital and I would like to thank you all for your cards, presents and best wishes. We have of course passed all these on to Helen.

We would very much like as many children as possible to take part in the BBC 500 Words Competition. Please see overleaf how to enter. A big thank you to Mrs Sarah Allcock, who will be giving her time on a Thursday lunchtime to help and inspire the children with their stories.

We will also be taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch program. Thank you to Mrs Sauvagnargues for co-ordinating this event.



Further information on this year's Big Garden Birdwatch has been sent home with your child today.

**Working Together
Through the Love of God**



Six years ago, Chris Evans had a dream: to get children excited about reading and writing - all children, no matter what their ability. 500 Words is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for children in the world. Nearly half a million pupils have written a story; that is over 215 million words!

It's very simple. Your children write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and [submit it online](#). If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, Hugh Bonneville or Sherlock himself - Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories.

In the year of Shakespeare's 400th anniversary, the Final will be live from the home of British story-telling, [Shakespeare's Globe](#), on the 27th May.

The competition runs from the 18th January 2016 to the 25th February 2016, and is open to children from 5 years to 13 years old.

If your child is interested, Mrs Allcock, (a 500 Word judge), will be holding Thursday lunchtime workshops to support and inspire any pupil who wishes to take part.

To find out more visit the BBC 500 Words website or contact Mrs Allcock.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Swimmers who not only won the Big Schools' Swimming Gala but also won the overall event out of the ten partnership schools on Wednesday.



Congratulations to Max Miles who came second in the Schoolboys' Motor Cross Championship 2016.



A Belated Bingo Report!



Christmas Bingo was a huge success! We had a great night and raised £750. Thank you to our organisers, volunteers and to all who came along to support the event. Those of us who had never played before are completely converted and we can't wait for next time.

We will be meeting next Tuesday 26th January at 7.30pm in the school hall, followed by drinks at The Fox. If you haven't been to a meeting before, please do come along . all welcome!

Library Cake Sale

Thank you very much for your donations. We are now buying a range of books with the money raised, which was £82.00

From the School Librarians

