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Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter begins with much congratulation to our new house captains. The Year 6 pupils gave amazing speeches to the children in their house teams this week and it was such a hard decision to make. We are very proud of each and every student who was brave enough to stand up in front of their peers and put themselves forward for the role. The winners are:

EAGLES: Amuyal and Drew HARRIERS: Oscar and Scarlett HAWKS: Bella and Noah FALCONS: Ava and Leo

Next week the Year 6 pupils have their PGL residential or special activities back in school and we look forward to hearing about their adventures after half term.

#### **Black History Month**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, children across the school took part in a live assembly to learn more about Black History Month. They were joined by children from over 4000 schools across the world to recognise and celebrate the important contributions made by black people. This years' theme was 'standing firm in power and pride' and the children had an opportunity to hear from Swarzy, the Radio 1 host and broadcaster, and ask her questions.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have continued to look at significant figures in history, focusing this week on Martin Luther King. If you would like to find out more, here is a link to BBC bitesize where you will find lots of information and a fun quiz.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgvws82#zymkh4j

# **Trips**

Year 3 enjoyed their local walk along Cove Brook last week which supported their Geography learning about human and physical features.

Year 5 really enjoyed a visit this week to Winchester Science Centre. I was so proud to hear about how well they conducted themselves around the museum. The children enjoyed visiting the planetarium, space themed workshops and a look around the exhibits too. It was a busy and fun day.

### **Celebration of work**

The Year 5 children are looking forward to showing off their work from this half term at next week's celebration of learning on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> between 3.30pm and 4pm in the classrooms.

In Year 3 next week children will be sharing their home learning in assembly and we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our celebration of learning on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October after school.

# **Mock SATS**

This week has been the first mock SATS week in Year 6 and the pupils have worked extremely hard to do their best. At this point in the year, it gives the students their first glimpse at what the tests will be like in May and allows the teachers to see how pupils perform in test situations, so we can plan their support moving forward.

# **Stars of the Week**

Next Friday, I am in for a treat, along with all of our Stars of the Week from this half term, as we will be celebrating with a small party on Friday afternoon. The celebration assembly each week is one of my favourite times as we get to hear from all of the teachers about the wonderful things that have been happening in their classes. Well done to all of our 'stars' this half-term!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay Headteacher