Ludlow Junior School Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents/carers,

After a busy half term on site, we have added in further external doors to some of the classrooms and added new fencing to the front of the school to create a grassed play area, for those pupils who use the Sun room and are part of Fun Club at break and lunchtime. It was great to see them out there enjoying some lunchtime play this week.

Unfortunately, our new roof has been subject to some vandalism in the last 2 weeks, with tiles smashed and other damage caused. If you live close to school and are likely to go past late at night or early morning, please can we ask you to be vigilant, as much of the damage would be visible to users of Ludlow, Bishops and Peveril Road. We aim to repair the damage very quickly and the building is watertight.

The house captains have now counted all of the sports house points won in Autumn 1, including the bonus stars and once the 5 a side results have been added in, they are going to work with me to write the parentmail announcing the Autumn 1 winners. Before school sports will begin again on Monday 11th November.

Finally, with dark mornings and evenings upon us, a reminder to take extra care on the busy roads around school and being seen when crossing roads. Please take care, as we do have some reports of near misses within the locality in recent months.

Best wishes

Simon Watkins
Executive Head Teacher

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Best Class This Week	3 Hazel – 99.63%
Best Year Group This Year	Year 3 – 96.95%
Best Class This Year	1). 5 Neptune – 98.33%
	2). 3 Oak – 98.09%
	3). 5 Mars – 97.65%

REWARD SYSTEM

3 Ash – Mia C
3 Beech – James I
3 Oak – Aariz M
3 Willow – Iman G
3 Hazel – Max P

4 Giraffe – Freya J
4 Zebra – Archie S
4 Leopard – Kamil W
4 Meerkat – Bonney S
4 Tiger – Carla P

5 Earth – Faith D
5 Mars – Layton W
5 Neptune – Jolie E
5 Saturn – Oscar B
5 Venus – Sara K

6 Ares – Brennan L
6 Zeus – Connor P
6 Apollo – Dariya K
6 Athena – Craig S
6 Poseidon – Grace B

Times Table Rockstar Winners

Year 3

Top rocker: Elliot I
Most improved: James I
Class: oak

Year 4

Top Rocker: Bonney S
Most improved: Keira C
Class: Meerkat

Year 5

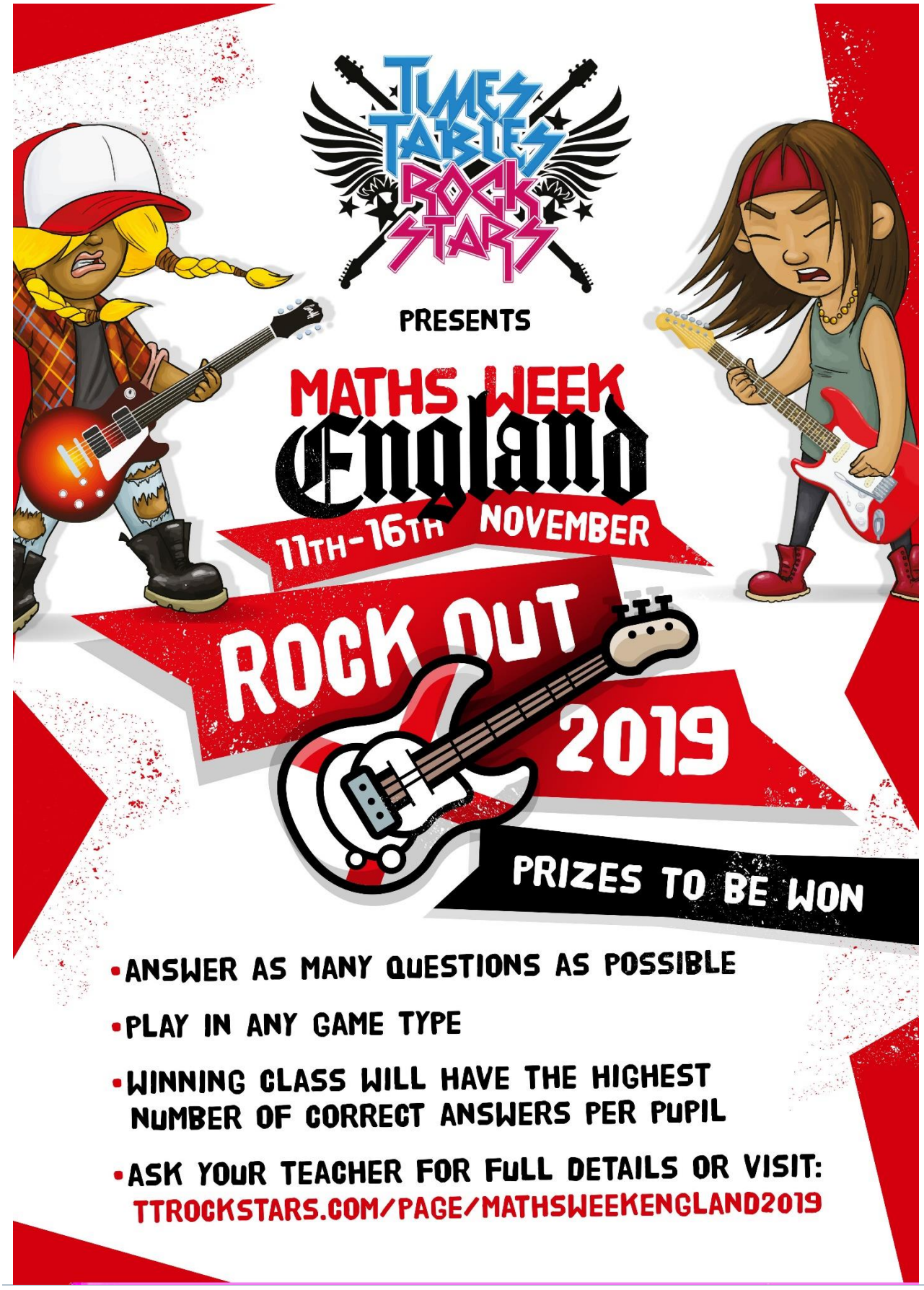
Top Rocker: Alex H
Most Improved Isobel I
Class: Mars

Year 6

Unfortunately, there are no results for Year 6 this week

Next week is UK maths week. During the week, using your Times Table Rockstar login, you will be able to earn points towards your class and the school! Good luck!

Please see attached poster.


TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS
PRESENTS
MATHS WEEK England
11TH-16TH NOVEMBER
ROCK OUT 2019
PRIZES TO BE WON
•ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE
•PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE
•WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL
•ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS OR VISIT:
TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/MATHSWEEKENGLAND2019

REMINDERS

Weather

As the cold weather is now upon us, please ensure your child brings a coat to school with them every day as we still go outside at break and lunch times. Warmer PE kits are also advisable.

Fairthorne Deposit Reminder

To those who have expressed an interest in the Year 5 residential trip to Fairthorne Manor, an offer letter has been sent via Parentmail. Please reply to this and make payment of the £30 non-refundable deposit on or before Friday 8th November 2019.

OTHER NEWS

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are still available from the school office, if you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause.

Recruitment

Clerk to Governors – closing date Monday, 11th November 2019 (midday)

We are looking to recruit a Clerk to Governors/Company Secretary to support our Board of Trustees and attend their evening committee and full governing body meetings. You will be contracted to work 8.5 hours a week including one day per week based in school.

If you are interested, please look on our website for more information and to download an application form, or ask for an application pack from Main Reception on Peveril Road:

https://www.ludlowjunior.org.uk/school-recruitment/9-uncategorised/774-recruitment-clerk-to-governors-oct-19

School Governors

The trustees of the school are currently looking to recruit new trustees (governors) to the board in order to develop the leadership group for the school. If you would like to express an interest in the role of trustee please contact Mr Watkins in the first instance for an informal conversation and explanation of the roles and responsibilities of being a trustee.

Food Service Assistant – closing date 20th November (5.00pm)

We are looking for a Food Service Assistant to work 1.5 hours a day over our busy lunchtime period, serving meals to our pupils and staff, Monday to Friday, term-time only.

If you are interested, please ask for an application pack from Main Reception on Peveril Road.

Medical Room

We have noticed an increase in children coming into the medical room with various ailments asking the office team to call home. Please be assured that each time a pupil comes to medical they are assessed by the first aiders in the office and their visit is logged. Following assessment, they are either returned to class if we feel they can continue at school or a call is made to parents, if we feel the illness requires them to go home. Can we please ask that if you are worried about your child possibly being unwell and you require us to call you if they present in the medical room, that you speak with the office team. We do not automatically call home for every illness and we will not do so if a pupil requests it and we feel it is not necessary.

Thank you for your continued support.

Home Reading

You will now see that home reading is being sent out each week to the children. In an effort to promote a love of reading and encourage as much reading as possible, we are asking that children initial on their task when they have read at home ('I' for independent and 'S' for supported and this is then signed by a parent/carer with the option of leaving a comment too. For every home read, children can earn 5 house points... this could total to 25 house points in just one week if they read each day and bring this back and signed to their teacher! As well as this, children will receive a reading sticker which they can wear with pride.

In addition, there will be an optional activity which may relate to children's topic learning or to further their understanding of the wider world. This home reading will often not require any written answers, but instead will lead to discussions in class which children can contribute to once they have researched or completed the task.

We would like to thank you for your support with reading at home!

Hannah Howells
Year 6 teacher / English leader

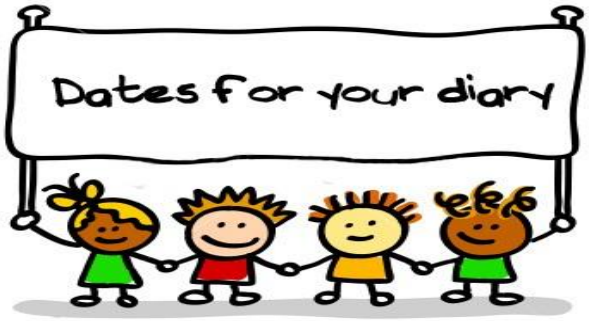
Hamish's 5th Birthday Celebration

To celebrate Hamish's 5th birthday we will be holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 29th November. In exchange for wearing non uniform please can children bring in donations for St Francis Animal Welfare, Fair Oak. This amazing charity rescues, rehabilitates and rehomes domestic animals.

Donations they would like to receive are:

Cat food, cat toys, collars
Dog treats, dog toys, collars, leads (no dog food as they have plenty)
Hamster /guinea pig / rabbit food or treats
Straw
Old towels and blankets

Donations can be brought into school the week beginning Monday 25th November. We will be collecting the donations in the RAMP room.

DIARY DATES

12th November – 6 Poseidon class assembly 2.45pm
12th November – Year 3 Peartree Church visits
15th November – 4 Zebra class assembly 2.45pm
26th November – 6 Zeus class assembly 2.45pm
29th November – 4 Tiger class assembly 2.45pm
29th November – Hamish's 5th birthday celebration non-uniform day
6th December – INSET DAY