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Autumn Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week. We've really enjoyed seeing more of you this week as we return to some of our normal activities.

Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the Meet the Teacher Welcome Meetings this week. It was lovely to see you all for a face to face event! The PowerPoints from the meetings will soon be on the school website and we will let you know when they are available.

Curriculum Information
Every half term we share our medium term plans with parents via the school website. You can access the plans here. There are also knowledge organisers available for each class. Please have a look at these with your children, encouraging them to learn the key facts and vocabulary included. If these facts and words become 'sticky' for children, they will help them to access the rest of the learning more fully. Remembering this information over time allows pupils to make links in their learning. We talked in today's assembly about the importance of vocabulary and language, and this is something that we are focusing on developing this year.

School Improvement Plan
You can see our school improvement areas for this year on our website here. Our work this year will be focused on these five key priorities, and we look forward to involving parents in many of these. Please continue to support us by reading at home every day, as reading underpins our whole curriculum. If your child is working on developing their phonics, it is important that they read their phonics books daily and practice their sounds at home. We really appreciate your support with this.

Morrison's Good to Grow
A reminder that we are participating in the Morrison's Good to Grow scheme. You can donate tokens to our school when shopping at Morrisons and we will be able to exchange them for gardening equipment!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

Growing minds for learning,crafting skills for life

Attendance W/c 13/09/21

Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	88.2%	1
Year 1	92.6%	1
Year 2	96.6%	5
Year 3	98.7%	3
Year 4	84.1%	0
Year 5	94.7%	1
Year 6	87.2%	0

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Community Mindedness Tokens W/c 13/09/21

Year 1	15
Year 2	149
Year 3	14
Year 4	35
Year 5	33
Year 6	30

Coming up...

Date	Event
0710/21	Census Day
12/10/21	Year 1 Vision Screening
20/10/21	Reception Stay & Play Time tbc
21/10/21	Nursery Stay & Play @11.00am
22/10/21	School Closes for Half Term
25/10/21— 29/10/21	**Half Term**
03/11/21— 04/11/21	Parents Evenings (to be confirmed)
30/11/21	Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
03/12/21	Flu Vaccinations
17/12/21	School Closes for Xmas Holidays
20/12/21 - 03/01/22	**Xmas Holidays**
04/01/22	Inset Day
05/01/22	Children Back to School

Letters/Parent Mail This Week

(Please note—letters are also placed on the school website under the parent tab for your

- Photo to bring into Nursery (PM)
- Highcrest Bandinbg Test (PM)
- Parent Governor Elections

This week in school...

- **Nursery** has had a fantastic week exploring the resources inside and outside! The children have enjoyed our key story this week 'Peace At Last' and have joined in with lots of the words. They particularly enjoyed being daddy bear! Instruments have been popular and the children have had fun singing nursery rhymes while playing the instruments. We have also been working on our throwing and catching skills, making sure friends are ready to catch the bean bag! **Key book this week:** Peace At Last. **Key vocabulary:** peace, quiet nighttime and daytime. **Key songs:** 5 Little Men In A Flying Saucer'. **Please remember to bring in baby photos for Monday - thank you!**
- **Reception** have had a fantastic week continuing to explore the inside and outside classrooms. We have started the RWI phonics scheme (please see below for this week's sounds) We have been thinking about size as part of our Maths learning and have used the story Goldilocks and the three bears to help us! The children also enjoyed finishing off their self-portraits, as well as having another fun PE lesson with Mr Bell! Well done everybody! **Phonics: m, a, s, d, t**
- **Year 1** have been working hard this week! In Maths, we have been ordering numbers. In English, we have completed our letter to Beegu! I am so proud of their writing! In Topic, we went on a walk around the school grounds to practise directional language. In PSHE, we learnt about the importance of listening. In Computing we explored a keyboard and the jobs of the different keys.
- **Year 2** have had yet another lovely week of learning and fun. Though the weather hasn't been the best our positive energy has surely made up for all the rain. This week in Art, we learned to blend colours and create a canvas for our silhouettes. In PSHE, we are developing our understanding of what it means to be a part of our community and greater society. In Writing, we have moved from our innovative phase to our independent writing. It is lovely to see children coming up with great ideas and feeling proud to want to share it with their class. In Maths, we have been working on fact families and checking our calculations. The children have been great at not only spotting, but explaining how they have identified errors in calculations. Which has helped develop their understanding of various calculations. In Topic, it was great to explore how we found exact accounts of the great fire of London. Learning what it means to be an eye-witness and how records were kept in the past. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
- **Year 3** have finished their portal stories to the Stone Age! We have whisked our characters away to Skara Brae, Doggerland and the Cheddar Gorge to meet Cheddar Man! Don't worry though, we survived the portals and have been safe and sound in our Year 3 classroom (which now has some very festive birthday bunting!) To complement our learning about portal stories, we have learnt about 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. These have been great examples for us to magpie from (as we all know great authors do!) Meanwhile, we are learning how to work better as a team and to cheer each other on (especially in PE and our weekly Friday Maths Quiz!)
- This week saw **Year 4** write their own version of the Model text and I can tell that there is going to be fantastic writing next week when the children write their own 'Finding Tale'. It has also been a week where we finished our Place Value topic in Maths and started to hone our Addition and Subtraction skills. In Topic, we investigated the motivation behind the Roman invasions and building of the Empire. We have enjoyed our PSHE lesson this week where we further discussed similarities and differences. It was lovely to see the children celebrating their differences while recognising that we share a lot in common too.
- We've had another very busy week in **Year 5!** In Writing, we've had to imagine how Stanley might twist the truth to share his experience at Camp Green Lake with his mum. In Maths, we've started a new topic of addition and subtraction and solved tricky word problems. In Topic, we've travelled through history and made a timeline of the Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasion. From Year 5, we hope you have a restful weekend!
- **Year 6** have continued their learning journey with their writing and have boxed up the model text and their innovated write. They have come up with some very exciting ideas for their innovated portal story. Ask them to tell you all about it. In Maths, they have been solving multi-step word problems and reasoning using addition and subtraction. In Topic, they have learned about the battle of Marathon and the Peloponnesian War- ask them which two Ancient Greek city states that involved and which one was victorious. We are also making good progress with our class reader and the children have had so many queries and theories as we have been reading. Here are a couple of questions you can ask them to make predictions about: What is Virgo's mission now? Will Virgo get her powers back? What will happen to Elliot's Home Farm now that Mrs Porshley Plum knows all about the massive debt? We are also wishing our Year 6 girls all the best for their first football match against Kingswood School.

Photos for Nursery

Next week Nursery will be looking at the story Peepo.
The children will be thinking about what they were like as babies and how they have changed. Please could you bring in a clearly labelled baby photo on Monday or Tuesday.

Thank you, as always.

Reception Phonics

As you know, we have started learning our phonics sounds in school. Please support at home by watching the videos with your child that we will include in this section each week.
The videos for this week can be found at the following links:

'm' sound

'a' sound

's' sound

'd' sound

't' sound