

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents,

It appears Autumn is now upon us! The evenings are drawing in and the leaves are turning brown. This term has been wonderfully busy and continues to be until Half Term! There really is an array of activities and events available to our children. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed yesterday's maths problem solving workshops. Children's perseverance and collaborative skills were certainly drawn upon! I am so proud of how well our new joiners have settled in. They already feel like they have been here forever and are an integral part of our school community. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Keitch
Headteacher

The list of FORTHCOMING DATES is attached and is also displayed at the end of this email.

School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is, **97%**; our attendance target is **97%** so we're right on track. Thank you for your continued support.

School Photographs

If you'd like to place any orders, please kindly do so by **9th October** to get free delivery to school. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

Reception year group photo order form going home with your child today.

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Bikeability – KS2

For children undertaking Bikeability training w/c 14th October, please can you give your child's bike a maintenance check to ensure that it is in good working order beforehand. Also please ensure that helmets are in good order too. Bikes can be kept in the school hall overnight from the Monday.

Class 4 will undertake training on Monday to Thursday in groups in and around the village
Class 3 will undertake training on Friday in the playground

PTA Events

Thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday to play **Chocolate Bingo** – we had a fantastic time and made a total of **£424.33** which is brilliant! A big thank you for your donations of chocolate too.

We are now looking forward to our **Pumpkin carving** competition - more details will follow and our '**Spooky**' Disco on Friday 25th October (see attached flyer) – tickets available next week

The PTA will be selling Christmas Eve Sweet Cones/Hot Choc Cones and Reindeer food prior to Christmas (3 x cones for £5). Pre-Order forms will go out after half term.

School Lunches (Nursery & KS2) – Autumn 1 payments

A reminder again for anyone needing to pay for school lunches.

Children in Nursery & Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: Lunches are chargeable at £2.70 per day as follows:

Payment dates: 4th September & 1st October

Mondays £18.90 for the half term (7x£2.70)

Tuesdays £18.90 for the half term (7x£2.70)

Wednesdays £21.60 for the half term (8x£2.70)

Thursdays £21.60 for the half term (8x£2.70)

Friday £21.60 for the half term (8x£2.70)

Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 continue to receive Universal Free School Meals (UFSM).

Spare underwear for Class 2

Spare knickers request for Class 2's spare clothes/change box – please hand donations to a member of staff. Thank you.

Preloved Uniform

We have many school branded items in our preloved uniform shop all priced at £2 per item. If you would like to purchase anything, please contact Mrs Wood.

If you have any items of **school branded** uniform which are in good order, please send these into school. We cannot accept anything non branded such as trousers, skirts, polo shirts etc. Thank you

Teaching & Learning Celebrations:

Class 1 have had another busy week. We thoroughly enjoyed our challenges on our Maths Day, demonstrating some fantastic problem solving and teamwork. In Maths we have been working on the number 4, finding different ways to build it, inside and out. In our SCARF sessions we continued learning about what makes us special, with a show and tell of things that are important to us. The children listened carefully and asked some very thoughtful questions. We had a brilliant session at the Forest on Tuesday, spotting lots of signs of autumn while exploring and keeping warm with hot chocolate. During play: we have been busy in the mud kitchen making menus and working hard in our mud cafe; we have explored how different ramps affect the speed of cars; we've

been creating our own collages in our creative area and we have set each other challenges on the trim trail and obstacle course.

Class 2 relished their 2-d shape problem solving group challenges on our maths day. We learned a new shape 'Parallelogram' and recapped on other 2-d shapes. Using large wooden shapes, pupils created different pictures such as a robots and trees. The children persevered, communicated, and took turns in order to succeed in organising the shapes into the required shape. Another highlight this week was creating our wax resist weather pictures, using candle wax as a drawing tool then painting over with watery, black paint. In English they created their own river story plan, with their characters boats travelling through a range of settings. During P.S.H.E was lots of laughter in our feelings miming games, with 1 child miming a feeling and situation, another guessing the feeling and the other guessing the reasons for that emotion. The children continue impress Mrs Hodgson and I with their growing independence and confidence in class two. Well done year 1 and 2!

Class 3 started the week with a wonderful visit to Black Wood. They engaged with lots of activities and games to enhance their learning. They really demonstrated our school values on this visit. Including perseverance on the slackline and archer and respect of each other and adults by playing games and listening to one another. The week has been busy, still exploring concepts in Place Value such as counting in 100s and 1000s and using number lines. We had a fantastic day on Thursday with the Problem Solving workshop, each group really focused on the problem in front of them and tried different strategies to find a solution. We have been continuing our work in Science, thinking about how rocks can change from sedimentary to metamorphic and we used this opportunity to create infographics in computing about facts about rocks. In English, we have been practising using speech marks and looking at the skills we need to write our pieces in the coming weeks.

Class 4 have worked really hard this week. In English, we have been writing setting descriptions, thinking about interesting vocabulary and adding speech.

In PSHE, the children have been taking part in role play, acting out scenarios of being a good friend. In History, we have been researching advancements in technology during WW1.

Everyone enjoyed solving puzzles during maths day, some were definitely harder than they looked, the children demonstrated fantastic perseverance and problem-solving skills. Well done!

FORTHCOMING DATES AUTUMN TERM 1