Semley
CE VA Primary School

Friday Round Up!

7th March 2025

School Vision

Rooted and Growing in Love:
A culture of kindness in which all can flourish
(Ephesians 3 & 4)

Well, this is not quite the news that I was thinking I would be discussing on a Friday Round Up but a very eventful week at Semley this week. As you are all aware we had a small fire at school which we are very lucky wasn't more serious. I know I told you already how very proud I was of our children in the email home but you really should know that they were exemplary in their behaviour and attitude as the incident unfolded. We always hope that our fire practices will pay off and I can say that they certainly did. I also know that this was largely because the staff were calm and organised making the children feel safe and looked after. I couldn't have asked for a better team. We have had the school checked by the Fire service and Wessex who manage our fire systems and will be following any recommendations they make.

This was not the only excitement this week as it was also Books at Bedtime and World Book Day. Books at Bedtime is always such a lovely event, we slightly changed the format this year to allow for longer story times and I think all the children who attended had a lovely time. Thank you to the staff who stayed at school to put this on, the parents who supported with the snacks and Mrs Gambier who is the driving force behind this evening and World Book Day. I was very sorry to not be able to be at the procession of costumes on Thursday morning (although I did get to see all the costumes at Wardour!) The children all looked fantastic and I know how tricky it can be to bring to life the costume they have decided upon so thank you for your support in making this a great day. I hope you have all had an opportunity to watch the fantastic video of all the children in their fabulous costumes. Well done Mrs Miles for being the technological wizard behind this! You will see lots of photos and the video itself on the website.

Monday saw Owls make their way to Billhay Farm where they were welcomed by Mr and Mrs Carter. They had a wonderful day in the sunshine pond dipping and exploring what the farm had to offer including the new classroom. They had a fantastic day despite a few wet feet and I am grateful to the Carters for making it possible, Mrs Mills and Mrs Crossman for taking them and our parent helpers for supporting.

This week also saw the start of our Lent challenges as we went to church. Rev Kate as always lead a lovely service about Ash Wednesday and I got to use her googly glasses to try and draw something. Each class made their lent pledge: Kites are collecting for Monkey world, Owls are creating a river of kindness, Doves are building a nest of kind deeds, Robins are filling a marble jar with kindness and Wrens are being their lovely selves and spotting kind deeds. I know all classes will do really well with these challenges. We look forward to sharing them with Rev Kate when we go back to church at the end of term.

All in all a busy week and that is without mention of the surprise intruder Mrs Hancock found in Wrens on Wednesday morning – a squirrel!! So we are sorry if our alarm disturbed you on Tuesday night. We look forward to science week next week and Robins' trip at the end of it. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Important Term Dates

March 2025
Mon 10th – Fri 14th: Science week
Fri 14: Robins trip- Longleat
Fri 21st: FOSS AGM 2pm
Tues 25th: Tennis Roadshow
Tues 25th & Thurs 27th: Parent Teacher Meetings
Weds 26th: Wrens Mother's Day Tea Party- *2:30pm*
Fri 28th: Mother's Day Crafts FOSS

April 2025
Fri 4th: Easter Holiday - *1:15pm finish*
Sat 26th: Mini Photoshoot Sessions – *slots available to book in the office*

New dates will be added throughout the term

Thank you to Henry A's grandad Bob for the awesome storage boxes for Forest School!

Congratulations to our School Values Award Winners:

Wrens: Cora and all of Wrens for their super sensible response to the fire alarm
Robins: Finley and George C
Doves: Harper and Arthur A
Owls: All of Owls for their trip to the farm
Kites: Ludo

Lots of children are doing really well with their reading hitting 25, 50, 75, 100 and 125 nights. Well done and keep going!