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Our Value this half term is Forgiveness

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Reception have been busy this week taking part in **RSPB's Big Bird School Watch**. They loved looking for birds in the woods, making bird feeders and finding out about different types of British birds. The children looked carefully at watercolour paintings of birds and really enjoyed painting their own. Please have a look at some of their wonderful artwork and bird feeders on the following page.



Class birthday sweets A reminder that because of the range of allergies experienced by our children, class birthday sweets cannot be handed out. Although they are nice for the majority, not all children can safely have sweets and the safety and wellbeing of all our children is paramount.

In addition to this, a reminder that due to the increased severity and number of children with allergies, **we are a nut free school**. Please ensure that products containing nuts do not come into school. Thank you very much.



Safety Online Simplified 16

Talk to your child! One of the key messages around online safety that has come from all the research into how to keep children and young people safe online is: *Talk regularly with your child about what they like to do online and find out what apps, games and sites they use or would like to use.*

For advice around how to start these conversations you may like to read CEOP's article [here](#).

Achievements

Each week we focus on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Perseverance**.

Congratulations to: **YR**: DJ; **Y1**: Hubert; **Y2**: Cherry & Isaac; **Y3**: Brodie & Myles; **Y4**: John, Jadon & Alessia; **Y5**: Sienna & Carlos; **Y6**: Ryan.

Next week we will be focusing on *Independence*.

Sporting Achievements

Some of our Year 5 children have been taking part in **Bikeability Cycle Training** this week. They have done really well, tackling wind and rain as well as experiencing cycling in better weather! Well done to all of you who took part.

The **Y6 Netball Team** is looking forward to their first match of the year on Monday and the **Mixed Y5/6 Football Team** will be playing a match at home next Friday so watch this space for the results!

House points

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this year for each House is:

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| St Andrew: | 1556 |
| St Catherine: | 1526 |
| St Francis: | 1523 |
| St Clare: | 1516 |

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 31st January** – am Reception class trip to Stevenage Museum
- **Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February** – Half Term
- **Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th February** – Parent/Carer Consultation evenings (details to follow)
- **Wednesday 27th March** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm - No After School Club
- **Monday 15th April** – Back to School

Have a great weekend! **Mrs Collins**

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever. Psalm 52:8

Reception Class – Big School Birdwatch

