

## Headteacher Message

The past couple of weeks have truly whizzed by! It's hard to believe that we only have one more week until half term. This week has been particularly special as it was Children's Mental Health Week, focusing on the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. It was wonderful to see our children engaging in meaningful discussions and participating in various classroom activities. The children shared some fantastic ideas during assembly about different emotions, linked to the Inside Out characters. A special mention goes to Year 5 and their Reception buddies, who enjoyed a delightful well-being walk to visit the donkeys! We were also thrilled to have Rev Lynette join us this week. She explored the story of the lost shepherd with the children in year two, providing a great opportunity for them to ask questions and share their thoughts and ideas.

Unfortunately, I missed the Year 1 class assembly but I've heard such positive feedback about it and have seen some snippets during their rehearsals. Well done to all of you and your teachers for the hard work this term and sharing this with those who came to the assembly. Meanwhile, I was attending the 'Dare to Believe' event at Sevenoaks School with some of our Year 4 students. They had a fantastic time trying out different sports played at the Paralympics, including Boccia, Seated Volleyball, Curling, and Table Cricket. The children excelled and enjoyed every moment. They are eager to share their new skills with others back at school.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who have completed our survey. Unfortunately, we haven't received as many responses as we had hoped, so if you haven't yet had the chance, we would greatly appreciate your feedback.

Have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

## Saplings and Ash Buddy Nature Walk

It was a gorgeous, frosty morning on Thursday when Year 5 and Sapling Buddies had a



special adventure together. The children shared a walk in Nature, exploring and chatting as they went. Making the most of our amazing local environment,

the children listened to bird song, noticed new spring shoots, felt the frost melt in their warm hands, and challenged themselves with climbing and adventuring. The perfect way to support wellbeing and develop nurturing and healthy relationships.



## News from Forest School

During Forest School Year 2 spent some time-sharing gratitude for the nature they play in each week. We have been noticing that during winter, nature is resting. They chose a tree to rest and connect with, noticing it's bark and the leafless twigs, giving it a hug and resting below it's branches, supported by the earth and hidden roots below. They were amazing at making this connection with nature and at the end of the session, many of them went to say goodbye to 'their tree'.



## Parking

A reminder to please park considerately in the village at drop off and pick up – this includes not parking on the edge of the roundabout and blocking pathways for pedestrians. Thank you for your support with this.



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## A Night at the Races











**SATURDAY 8TH MARCH**

**£15.00 PER TICKET INC SUPPER  
CASH/CARD BAR.  
RAFFLE**

IDE HILL VILLAGE HALL  
DOORS OPEN AT 7  
1ST RACE 7.30PM

Emma T  
Felix B  
Harriet G-W



<p><b>Saplings</b></p> 	<p><b>Charlie</b> - For sharing your ideas and knowledge with the class and modelling how to be a good listener. Well done! <b>Joey</b> - For being a brilliant learner in our magic maths lessons this week! You listened very well too! Keep it up!</p>
<p><b>Elms</b></p> 	<p><b>Phoebe</b> - For really trying your best with what you are writing and pushing yourself to write more and more! <b>Casper</b> - For your attention and focus when preparing for our class assembly and for remembering to speak up so clearly!</p>
<p><b>Beech</b></p> 	<p><b>Hudson</b> - For his fantastic learning in all that we have done this week. Hudson has used his imagination to design a habitat for a Bog Baby. He has also had excellent understanding working out multiplication number sentences using arrays. <b>Isla</b> - For her excellent resilience and determination in maths this week solving multiplication problems.</p>
<p><b>Willows</b></p> 	<p><b>Violet</b> - For her interesting and descriptive ideas when collecting thoughts for our long piece of writing. <b>Bow</b> - For taking the time to find strategies and methods that work to help her learning get better. She has such a fantastic attitude towards her learning.</p>
<p><b>Hazel</b></p> 	<p><b>Ella</b> - For the beautiful, imaginative start to her myth narrative. Well done! <b>Erin</b> - For her detailed and systematic work dividing 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number with remainders</p>
<p><b>Ash</b></p> 	<p><b>Nathan</b> - For your improved attitude towards your work; completing the given tasks at your desk and listening to others input too. Keep going! <b>Florence</b> - You have made a good improvement in your engagement in PE. You are becoming more daring and skilled ~ keep it up!</p>
<p><b>Oaks</b></p> 	<p><b>Zac</b> - For his excellent explanation text on the adaptive traits of an iguana <b>Winston</b> - For his construction of an accurate line graph in Science</p>