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23rd September 2022

From the Headteacher:

Congratulations

We start this week's newsletter with the wonderful news that on Friday 16th September Mr & Mrs McCleary welcomed Edward (Ted) into the world, a little brother for Esme and Finn, Mother and baby, and the whole family, are well.

Handle With Care

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, we want to ensure that we can support your child at school. It could be as simple as a disturbed or late night or it may be to do with a family member or pet. However big or small it seems it may be weighing on your child's mind. We understand that you cannot always share the details, and that's okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend just let us know to 'Handle with Care' and we will ensure that we will do all that we can to support them.

Lunches

Please can I remind all parent that we are a nut free school and we do have nut allergies in the school. Can you ensure that any food that you send into school is nut free. Our lunch provider, The Kids Packed Lunch Company, offers jacket potatoes on a Monday and Wednesday and pasta on Thursdays. We have sent an order form if you would like to order lunch for your child. Lunches are provided for Hedgehog and Squirrel Class, but if your child is in these classes and has specific requirements, please do complete the form and send it directly to the supplier.

Attendance

At the start of the new school year it is timely to once again stress the importance of daily attendance. We consistently work towards a goal of 100% attendance for all children with the school target for each child being 97% or above. This equates to no more than 5 days (equivalent to 25 lessons) missed in a whole academic year. Please do send your child in to school if you can, even if they are slightly under the weather, unless they have Covid symptoms. We want to give every child the best possible opportunity to learn.

School Photographer

It was great to welcome Sally back to take the children's photos again this year. You will have received the proofs in your children's book bags today and we hope that you are pleased with the results. The photos make great Christmas gifts and the school earns a percentage of the money generated with any orders placed! The deadline is 3rd October.

Open Days

We will be hosting three 'open days' for Early Years for those families looking for a place for September 2023. These will be on Monday 17th October 14:00-15:00, Friday 21st October 9:30-10:30 and Wednesday 9th November 15:30-16:30. We have tried to give a variety of days and times to be as flexible as possible. If you know anyone who might be interested, then please do let them know. They can book in via the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs France

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Teaching and Learning in the Classrooms this week:



Hedgehog Class

What a fantastic week we've had. On Tuesday we took part in our first PE lesson with Coach Tom. The children enjoyed learning some new games, including 'Spiderman Tag'. They worked hard at listening and following instructions and were exhausted by the end! Hedgehogs also started their formal phonics sessions this week, focusing on 's' and 'a'. They have had lots of fun playing phonics games and practicing their letter formation. During their 'Plan and Play' sessions they have made the most of the dry weather, exploring the physical area and outside storytelling area, using the costumes to get into character.



Squirrel Class

Squirrel class started every day, as usual, with handwriting and rocket phonics which are fun and so useful for learning to read. We continued working with the idea of a steam train and described in English lessons what we would do, see and smell when we arrived at our destination; the sea! We counted one more and one less in Maths and Year 2 furthered their understanding of partitioning. In PSHE we talked about feelings and in RE we learnt that Christians believe God gave all the animals to Adam, the first man, who named them.



Fox Class

Even though it's only been a 4-day week, we have managed to squeeze in a lot of learning! In our maths we have continued embedding our understanding of place value which will stand us in good stead when we approach newer topics. In English, we started the week understanding the importance of editing our work – this is all part of a writer's journey. I was particularly impressed with our learning in Science where children investigated how different pitch is achieved using a range of different instruments ranging from a recorder to Mrs Healy's cobbled together guitar! We then went on to make our own pan pipes thinking about what would affect the pitch of each pipe. In our History, children learnt about what village life looked like for the Anglo Saxons – we thought about how different their lives were to ours. On Thursday we had our Collective Worship outside and enjoyed 'wondering' about the joys of autumn and presented our findings in art form. Overall, a busy and enjoyable week!



Owl Class

Despite a shorter week, Owl Class have been busy, busy busy! In English we began to think about how we view things from another person's point of view, and created a character profile of the young Edmund Hillary, whilst in Science this week, we wrote up our full experiment about gravity and its relationship with mass: could they measure the mass of a variety of classroom objects and then compare the weight of gravity's pull on that object in Newtons? Was there a link to be found between the two? The children really thought about 'working scientifically' through the process; explaining their idea to investigate for their hypothesis, clearly describing and illustrating their method, listing any variables that needed to be covered or accounted for, their results and their conclusion. The resulting write ups were extremely well done, and the children could explain a sound link between mass and gravity. Perhaps ask your Owl to tell you about it?

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Photo Diary of the Week





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Whole School Topic: Autumn Term: Great Expectations

Values: Wonder

This week we have looked at some things that give presents to all of us every single day of the year. We thought about trees and how they give us all 'presents', such as medicines, furniture, houses, homes for animals, compost, etc., Some of the children went on 'wonder walks' closed their eyes and reflected on the fresh air and sounds and then used their hearing, sight, touch and smell to appreciate other gifts.

'Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the LORD'. Psalm 96

Climate Warriors Challenge

'People of loving service are rare in any walk of life. Leaders of loving service are still rarer.'

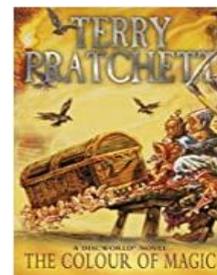
Archbishop Justin Welby, at the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

'That man's got the best job in the world Mummy' ... said Theron, a Young Climate Warrior from London. The man was a caretaker picking up litter. Quite humbling? Taking simple actions, in 'loving service' to our planet, like collecting roadside rubbish, should surely be valued and encouraged. King Charles III took his children litter picking in Norfolk in their school holidays, to the point where they thought it was totally normal and something that everyone must do.

What are you doing for Green Big Green Week? Is your community taking action? Is there a local litter pick? Can you get involved? Young Climate Warriors are challenged to find at least 5 pieces of litter this week - and pop them into the recycling bin, as appropriate. This week's challenge slide can be found [here](#).

Book Review - The Colour of Magic By Terry Pratchett

This book is so funny and really unusual! It stars a rubbish wizard called Rincewind, and the first ever tourist to a fantasy city called Anhk-Morpork. They have a giant suitcase on legs called 'Luggage', that sometimes eats people. It is silly and exciting at the same time.



Recommended by Toby – Year 5

Happiness Calendar: Self Care September

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

Housepoints

<i>House</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bethlehem	22	67
Eden	26	62
Galilee	21	64
Jerusalem	24	66



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Emails and Letters Sent this Week

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
23/9/22	Email	Parents/Carers	School Office	Photographs

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

September	
Friday 23 rd	2:30 Newcomer's Service in church
Friday 30th	9-9:30 PTA AGM – coffee & cake provided
Friday 30 th	2:30 Celebration Assemblies start again in the school hall
October	
Friday 7 th	Harvest Service in school for local food bank
w/c 17 th October	Structured Conversations for Children with plans
Friday 21 st	INSET day
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
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)