

Newsletter



Newsletter 4

October 16th 2020

Assembly Themes: Next week: Behaviour Week after half term: Belonging

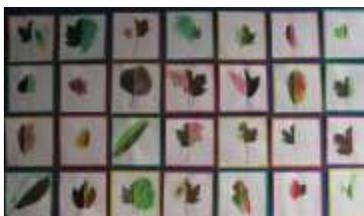
Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are only a week away from half term – time has flown! The children have been producing fabulous work throughout the school and enjoying being together again. Over the half term holiday, the school hall will be re-decorated and new curtains and blinds fitted. It has been several years since it was last re-decorated, by a community volunteer team from Tesco, and the curtains have been in place since before I came (I will have been here for 16 years at Christmas!). We are looking forward to seeing the transformation – I will publish photos when it is all finished!

We are sorry we won't be able to welcome you to school as usual for Parent's evening, so I have included a few photos around the school – I hope you like them!



Nursery Leaf People



Reception Leaf Drawings



Mr Men in Year 1



Fairy Stories in Year 2



More Year 2 stories



Roald Dahl Clay models in Year 3



Roman Centurions in Year 4



Year 4 Colour mixing



Year 5 Landscapes



Year 6 Landscapes



Year 6 biographies



Fantasy Football

The Fantasy Football competition proved to be as popular as ever, and was a hard fought competition! The results for 2019 – 2020 are as follows:

1st Place: Mia O – Year 4

2nd Place: Henry T – Year 6

3rd Place: Isaac G – Year 5

Congratulations to our winners and good luck to the competitors for the season ahead! Thanks, as always, to Mrs Broad for running this for us.



COVID Update



As you know, we love celebrating events, including birthdays at our school. Sadly, to comply with latest guidance, we will not be giving out sweets or cakes from any of the classes for the rest of the term. We will review the situation at Christmas, or earlier if the Covid situation improves.



Thank you very much for your kind feedback regarding our 'Back to school, back on track' booklet sent out last week. We will be adding anything we think will be helpful to the website, under the 'Parents and Families' tab, as resources are available.



Now that the weather is getting colder and wetter, most of the children will be using the playgrounds at break and lunchtimes. We have staggered time for their use, so that we limit the number of children using them. We will allow Year 5, as well as Year 6 to use the field, provided they have a change of clothes and shoes. This means they will continue to have additional room to play.



For the benefit of all children's health, we have reviewed our PE schedule, so that we can continue to make sure that the children follow a full curriculum, even though they will have to spend more time indoors. Strategies we are using include: half the class at a time doing PE with Mel, so that appropriate distance can be kept between the children, sets of equipment allocated to individual classes, cleaning of equipment after use and skills based lessons to avoid physical contact between children. We are following the guidance of individual sports bodies as well as the Association of PE in Schools.



Parent Teacher Consultations

Hopefully everyone has been able to arrange convenient times for Parent Teacher Consultations. As mentioned previously, the system automatically starts and finishes the meetings promptly, so it is important that people are ready for the start of the meeting, so that they don't lose out on any of their time. If you have any queries about the process, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office and we will be pleased to help. We hope to return to face to face meetings again in February, but will retain the booking system as this seems to work well.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter; As this will be the last newsletter before half term, I hope you have a relaxing, safe and enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard

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