

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parents,

Another week has passed in a flash. I am loving seeing the children who have been sharing some amazing learning with me over the days.

As the colder weather arrives and hats, gloves and scarves are appearing in school please can I ask you to name everything they bring into school. It is so much easier to get it back to the owner if it has a name. We are continually teaching the children, as I know you are at home, to look after their own belongings.

Thank you to the people who have continued as volunteer readers in school. If you are interested or know someone that would be, please contact the School Office about this. We would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your continued support of the school and your children's learning.

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, yet again, **97%**; our attendance target is **97%** so we're right on track for the second week in succession. Thank you for your continued support.

Bikeability – KS2

A reminder that Bikeability training starts on Monday - 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

Feet First – 5 Day Challenge Week

'Feet First' starts on **Monday 14th October** for one week. During this week we would like to encourage families to 'get active' and walk, run, cycle or scoot to school if you can - even if this is just parking a little further away it all helps! Children will be given a record card and stickers daily as an incentive.

Christmas Card Artwork – due back Monday!

Christmas Card artwork (Cauliflower Cards) went home with children yesterday – if you would like to order any items, please kindly complete the order form attached to the artwork and return it by **Monday 14th October**. Thank you.

Height & Weight checks Reception & Year 6

A letter was sent with information about this earlier this week; the date these are being conducted is the 23rd October in school.

Healthy Habits 4 Life

Please find attached some information on Healthy Habits 4 Life!

Online Safety Tips

Please find attached some tips for helping your children stay safe online.

PTA Events

Pumpkins will be available next **Friday, 18th October** (after school) for £1 for our Pumpkin competition – please return your decorated pumpkins to school on **Monday, 21st October** for judging. Winners, 1 per year group, will be announced on **Tuesday, 22nd October**.

Our **'Spooky' Disco** takes place on **Friday 25th October**.

We have arranged a **Great North Air Ambulance** clothing collection for **Tuesday, 5th November** – bags will go home with the children w/c 21st October. Time for a good clear out over half term perhaps!

A reminder that 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.

Minutes from our PTA AGM will be posted on the PTA page of the school website shortly.

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: *from the children*

Class 1 have had another fantastic week. Here are some of our favourite parts:

Playing games with my friends in the sunshine. I liked climbing on the climbing trees at Forest School. Playing outside, we made pizza in the mud kitchen. I liked making my snowman Christmas cards. I've enjoyed reading all the sounds I know. I like reading all the books. The hot chocolate at Forest School was very chocolately. I loved making dens at Forest School to hide from the rain. I love the dinners Mrs Potts makes.

Class 2 We loved the woods. I liked the woods because I like cooking there. I enjoy the daily mile the best. I liked the games we played in P.E. I like it when Rachel comes into school. I loved making my passport with Rachel. I've enjoyed playing on the trim trail on the field. I love lunchtime and playtime.

Class 3 This week in Class 3 we have enjoyed PE and practising gymnastics. We have been enjoying maths, doing number lines and comparing numbers. We have started planning our wonderful stories about being lost. We enjoyed our day with Rachel from NISCU, we learned about Christianity across the world. Some of us enjoyed looking at Bibles written in different languages. We have enjoyed computing and making infographics about rocks too!

Class 4 This week, I really enjoyed designing my Christmas card using natural materials and a bit of sparkle. In Science, we enjoyed investigating water resistance and carrying out a fair experiment. I enjoyed RE day with Rachel, finding out about Christians around the world.

I enjoyed buddy reading and eating lunch with the younger children. It was very interesting finding out how WW1 ended and why. I have enjoyed spending time with my friends at break times. We have enjoyed reading to the end of our class text 'Rose Blanche' finding out what happened to her and the people in her town.

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