

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for such a great half term. We are half way through the year. Where has the time gone? The days are now getting lighter and the sun is beginning to show and we are looking forward to some spring weather.

Please could you ask your children not to tread or play with any flowerbeds, especially those near the scooter park as our gardening club have planted flowers there. We hope to see the flowers soon.

Well done to violet class for their assembly. They had learnt all their lines well and spoke confidently. Their singing was also fab too. Great work Violet class.

We are currently encouraging the development of vocabulary in school. We value the importance of talking and are introducing talk homework. In every week's newsletter we will give you a statement to discuss. This can be done as a family around the dinner table. These statements are open ended to encourage discussion.

Talk homework is an opportunity to -

Help your child to think through and discuss initial ideas in order to develop the thought process

Ask your child for their opinions

Explain your own opinion and how it is fine to have different views or opinions

Develop your child's vocabulary through the use of "ambitious" vocabulary

To be successful at talk homework please

- Encourage as many family members as possible to be home on Talk Homework evening and consider having a meal together.
- Don't just give your opinion, use the 'because' word to explain why you think that or to explain their ideas.
- Ask others around the table to give their opinions and ideas and to use the 'because' word or to explain why they think something.
- Ask your child his / her opinion and idea and ask them to use the 'because' word.

These will be starting after half term but if you would like to practice one please do. Please discuss

"If I were in the Olympics I would "

Thank you for all the positive support and excitement for Project Playground. I am so impressed by all that you are doing. It's really exciting and I know we are going to raise £60000 and make it happen.

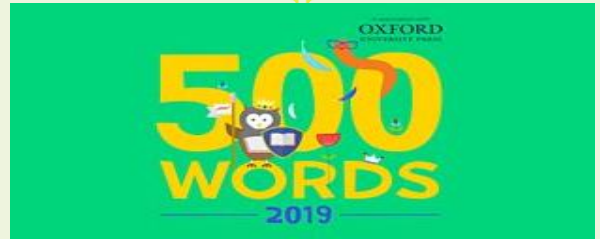
Have a lovely half term.

Jessica



Jessica drawn by Ava Lai, Y6 Chilli

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Writing Competition

This week our children have been busy writing their 500 word stories – you will receive their story and a letter with instructions on how to enter. We have many talented writers in our school and would love to see as many children enter as possible. If you need any help with entering, please contact your class teachers. Good Luck!

Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week is Aqua, Emerald, Jade and Ruby with no late marks.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Cerise.

Whole school attendance from 3 September until 14th February 2019 is 97%.



Picture of our Star of the Week children

SCHOOL UNIFORM

You will now be able to purchase school uniform directly from the school after half term. If you place an uniform order in the morning, you will be able to pick it up at the end of the school day.

Green sweatshirts are £10, Green sweat cardigans are £10.45, Gold Polo shirts are £9, Green Polo shirts are £9, Back Packs are £9.75.

Please ask Max for an order form.

Curious – Year 1 Violet learning all about Mary Anning, the woman who discovered fossils.

Creative – Children writing their 500 word stories.

Ambitious – Project playground assembly and fundraising launch.

Respectful – The Year 2 children welcoming the Lynn Ruth Miller Poetry Project.

Happy – That Spring is in the air and the sun is shining.

Next Week's Menu

Week 1 Menu

Monday

Farm assured chicken sausage with gravy (G, Su) with creamy mash potato (Mk)

Gluten free Carrot and Coriander sausage with veggie gravy with creamy mash potato (Mk)

Leeks and Garden peas

Apple and berry crumble with custard (Mk, G)

Tuesday

Minced beef, chilli con carne (Ce,Su) with steamed rice, carrots, Green beans

Sugar Free Banana Cake (G, E, Mk)

Wednesday

Roast Norfolk turkey with gravy(G)served with roasted potatoes

Wholemeal pasta with nut free pesto, spinach and parmesan

(G,Mk)

Roasted Mediterranean vegetables and Peas

Fresh cut fruit

Thursday

Chicken wraps in a rich tomato sauce (G,Su,Ce) served with cous cous

Macaroni cheese with a crunchy

topping(G,Mu,Ce,Su,Mk)

Broccoli and sweetcorn

Sugar free flapjack

(G)

Friday

Battered cod fillet (**G,Mu,F,E**) served with baked oven chips

Potato, Onion and Spinach Omelette (**Mk,E**), Baked beans and Leeks, Bread and butter pudding

(**G,E,Mk**)

Happy half term everyone. PTFA news this week..

PROJECT PLAYGROUND - final phase launched!

You will hopefully have seen the letter yesterday about the launch of the final phase of Project Playground, and the efforts of many members of our wonderful school community to raise £60,000 for the new playground equipment. People have already started donating on the fundraising page - <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/bettylaywardprojectplayground> - and there are already a number of fun events being planned, including a Silent Auction Evening on Friday 26 April. If anyone would like to take an active role in the fundraising, or just wants to share fundraising ideas, please email the Project Playground team at bettylayward.projectplayground@gmail.com.

BETTY LAYWARD RECIPE BOOK

A team of people are putting together a book of the favourite recipes of Betty Layward families. Proceeds raised from the sale of the book will go towards Project Playground. If you have a favourite family recipe, please email it to Anne Sheedy - RecipesBL@yahoo.com - ideally with a line or two about why the recipe is special to you, and if possible, by Sunday 24 February.

JUMBLE SALE - Saturday 9 March; 11am to 1pm

The board will go up outside reception on Monday 25 February so please do volunteer if you can. Volunteers will be needed to sort and set up on Friday afternoon, and for set up, selling and clear up on the big day. White bags for donations will be outside the gate during the week from Monday 4 March, so now would be a good time for that spring clean so that your jumble is ready for donating.

BAKE FOR BOOKS - warm up your ovens!

All proceeds from our Bake for Books cake sales go towards supporting literacy at Betty Layward. Thanks to all the bakers and helpers. Upcoming bake sales after half term: Friday 22 March - year 4 and reception Friday 29 March - year 2 and year 5

GIVING MACHINE and AMAZON SMILE

It's very easy to raise funds for the PTFA using both of these donation systems. Please see the posters around school, or find more information on the previous newsletters (all of which are available on the Betty Layward app and the website).