



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term. The children have got straight back into the swing of school this week; it is great to see them enjoying their learning and many of them even doing their work with a smile!

In my previous newsletter I forgot to mention the heroic efforts of our cross-country runners! Children from each KS2 class went to take part in the event on the last Thursday before half term. The route was a lot longer than anyone was prepared for, and our resilient children did us proud by trying their best. As we would expect from our wonderful children, they behaved impeccably and showed fantastic teamwork, cheering each other on and congratulating everyone who took part.

Next week we will be holding school council elections; two members of each class will be elected to represent their class on the school council. Your children may have brought home a prompt to help them plan their speeches I am looking forward to hearing what they have to say about improving our school.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Halloween activities; in total they raised a fantastic £269.51! The next big fundraiser for the PTA will be the Xmas Fayre; I am sure they will be looking for volunteers to help with this, please keep looking at the newsletters for further information in the coming weeks.

Enjoy your weekend, I hope you have a fun (and safe) fireworks night.

R. Baptiste



What 's been happening in our school this week.....

Year 1 – In art this term we are learning about famous artists. This week, we learnt about Piet Mondrian. We explored his work using our oracy skills to share our opinions of each piece of art. After then learning about primary colours we were able to recreate a piece of art, in the style of Piet Mondrian.

Year 2 - We have been working very hard. We have started our new unit of art and the children have created their own versions of Monet's Garden. The children were painting with their fingers to create texture on the paper. Their finished paintings were impressive!

Years 3 and 4 – This week we have begun to discuss what a settlement is and what makes a settlement. We looked at early settlements and what the necessities were to help people survive. After this, we looked at a refugee camp and discussed how they are settlements to help displaced people escape from conflict.

Year 5- In our year 5 history lessons, we have been finding out about different aspects of Viking life: religion & gods, homes & food, clothes & jewellery, rhyme & writing and art & craft. We have nearly completed our Maths unit on addition and subtraction. In English, we are beginning the writing phase, using The Tear Thief as a stimulus.

A big well done to our learners of the week:

Foundation: C. Pickering & M. Harvey
Year 1: J. Nuttall
Year 2: R. Paul
Year 3: A. Willis
Year 4: T. Lopes
Year 5: C. O'Riley
Year 6: J. Munden

Year 6 - This week we have been reading and exploring Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions. We have unpicked some technical, formal vocabulary and enjoyed learning about the strange - but useful - inventions! In PE, we have begun our Tag Rugby unit and have enjoyed using the tag belts as well as taking up attacking and defending positions.

Dates to remember.....

- W/b 07/11/2022, children will be able to purchase items for the Poppy appeal from Mrs Pickard in the mornings, outside the main reception (Snap bands £1, bracelets £1, gel poppy 50p, button ties 20p, paper poppy any donation). We have limited stock, so the snap bands and bracelets are 1 per child.
- 11/11/2022 Fun Food Friday (postponed from this week) Tuck Shop in the school playground 3.15 – 3.45
- 14/11/2022 – Odd socks day (Anti Bullying week) and Pudsey in assembly.
- 15/11/2022 – Flu vaccinations <https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/devon>
- 16/11/2022 – Foundation and Year 1 Fluoride application.
- 18/11/2022 – Children in need, Mufti, online donations only.
- 21/11/2022 - Parents evening. – all classes 3.30pm-6pm. Letters will be sent home.
- 22/11/2022 – Parents evening. Foundation, Yr 1, Yr 3, Yr4 and Yr 6 3.30pm-6pm. Letters will be sent home.
- 23/11/2022 – Parents evening. Yr 2 and Yr 5. 3.30pm – 6pm Letters will be sent home.
- 02/12/2022 – Mufti day – donations for Christmas fayre, details to follow.
- 05/12/2022 – Christingle service – no parents, please send your child in with an orange.
- 08/12/2022 – Christmas dinner and Jumper Day – Microsoft form will be sent out for orders.
- 09/12/2022 – Mufti day – donations for Christmas fayre, details to follow.
- 09/12/2022 – PTA Christmas fayre 3.15pm-5:15pm, more details to follow.
- 12/12/2022 – Foundation and KS1 Christmas play 2:30pm. 2 tickets per household, one viewing only. booking form to follow.
- 13/12/2022 – KS2 Christmas play 2.00pm & 5.00pm. 2 tickets per household, one viewing only. booking form to follow.
- 14/12/2022 - Foundation and KS1 Christmas play 2:30pm. 2 tickets per household, one viewing only. booking form to follow.
- 15/12/2022 – Class Christmas parties, details to follow.

Notice board:

- Honeyshutes nursery are taking over the old nursery, please call them on 01752 786113 or collect a registration pack from our main reception.
- Please make sure you are leaving adequate time to collect your children. We will give a grace of **5 minutes**, after that we will put your child into emergency afterschool club, and you will be charged accordingly.
- Polite reminder: No smoking or vaping is allowed on the school premises.
- Again, strictly no parking on the drive.