



Headteacher Newsletter

Believe in yourself, Value others, Be proud of your achievements, Smile, Shine, Be happy.



What a busy term October was for us in school so many wonderful experiences for the children.

We pride ourselves on a rich curriculum which provides excellent opportunities for pupils during the year to be ready for the transition to the next part of their educational journey.

Reading has continued to be a focus for the school as a school we believe that

providing pupils with the ability and enthusiasm to read is one of the biggest skills in life. Furthermore, we encourage pupils to learn good communication skills both written and verbally which you will see when you come next week to the Parents Consultation Evening. This year we have provided parents with the opportunity to write their own comments in their child's books to celebrate their achievements.

Last month I signed many Outstanding Achievement Purple Lights for children who thoroughly enjoyed the celebration event and treats to reward them for their excellent work, attitude, effort, kindness and home-learning.

Mrs King has also reported that many more children are using our online resources which is fantastic. Well done everyone for taking ownership of your own learning and being dedicated beyond the school to your education, which as we all know, is a partnership between home and school.

This week is the last of the huge range of clubs and we are proud to offer these to our pupils which staff kindly offer in their own time. Personally, I have to say I have loved crafting with the 42 pupils who selected my club and can't wait for the Spring Term to offer the next selection of clubs.

Over the last month we have once again had many trips and visitors in school these are listed on the right. I would like to publicly thank all of the staff who provide additional time out to support these visits and also a special big thank you to Mrs Afford for continuing to organise all of our wonderful trips and visits. Without staff hard work, offer to work beyond their hours unpaid and dedication we wouldn't be able to offer so many opportunities to our children. We would also like to thank the parents who continue to contribute to these visits, both through joining us and supporting us financially.

Looking forward to November we are asking if children and parents could donate an item as per the letter sent from Mrs Patterson for the Harvest Celebration. Next Tuesday and Thursday we have parents evening and this year we have an additional evening for parents of SEND pupils with longer appointments to spend time looking at their Big Strides books celebrating progress to date and setting targets for this half term.

If you are unable to organise child care we suggest you book a separate appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on a different day after or before school for the same time allocated to Parents evening appointment.

We are very pleased with the outcome from the Mathematics Parents Café initiative, we have had some fantastic feedback. Following this we will be inviting parents to sit in and observe actual teaching within school in their child's class to see how mathematics is taught day to day. Further information will follow regarding this from our Mathematics team and year leaders.

As you are all aware, we are constantly working on trying to improve our attendance throughout the school. Please can you help us in making sure your children are in school on time every day unless they are really poorly. If there is a reason why your child is unable to attend school then please can you make sure that you call the school and leave us a message and if possible send your child's Class teacher a Dojo message to let them know too. This just saves us valuable time and people in chasing up missing children and we can better use the time on other things. We really appreciate your help with this as we spend so much money on telephoning mobiles that could be better spent on books and resources.



Highlights from the past month

The Little Blue Monster productions visited Early Years and KS1 performing Pirate Pearl and the Big Blue Monster

Children in various Pupil Voice groups have come together to make an impact on their own education!

Year 2 visited the Nene Valley Railway, Reception visited Fineshades Woods, Year 6 to Cadbury World and Year 5 has been to the Space Centre

Year 4 had a Roman Day in school and we saw lots of fantastic costumes

Year 1 have had a Superhero Day and were visited by Spiderman himself!

Children in Need



Money raised last year was used to support 2,283 projects across the country, this helps children facing a range of disadvantages such as poverty and deprivation, children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect or disabled young people. This is obviously something very close to all of our hearts and so each year we take part in our PJ day and **donate £1**.

We also have lots of Fun with Pudsey inspired games and work as well as selling a selection of Pudsey accessories This will take place on Friday **16th November**. More information will follow.



School Disco

The Head Boy and Girl (Thomas and Saskia) have organised a special winter school disco on **Thursday 15th November 4.30 until 6pm** for KS1 and KS2. They have sent home a letter they have written and hope that all children will enjoy this first social event they have organised. Any parent who could help at this evening please could you let me know as all help is gratefully received.

Remembrance Day - I have found the most beautiful animation for children pictorially from the views of the animals, to help pupils to understand the importance of poppies and Remembrance/Armistice Day on 11th November. We as a school mark the day that World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, and this year is particularly special as it is the 100 year celebration 1918-2018



www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_ub7Be7oA

Remembrance Pupil Competition with Prizes

Mrs Stewart has some amazing prizes for pupils who prepare a story to go with the animated video above – Please write your story neatly with attention to the poppies theme and add beautiful drawn illustrations – The best entries will win prizes and be displayed on our beautiful display created by a parent for us with children in the school creating these beautiful individual crafted poppies.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

KS1 – Punctuality
Luke, Tyler, Robin, Bella,
Quinton, Leo, Jacob, Oscar, Elsie,
James, Mazin, Niamh, Edward,
Tymon, Adas, Ajay, Delilah, Ruby,
Macy, Eliza, Kenny, Antonella.
KS1 – Achievements
Jacob, Faye, Martyn, Sinead,
Arber, Nathan, Charlie, Rowan,
Junior, Aston, Gracie, Finley,
Lena, Tyler, Ethan, Ruby, Brooke,
Lexi.
KS2 – Punctuality
Mazin, Niamh, Edward.
KS2 – Achievements
Massimo, Kai, Alisha, Jaden,
Noah, Archie, Freddie, Toby,
Sophie, Henry, Catlin, Luca, Eliza,
Laura, Dorian, Katie, Jason,
Kaysee, Thomas, Daniel, Harry,
Mia, Kai, Lily, Bilal, Alexander,
Grace, Logan,

Achievements and Punctuality Oct 2018

KS1 – Punctuality
Melissa, Mason, Brooke, Kian,
Isobel, Billy, Evie, Layton,
Scarlett, Harry, Diaras.
KS2 – Punctuality

KS1 – Achievements
Leo, Sofia, Evie, L-Jay, Vedansh,
Aaliyah, Evie, Eimantas, Simba,
Mazin, Oliver, Zara.

KS2 – Achievements
Lucy, Ruby, Lauren, Kaiden, Lilly,
Peter, Serena, Harry, Imogen,
Charlie, Lewis, Faith, Malachi,
Troy, Sally, Amelia, Poppy, Mea,
Chloe, Katy, Jan, Immie, Conrad.
KS2 Lunchtime Award
Katelyn





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Jason, Filip, Charlie, Amelia, Daniel, Chelsea, Jagpreet, Maddie, Sally, Adewonuola, Jaiden, Sophie, Lucas, Charlotte, Harper, Ashley, Anda, Alex, Eva, Ethan, Evie, Fajr, Sophie, Alfie, Elizabeth, Kyla, Imman, Kieran, Jacob, Ella, John, Luka, Mia, Rocco, Aisha, Jack, Anna, Jonah, Keeley, Shea, Rohan, Wilson, Taylor, Ejijah, Marcus, Phoebe and Lukas.

HOUSE POINTS

September House points results are as follows:

1st Kingfishers	121
2nd Robins	118
3rd Parrots	117
4th Canaries	110



PARENT'S COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

One area on Parent View we would like to improve your opinion on is the information you are given. I have listed some of the things we do - if there is anything else you would like to see please can let me know:

Reading age, book band, spelling and maths weekly test results and summary information on targets they achieve, attitude to learning, attendance, targets in English reading, writing and maths, feedback on home-learning, Target Tracker all subject information assessment in all subjects, Phonics phases where appropriate, Do Jo messages about adhoc achievement, awards, certificates and stickers, Early Years have CEM baseline data and end of year data as well as EYFS assessment data which is shared through reports and Tapestry regularly, Parent Mail, Newsletters, Website information about progress general information. Year 6 breakfast club therapy data and information, All School has access to 8 different forms of online learning purchased for the pupils, Parent sessions and Café reading and mathematics to date, Special Educational needs pupils' information and assessment information including IEP/Big strides targets and progress. Year on year data and progress, Residential pre and post information. Pupil Premium Plans where pupils access additional funding. Behaviour information from credits, stickers certificates and awards to behavior support plans. Attendance plans and attitude to school life. Phonics scores and on track information. SATs information national testing and pupils' predictions. Targets parents could help us with. I could not think of anything else to add but some of you feel we need to do more could you let us know what this is as we don't know what other information you could be asking for and I need your help to solve it.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEE WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE

November 2018

Tuesday 6th - Thursday 8th - Parents Evenings
 WB Monday 12th - Year R Math's Cafe's
 Wednesday 14th - Year 3 Harvest assembly
 Thursday 15th - School Disco 4.30 - 6pm
 Friday 16th - Children in Need PJ's dress in nightwear and donate £1 day

December 2018

Wednesday 5th - Whole School Pantomime in school
 Friday 7th - Christmas Fete
 Tuesday 11th - Year 5 Xmas Productions
 Wednesday 12th - Year 1 Xmas Productions
 Thursday 13th - KS2 Christingle
 Thursday 13th - Year 2 Xmas Productions
 Friday 14th - Year 4 Christingle
 Monday 17th - Year R Xmas Performances
 Tuesday 18th - KS1 Christingle
 Tuesday 18th - Santa visits!
 Wednesday 19th - Talent Show, Christmas dinner and Disco
 Wednesday 19th - break up for Xmas