# Weekly Newsletter

24.11.2023



#### **Upcoming Dates**

27<sup>th</sup> November: Flu Vaccinations – whole school (unless opted out)

#### Wanted

Cardboard boxes for model making. EYFS children will be making model vehicles and will need empty boxes to use. Please have a look at home and send into school next week. Thank you in advance.

Mrs Nicholls

#### Thanks for Quiz night, FOES

Thank You to FOES for organising another successful Adults' Quiz Night. Pleased to hear, not only was there some new faces, but Quiz Master Ian, clearly got the pitch right with the scores between first and last place all relatively close. Thank you to all those community members able to attend and contributing to the pot, for our children.



# **Children's Faces: Tea Towels**

Sample in EYFS window on the walk-up to the school. £5 each or 3 for £12. See school office. These will make lovely Christmas gifts.



#### **Attendance Reminders**

With seasonal illness starting to spike a bit in school, coupled with this week and next week's sudden drop in temperature, it feels prudent to remind everyone regarding a few expectations for attendance: extract from policy:

Remember to report your child's absence before 9.30am on the day of absence. You can telephone the office, email the school or report it on ParentMail. Please give a clear reason for your child's absence - 'ill' in not sufficient; 'bad cough' 'upset tummy' etc is clear.

Where possible please arrange medical appointments outside school hours. A copy of the appointment letter, text or email message should be shown to the school office.

If applying for other types of term-time absence this should be done as far as possible in advance but with a minimum of 10 days' notice. A 'Leave of Absence' form should be completed. This can be obtained from the school website or the school office. Leave of absence is granted at the discretion of the Head Teacher and only in **exceptional** circumstances. It is highly unlikely that a leave of absence will be granted for family holidays and could incur a fine. Details can be found on the Leave of Absence form.

Is my child too unwell to attend school? Guidance: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/">https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/</a>

Please insist your child wears a jumper and jacket to school next week. They will need it outside.

We hope this helps. The Attendance Team.

### **School Council**

Feeding back the views of the school for the last day before Christmas and children's desire to spend some time with their classes – watching a film together being one of the most popular responses. Watch this space.

K'Nex proving really popular outside this week with children of all ages, but especially for children in Year R. A special thanks to Lucy, Millie, Aysha & Olivia for working extremely hard to ensure the provision is setup and put away, on time, each and every lunchtime.

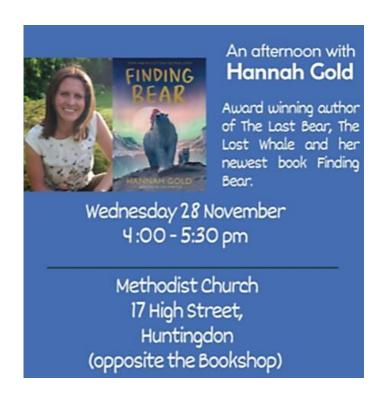
# **Hall Painting & Curtains**

Thank You for all your positive comments about the Hall redecoration, storage and our new curtains – we love them, too. We are incredibly lucky to have such skilled and charitable community members. Thank You, Jane.

# **Book Christmas Dinner for** your child: 20<sup>th</sup> December

Red or Green (Meat or Veg), **hot option only** on the last day due to the amount of prep and number of covers that will be produced. It's always lovely. Please order your child's option by 4<sup>th</sup> December.





# **Learning Highlights of the Week**

### **Highlight Jeffers:**

This week we have continued to discover how light is used in celebrations as we learnt about the Jewish festival Hanukkah.

#### **Highlight Shireen:**

This week's highlight has been writing our own narrative inspired by Where the Wild Things Are. The children used techniques to make the writing more interesting for others to read, and enjoyed sharing their narratives with Jeffers class.

# **Highlight: Riddell**

This week in Riddell Class, we have started reading the beautiful tale of Charlotte's Web, and have already fell in love with Wilbur the pig. We have used the book to inspire writing of a persuasive letter, character descriptions and a chase scene. We have learned about the migration patterns of different animals and plotted the routes of some birds that travel over 20,000 miles a year! We have also researched many of the Egyptian gods and goddesses, and learned a song to help remind us of their names.



# **Highlight: Gold**

This week, we have been writing internal monologues based on our text Room 13 by Robert Swindells. The children's use of emotional language was outstanding - vividly capturing a wide range of feelings. Moreover, their diligent editing and revising skills ensured that the final copies were a pleasure to read.

# ★ Curriculum ★



# This week's Curriculum Champions are:

Jeffers Class: Abe, Franklin, Rilev

Shireen Class: Oliver, Ivy, Elsie L

Riddell Class: Riley, Charlie Wa,

Lily, Maya

Gold Class: Gordon, Sienna,

Alfie



Winning class for week ending 17.11.2023

Riddell Class: 98.82%

Whole School: 96.32%

HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK:



Community News and
Events this week: - click
HERE



Please see Sid the Cygnet on his website page – click HERE

Reading Blog **HERE** 

Celebration Awards Assemblies - click HERE











# New in green; Emphasizing/Revisions in yellow

#### Autumn 2

27th November: Flu Vaccinations - whole school

8th December: FOES Bake Sale: Jeffers 13th December: Reception Vision Screening

14th December: Christmas Legend14th December: FOES Christmas Fayre

19th December: Christmas Songs/Class Performances

20th December: Award Assembly, Special Guest (fingers crossed), Lunch, Movie, Games,

**FOES Best Dressed** 

20th December: Redecoration: Phase 3

### Spring 1

12th January: Riddell Class Assembly

19th January: Disco TBC

w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> January: Year 6 Assessments w/c 29<sup>th</sup> January: Year 3 4 5 Assessments 6<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet Day 2024

#### Spring 2

w/c 26th February: Year 1 & 2 Assessments

w/c 4th March: Year 6 Assessments

7th March: World Book Day Legend (dress as any character you like!) Book Club Event TBC

8th March: Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly

11th March: Queen Mother Handwriting Competition

12th March: DT Day: British Science Week

15th March: Big Red Nose Coin Drop (assembly) 15th March: Science Day: British Science Week

19th March: Parents Evening 3 20th Match: Parents Evening 4

23rd Maths: World Maths Day (Saturday) - celebrating 22nd March in school

26th March: PM Egg Rolling Competition

27th March: PM: Egg Decorating

28th March: Assembly & FOES Egg Hunt TBC

#### Summer 1

22<sup>nd</sup> April: Pool Opens TBC

26<sup>th</sup> April: Year R Class Assembly

w/c 13th May: KS2 SATS Week (Year 6)

17<sup>th</sup> May: FOES Disco: **TBC** 20<sup>th</sup> May: Healthy Week

w/c 20th May: Year 2 Assessments

24th May: Sports Day

#### Summer 2

w/c 10<sup>th</sup> June: Phonics Screening Check & Assessments (Year 1)

w/c 3rd June: Year 3, 4, 5 Assessments

Between 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

21st June: World Music Day

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Bikeability (Year 5 & 6)

4th July: Sid the Cygnet's 4th Birthday: Geography Fieldwork & FOES Sponsored Walk: TBC

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July: Hilltop Residential (Year 5 & 6)

15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> July: Transition Week: **TBC** 

17th July: EOY Reports released

19th July: Head's Award, Badges, FOES Best Dressed Summer Theme, Leavers Assembly

19th July: Year 6 Enterprise funded lunch: **TBC** 

19th July: Year 6 Pool Party PM: TBC