

SCHOOL NEWS

The New Year is traditionally a time for reflecting on ways of making improvements in our life-styles. We are using a similar approach to help the children reflect on how they learn best, to celebrate their successes and to make confident, determined steps towards personal goals and targets. Our theme for this term is 'Going for Goals'. The children will be supported in finding out about their own preferred ways of learning, of establishing ways of setting realistic targets and of checking how far their efforts have been successful. To do this, we are all agreed that small steps, persistence and a strong sense of what our success will look like, are invaluable! Here are some examples from each class-

Duffield Class

There have been big changes for the children in Duffield Class as all the children now stay in school for the whole day. This has meant a lot of adjustment for everyone involved. The children are learning new routines and have had considerable success in learning how to work well together, to listen, share and to be responsible for selecting and later clearing away resources. One class goal is for everyone to learn their letter sounds. They do this by daily discussions as they read and write together, by using tapes, through playful interaction with puppets, recognition games and follow-up activities at home.

Anson Class

"I would like to be able to write my letters clearly all the time – that's a good goal!" *Jake Turner*.
 Jake is trying very hard to improve his letter formation, particularly during handwriting practice.

"I would like to get all my spellings right in my test every week!" *Jessica Hawkins*.
 Jessica will be learning her spellings for a weekly spelling check.

Morland Class

Morland Class have a class goal to try and play well together by using 'kind hands, kind feet and kind voices'. They also have clear ideas about their personal learning targets-

- "I am going to try and improve my adding, especially big numbers." *Lawrence Mizen*
- "I am going to improve my doubling." *Thomas Mawdesley*
- "I am going to read every night so that I can improve my reading." *Rachael Butt*
- "I am going to be friends with everyone." *Rachel Plant*

Denman Class

Denman has the oldest children in the school and all of them are trying hard to become more independent learners and to use their initiative. They have all set themselves individual goals and have made a Goal Wall with each goal written on a brick. "I will always...
 "... read for 20 minutes every night." *Adam Dudley-Smith*
 "... have a go." *Ashleigh Patterson*.
 "... give my homework in at the right time." *Natalie Ward*
 "... help others when they are stuck on a piece of work." *Bertie Turney*

The children have made a commitment to their personal or collective goals, so all staff will be helping to motivate and focus the children's energies so that they gain confidence and enjoy success.

LESLEY CLARK

**Marcham C E Primary School
 LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR
 WANTED TO JOIN
 OUR HAPPY & HARD-WORKING TEAM**

Permanent, daily 12 - 1pm

We are looking for an enthusiastic and confident person to share the supervision of the children in the dining hall and playground. You will be given guidance regarding the schools' Health & Safety, first aid and positive behaviour procedures. You will be able to offer clear, consistent support and to help the children enjoy healthy, happy lunchtimes. Salary details on request. For more information and an application form, please contact Jane Jefferies in the school office on 01865 391448. Closing date - Monday 6th February 2006. Interview date - Wednesday 8th February 2006

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- are holding a •
- **Pampered Chef Valentine Special** •
- on Wednesday 8th February at the school from •
- 7.30pm. Come along and see how easy it can be •
- to impress that special person with a romantic •
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- cookery products. Tickets £3 per person (includes •
- a glass of wine) are available from Jackie Ward •
- on 391 400 or from the school office. There will •
- also be a raffle. •
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PRE-SCHOOL NEWS (click here for the form)

We are looking at 'weather and seasons' this term and we've certainly experienced a variety of weathers to talk about and we've been making wind/sun catchers. The children have also been looking at 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and we now have a fabulous wall decoration showing all the food he ate! We are hoping to offer afternoon sessions in the future and would be interested to know what requirement there would be for this. Please take time to complete the form opposite to indicate whether these sessions would be of interest to you. (You can photocopy it if you want to keep your MADNews intact!). If you would like to arrange a visit or to obtain a prospectus please contact us on 01865 391731 or 07749 245313 (9am-12).

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 Website: www.oxtrust.org.uk

Illustrated talk on Deer by renowned, local expert Ernest Bingham on Thurs 9 February, 7.30pm at Sunningwell Village Hall. Hosted by Sunningwell Gardening, non-members very welcome. £2 entrance charge. Transport available - contact Greta 391592.

