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Headteacher: Mrs Helen France

30th September 2022

From the Headteacher:

Harvest

Our Harvest this year will be on Friday 8th October. We will have a special celebration assembly that day. We also invite the children to bring in donations for our local food bank, Sharing Life. Items that can be donated include:

- Cereal
- Pasta /Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce/ soup
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat/ vegetables / fruit
- Tea/coffee
- Biscuits

Equipment

Please can we remind everyone that children need to bring a fully stocked pencil case to school with the pens, pencils, glue sticks and other stationary items that they need for their learning. They also need to have their PE kit with them throughout the week from Monday morning including a pair of trainers and a change of socks. All children get changed for their PE lesson in school.

Communication

We know that there are from time-to-time concerns about incidents that happen during the school day. We remain committed as a school to work with both the children and the families concerned to resolve them. If you have a concern please do contact the office to speak with the class teacher and we will work with you to resolve the issue. This week we have changed how we run lunchtimes to support our youngest children following our own observations and feedback from parents. It is important to note that we cannot always share the work that we do in school to address any issues that may arise, as confidentiality and integrity are paramount, however, we continue to work diligently to make our school safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Parent Consultations

We have sent home a hard copy Parental Consultation letter concerning forthcoming Parents' Evenings. If you haven't already done so, please could you return it to us on Monday 3rd September. Thank you.

School Office

We are sad to share that Mrs Oakford has been headhunted to work in a finance role outside of education and will be leaving us at the end of this half term. We are really sorry to see her go but know that this is an exciting opportunity for her. We are currently advertising two roles to replace hers, one as Office Administrator and one as Finance Officer. These are both on our website. If you know anyone who might be interested, then please do pass on the details.

Please note that it is necessary next week to close the school office on Monday to Wednesday. This means that it is imperative that all children are at school before the gates close at 8:50am and that they have the items that they need for the school day as we will not have anyone available to receive anything or anyone at the door. If you have any queries please email the office rather than ring and we will respond as soon as we are able. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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Teaching and Learning in the Classrooms this week:



Hedgehog Class

This week in Hedgehog class we have been getting stuck into our maths by practising subitising the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have collected objects that show the number 3 in different ways. In English we have been joining in with repeated text and making story predictions using the book 'Oh no, George!' by Chris Haughton, see our book review below. In our plan and play the children have been exploring and discovering the investigation area. They began looking closely at the fruit and vegetables and discovered that when they cut them, juice came out. We had a good idea to make apple juice. So in the afternoon Mrs Hall collected some bowls, apples and tools so that we could try and make juice. There were lots of fabulous questions and different investigative skills being used by all the children as they tried out ideas, looked for better ways and built up some great perseverance as well as having lots of fun. We didn't have much luck with the apples so we tried some other fruits eventually discovering that oranges and tomatoes were the best for extracting juice from with a pipette! Next week we are making smoothies. Please do encourage your child to draw or write a list of the ingredients they would like Mrs Hall to buy.



Squirrel Class

Squirrel have had another exciting week of earning house points and learning so many new things. This week we've been reading all about Queen Victoria's bathing machine; we designed our own and then wrote about the real one designed by her dearly loved Prince Albert. In PSHE we learnt about listening skills, in maths the importance of 'greater' and 'less' than and also place value and numbers lines. In RE we learnt how the Sabbath was a day chosen by God for us all to rest. What a week!



Fox Class

This week in Fox Class we have continued our Maths journey comparing and ordering our numbers and our older members even enjoyed exploring 'making' Roman numerals! We have also read the whole of Arthur and the Golden Rope and children have been busy planning and starting to write their first-person adventure story. We had a fantastic Science lesson understanding about how sound travels and we made our own string telephones to test how the string carried our sound. We even had a go at Chinese whispers!



Owl Class

This week saw the children getting creative in problem solving in Maths, and rearranging subordinate clauses in English to create evocative and exciting sentences. We will be using the sentences generated in this lesson to drop into our plans for Owl Class's first proper Big Write next week. Owl also have been exploring air resistance in Science, as part of our forces topic, with our exciting (and admittedly hilarious) balloon propulsion experiment. The children really got invested on this experiment, and quite competitive too! Soon we had a class wide competition as to whose balloon rocket could travel to furthest on the fishing wire, as they recorded and compared their findings. A big well done to Owl Class for a busy and challenging week!

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Photo Diary of the Week





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Whole School Topic: Autumn Term: Great Expectations

Values: Wonder

This week our theme has been 'What a Wonderful World'. We have discussed the current weather, the surrounding area and what the children enjoy most about the outdoors and nature. We reflected that we are all part of God's creation, just like the trees, hills, fruit and vegetables. God loves to see us, his children, running around, enjoying creation and having fun.

'This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.' Psalm 118:24

Climate Warriors Challenge

'Climate change is about people, about people being impacted right now ... in the end, you know, we cannot eat coal, we cannot drink oil, we cannot breathe so called natural gas.'

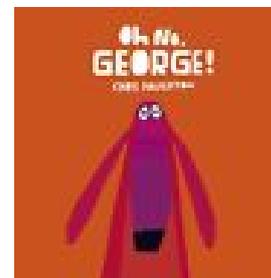
Vanessa Nakate. Young Leader, Global Goals. Climate Activist, Uganda.

The UK harvest is gradually creeping earlier – by almost a month in the last 60 years. We are all feeling the impacts of climate change through our harvests; some substantially more than others. In Uganda, 'the Pearl of Africa', Vanessa Nakate describes how prolonged droughts are destroying many people's crops, whilst those in Eastern Uganda are suffering from devastating landslides and flooding.

This week Young Climate Warriors are challenged to swap imported fruit for apples, pears and blackberries. Local, seasonal eating helps minimise carbon emissions, and helps to tackle climate change, but also serves to remind us of our reliance on nature's harvest, to meet our basic human need for food. This week's challenge slide can be found [here](#).

Book Review - Oh no, George! By Chris Haughton

This is a very funny book. It's the story of a mischievous dog called George who loves cake, digging and cats and his very tolerant friend Harris. He wants to be good but just can't help himself! We enjoyed guessing what George was going to do next! It was very funny to see how George kept giving in to temptation and the mess he made in the process! We laughed a lot when we read this book! We think you would love it too!



Recommended by Hedgehog Class

Happiness Calendar: Self Care September

Self-care isn't selfish it's essential. You can find this month's happiness calendar [here](#).

PTA Cake Raffle

The first PTA Cake Raffle for this academic year takes place next Friday 7th October. Please return forms to Mrs Lytzen or pop them into the post box at the school office by Wednesday 5th October. The first draw will take place during the Harvest Service next week.

Housepoints

<i>House</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bethlehem	49	116
Eden	36	98
Galilee	47	111
Jerusalem	41	107

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Emails and Letters Sent this Week

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
26 th September	Email	Parent & Carers	PTA	Message from PTA – AGM
28 th September	Email	Parents & Carers	PTA	PTA Cake Raffle
29 th September	Letter/Email	Parents & Carers	School Office	Parent Consultations

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2022 (New or revised dates in bold)

October	
Monday 3rd	Deadline for Parent Consultation forms
Wednesday 5th	Deadline for cake raffle forms
Friday 7 th	Harvest Service in school for local food bank
Friday 7th	PTA Cake Raffle
w/c 17 th October	Structured Conversations for Children with plans
Monday 17 th	Open Day 14:00-15:00
Friday 21 st	INSET day
Friday 21 st	Open Day 9:30-10:30
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th	Half Term
November	
Wednesday 2 nd	Parents' Evening All Classes
Thursday 3 rd	Parents' Evening Squirrel, Fox and Owl Classes
Wednesday 9 th	Open Day 15:30-16:30
Friday 18 th	Children in Need (spots and dots with your school uniform, donate £1)
December	
Monday 12 th	2:00 Hedgehog Nativity Dress
Wednesday 14 th	5:30 Hedgehog Nativity Performance
Monday 19 th	6:00 Christingle for Whole School in Church
Tuesday 20 th	1:30 Break up for Christmas

Academic Year Calendar 2022-23

Autumn 22	
Tues 6 th Sept – Thurs 20 th Oct	Autumn Term (1)
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th October	HALF TERM
Mon 31 st Oct – Tue 20 th Dec	Autumn Term (2)
Spring 23	
Wed 4 th Jan – Fri 10 th Feb	Spring Term (1)
Monday 13 th – Fri 17 th February	HALF TERM
Tues 21 st Feb - Fri 31 st Mar	Spring Term (2)
Summer 23	
Mon 17 th April - Thu 25 th May	Summer Term (1)
Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 th June - Fri 21 st July	Summer Term (2)

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