



Dear Parents and Carers,

During this term the teaching staff have been reviewing our curriculum offer to make it as effective as possible. This includes, for example, strengthening links between subjects so that knowledge and concepts become deeply embedded, and adjusting our focus so that there is even better continuity between what children learn from one year to the next. This is unlikely to show up in any obvious way to you or the children but, however subtle the effects seem, we are sure that they will be deep and long-lasting, helping your child to feel more confident in their learning, both now and in the future.

Mr R Stead



PCSO Louise visited Years 1 and 2 this week to talk about keeping safe in relation to Halloween and Bonfire night. She talked to us about how to keep ourselves and others safe including, road safety and visibility, ensuring that we are always with a grown up, and that we do not show anti-social behaviours (this led to a good discussion on what the word anti-social means and what behaviours this would be referring to). We also talked about how to be safe around fires and fireworks and making sure that we take care of our animals as well. It was a really informative talk and the children gained a lot from it. *Mrs Lewis*

Children in Classes 5 and 6 had a visit from PCSO Louise and her colleague, PC Georgia, last week. PCSO Louise delivered a presentation to the children on 'Hate Crime', ensuring that the children developed an understanding of what Hate Crime entails and to raise awareness during 'Hate Crime Awareness and Engagement week'. The children in both classes participated well, asking and answering many questions in a thoughtful manner. We would like to thank PCSO Louise and PC Georgia for the informative visit.

Miss Brown and Mr Penny

This week children from Classes 4 and R paired up together to do some shared reading. The children read and discussed the books together, talked about their favourite characters and events that happened in the story. It was a lovely session enjoyed by all. *Mrs Nicholls*



Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

Pre-school—3rd November
Class 6—10th November
Class 5—17th November
Class 4—24th November
Class 3—1st December
Class 2—8th December
Class 1—15th December

Friday 22nd October Inset Day

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October Half Term Break

Parents' Evenings Thursday 18th November 15:40—18:10 Monday 22nd November 17:00-19:30

Parents' evenings will take place remotely—more information to follow

Tuesday 23rd November Whole school workshop of recycling

Monday 13th December Talent shows

Tuesday 14th December Christmas Party lunch day. Please can children bring in party food (for themselves—no sharing this year). Party clothes advised!

Friday 17th December Last day of term Christmas Jumper day—your child can wear a Christmas Jumper for £1

| House Points | Weekly Total | Half Term |
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| London Plane | 227 | 1280 |
| Cork Oak | 265 | 1326 |
| Blue Cedar | 282 | 1449 |
| Horse Chestnut | 276 | 1384 |

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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| Pre-School | Luca for becoming so independent this week and making new friendships as well. |
| Class R | Senna and Robyn for their excellent listening skills and engagement during our Forest School session. |
| Class 1 | Richard for his excellent descriptive story which was inspired by our class story 'The Gruffalo's Child' |
| Class 2 | We are celebrating Anna this week in Class 2. She has continuously worked hard in all her lessons, shared her thoughts with her talk partner and explained her thinking clearly during class discussions. |
| Class 3 | Charlie for his extra effort in maths this week – well done Charlie! |
| Class 4 | Hazel for a great attitude towards her learning, especially in maths. Hazel has worked hard to learn new methods and persevered with these. |
| Class 5 | Harmonie for showing a determined effort to do her very best in all areas of her learning, despite feeling under the weather. Harmonie has particularly impressed me with her super subtraction work in maths. Well done, Harmonie! |
| Class 6 | Isabel for her fantastic story writing this week. |



Art Club have been experimenting with different shades of orange to create some excellent pumpkin faces—some scary, some quite mad!

Class R have been exploring our wonderful school grounds over the past week. Last Wednesday, we picked the apples from our school trees ready for cooking at home and juicing in the local community. We really enjoyed picking them with Ms Montag and learnt all about harvesting and juicing. This week, we had our first Forest School session. After the storms overnight, we were very fortunate to have a lovely dry, sunny morning exploring Forest School and playing 'Rabbits and Buzzards'. We made our own flags, played in the mud kitchen, found worms, snails and slugs and best of all, drank hot chocolate! We had a brilliant time and can't wait for our next session already. *Mrs Smith*



Year 6 had an extra session of PE this week taking part in foil fencing. All children remembered previous lessons so they did not take long to settle back in once they were all kitted up with masks and foils. Children showed real talent. It was extremely hard to pick winners at the end, but we finished with Ollie, Archie and Arthur fencing for the boys and Philippa and Bobbi for the girls. It ended Archie against Philippa, and the girls took the win. *Miss Storey*



Preschool have been continuing to look at space. This week we looked at the size comparisons of the planets and made a large picture on the floor. We enjoyed looking

up facts about the planets and making them move around with spacemen and rockets landing on them.

Charlotte