



# WEEKLY FOCUS

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**“Accept responsibility for your actions.  
Don’t blame others for your mistakes”**



Dear Parents

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas despite all the coughs and colds and managed to spend quality time with family and friends. Happy New Year to you all-we hope that 2018 is both happy and healthy for all of us.

### Weekly Theme



Our weekly theme this week is ‘Taking Responsibility for our own actions.’ Children are sometimes quick to blame others for their mistakes but we need to teach them that we all make mistakes and that we need to take

responsibility for those mistakes. We can make children more responsible by:

- Getting them to pack their own bags, make their own lunches, get everything they need for school ready the night before.
- Teaching them that honesty is the best policy-don’t blame others.
- Teaching them that their actions have consequences
- Getting them to understand if they do/say unkind things others get hurt.
- Getting them to help around the house-washing up, tidying, setting the table etc.
- Teaching them to be responsible about their possessions/look after things.

### Reading at home

As part of our Home School Agreement, parents are asked to read with their child at least 5 times a week. There is no doubt that children that read at home perform better at school-FACT. Please do the best you can for your child by making 2018 the year you foster a love of reading with your child. It is one of the most important things that we do with our children that has lifelong lasting effects. Get reading!



### Book of the Week

Our book of the week this week is *Granny* by Anthony Horowitz and it is recommended by Miss Ingram.



Twelve-year-old Joe Warden isn't happy. He has rich, uncaring parents and is virtually a prisoner in the huge family mansion, Thattlebee Hall. Worst of all, though, is his granny. Not only is she physically repulsive, she's horribly mean. She has the look in her eye of a predatory crocodile and Joe starts to suspect that she has unpleasant designs on him. But what are they and how can he foil them?

### School Gate Closure

The school gate is shut to cars in the morning and the afternoon for your children’s safety. Please do not drive in to collect or drop off for appointments or otherwise. If you get stuck inside we cannot open them to let you out. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Leave of absence from School

Please can we remind you that:

- Head teachers may NOT grant any leave of absence during term time (apart from exceptional circumstances).
- Parents do NOT have a right to remove children from school during term time.
- There is NO entitlement for children to have time off school.



In addition to this legal requirement for children to be in school, any time your child has off school will have a detrimental impact upon their schooling in these areas:

- 1) There is a significant link between attendance and achievement. High attendance usually leads to high attainment and progress. Even just a few days away from school will result in your child missing out on key steps and concepts in their learning which will be challenging for them to catch up with. These gaps in learning will affect them as they progress through their education.
- 2) Time away from school will impact on the support and challenge your child receives. As teachers constantly assess your child’s progress and adapt learning to meet their needs, time out of class will

result in missed assessments, which will affect their ability to support your child.

3) Time out of school impacts on friendships, in and out of the class. Social relationships are one of the most important aspects of your child's education. When returning to school after a period away, children often feel socially isolated. If you do take a family holiday during term time then this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and may result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

### E-Safety Drop Ins



Mr Vaughan is holding E-Safety drop ins on Mondays after school. If you want help with setting up parental controls, privacy settings or just have general questions about staying safe online then drop into his classroom on a Monday after school.

### Tag Rugby

We have a FREE Tag Rugby club on a Monday after school. If you would like to join then just pop into the school office for a letter.



### Brainteaser

**Last teaser:** Why did they let the turkey join the band? Because he had drum sticks

**This week's teaser:** You walk across a bridge and you see a boat full of people yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?



## **Lisa Marshall – Headteacher**

### **Assembly news**

The following children were awarded

#### **Head Teacher's Awards**

Year 3: **Owen & Logan**  
Year 4: **Nathan & Jayden**  
Year 5: **Faye & Katherine**  
Year 6: **Harvey & Kera**

#### **B.E.S.T Awards**

Year 3: **Verity & Katrina**  
Year 4: **Holly & Macey**  
Year 5: **Jamie-lea & Lawrence**  
Year 6: **Lalia & Mason**

*Well done to you all keep up the good work!*

#### **Maths Stars**

Year 3: **Jordan & Risa**  
Year 4: **Brooke & Logan**  
Year 5: **Ellie & Jayden**  
Year 6: **Keaton & Lyla**

*Well Done!*

Children receive these awards for outstanding and on-going effort, good work and attitude.  
Congratulations!

### **IT'S COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL!**

#### **LAST WEEKS CLASS**

#### **ATTENDANCE WINNERS WERE:**

#### **Blade Class @ 100%**

*Well done and keep up the good attendance!*

#### **Congratulations to the following children on their**

#### **Reading awards:**

**Bronze: Bethany & Emily**

**Silver: Zac**

### **Our Learning**

**Year 3** Welcome back to the Spring term. We are kicking it off with place value in Maths. This week we have been looking at comparing numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols and ordering numbers from smallest to largest and largest to smallest based on their values. Next week we will be revisiting addition and subtraction to move our learning on with new strategies.

In English, we have been looking at the book 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. To get to grips with the book, we have been looking at the characters and putting ourselves in their shoes and thinking about how they would feel and why. For our grammar focus, we have been looking at verb choices and adjectives to describe actions and feelings.

**To help at home this week:** please read every night and ask your child to explain what has happened in the part that they have read, to check that they are understanding what they are reading. Thank you.

**Year 4** This week we have been learning about fractions and decimals and the relationship between these: writing fractions as decimals and vice versa. We have also been continuing our learning about our new class text: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, which we are really enjoying. Today, we start our new topic Light it Up! Which is all about how electricity and light work.

Next week, we will be learning how to use speech effectively in our writing and how to describe different settings effectively. We will also be studying geometry: thinking about coordinates, translation and different types of geometric shapes.

**To help your child at home this week:** you could have a conversation with them about what they already know about electricity and what they want to learn so they are ready for the exciting learning we will be doing this term.

**Year 5** 2018 began with Year 5 thinking about their New Year's Resolutions. We had some great ideas – don't forget to ask your child what their resolution was and whether they are sticking to it or not! In literacy we have started to learn about how to write a suspense story. Next week, we will be focusing on effective ways to create imagery. In maths we have been solving problems using negative numbers and developing our mental addition and subtraction skills. Next week, we will be developing our multiplication and division skills. In PSHE we have been learning about what makes us special and unique and understanding different emotions we may experience at different times and for different reasons. We have also been learning about ways to resolve conflicts and understanding the effects of getting angry. Next week, we will be starting our new geography topic – 'Home or Away?'

**To help your child with their learning this week:**

- Discuss and help them learn their new spellings (words with silent vowels) and words ending with the 'le' phoneme
- Finding examples of how and when short sentences are used in books they are reading
- Talk about peaceful ways to resolve conflicts

**\*\* Final Meeting for Leeson House on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 3.15pm in Miss Saunders' classroom\*\***

**Year 6** Happy new year! In English we've been started reading Holes by Louis Sachar. It's a book we've been looking forward to reading and it hasn't let us down. It's straight into the action and leaves you asking questions from the off. In maths we've done some practise tests and will use these to see how much we can improve between now and Easter. In the afternoon we've been using Scratch to create a maths quiz on the computer. We've had to design it, write the program and solve our own problems known as 'debugging'. We've also started our new topic, An Evolving World, and have been looking at how mutations in genes can lead to variations in offspring. Next we shall be finding out about Charles Darwin's role in the natural world and his discovery of evolution. **You can help at home this week:** by looking for and sending in a family photo that we can use when we look at inheritance and similar family characteristics.

### STAFF VACANCIES – start date ASAP

**Cleaner – 10 hours per week – 52 weeks  
3.15pm to 5.15pm Monday to Friday  
£7.78 per hour**

**Lunchtime Supervisor – 5 hours per week term time only. 12.00 to 1.00pm. £7.78 per hour**

**For an application form and job description please contact the school office.**

## Prompts & Reminders

### Dinner money

Please send in dinner money with your child in a named purse or envelope. From now on if money is bought into the office, change **will not** be given immediately as it is causing too many queues at the office.

### Yr 6 Height and Weight

Is today, if you do not wish your child to take part in this please let the office know before 1pm. Thank you to those parents that have replied already.

### Contact numbers

Did you have a new phone for Christmas? Have you got a new number? If so please pop into the office and let us know! Thank you.

### JC4kidz club

Starts again on 12th January. A club run by The Watering Hole for Y2-Y6 kids including a lot of crafts, fun games and much more.

The club runs every Friday during school term from 5:00-6:30pm at CJS.

New children are very welcome.

Cost: 75p per session.

The first session will be at Osborne House, 7 Benbow Gardens, Calmore.

For more details contact Fillipe Lessa (07400 924536)

### Karate

Before school club restarts tomorrow- Thursday 11 January

## ROCK CHALLENGE

### REHEARSALS THURS 11 Jan

**Jason, Argonauts, Rocks, Warriors, Kings, Guards and BS.**

**Athletics Club**

Started again this week for Yr 5 & 6 Children. Lower school children will be given the opportunity to come after half term.

**Tile Barn**

Reminder that the next payment of £35 is due at the end of this month/beg Feb. Post-dated cheques will be paid in on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

***And Finally Children please try your year door first in the morning not the office. Thank you.***

**Dates for your Diary**



**Karate starts again**  
**Final Leeson House meeting 3.15pm**

**Thurs 11 Jan**  
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**Inset Day**  
**E safety drop in session 3-4pm**  
**Leeson House residential Yr 5**  
**Parents evening**  
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**Non-uniform day**  
**School Disco**  
**Inset Day**

**Mon 15 Jan**  
**Mon 22 Jan**  
**31 Jan- Fri 2 Feb**  
**Tues 6 Feb**  
**Wed 7 Feb**  
**Thurs 8 Feb**  
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**Fri 9 Feb**

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**February Half Term**  
**Rock Challenge Rehearsal**  
**8.30 – 3.30pm (Half term)**  
**Rock Challenge show 6pm**  
**M & M Theatre production**  
**World Book Day**  
**Bag pack at ASDA Rock challenge**  
**Book Fayre in school**  
**Non-uniform day**  
**Testwood Baptist Easter concert 10am**  
**Easter holiday**

**12 – 16 Feb**  
**Thurs 15 Feb**

**Thurs 22 Feb**  
**Wed 28 Feb**  
**Thurs 1 Mar**  
**Sat 3 March**  
**Thurs 1 – 8 Mar**  
**Fri 16 March**  
**Thurs 29 March**

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**New term starts**  
**Rock Challenge Final**  
**Class photos and Yr 6 individuals**  
**SATS Yr 6**  
**Sports Day 9.30am**  
**Year 6 at Tile Barn**  
**Half term**  
**Governors Awards evening**  
**Year 6 Southampton Uni visit**  
**Last day of term**  
**Yr r leavers assembly 11am**  
**Inset Day**

**29 Mar -16 April**  
**Mon 16 April**  
**Wed 25 April**  
**Fri 4 May**  
**Week 14-18 May**  
**Thurs 24 May**  
**28 May-1 June**  
**Mon 4- Fri 8 Jun**  
**Wed 13 June**  
**Thurs 14 June**  
**Fri 20 July**  
**Fri 20 July**  
**Mon 23 July**