

NEWSLETTER

19th OCTOBER 2018



STARS OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION:

Zachery Reilly, Dylan
Henson

YEAR 1:

Jensen Sutton Brown,

YEAR 2:

Reece Gibson,
Joshua Robinson

YEAR 3:

Shaine Barnes, Ben Howard

YEAR 4:

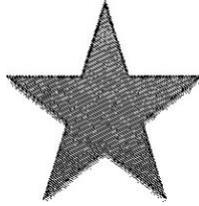
Bobby Fisk

YEAR 5:

Jack Marshall

YEAR 6:

Daniel Ahangari



What an amazingly productive and exciting half term we have had! It has been wonderful to see our pupils develop in confidence over the few short weeks since they returned to school in September. It has been a pleasure to come to school and work with them each day.

On Wednesday, our pupils demonstrated their resilience when we performed the lockdown procedure in school. This could potentially have become a stressful situation for them, due to the lateness of lunch and the change to their normal routine, but I am very proud of how calm and understanding the pupils were. Credit is also due to our staff, who supported each other to reassure pupils and ensure their safety. I would also like to extend my thanks to you, our parents, for your understanding and overwhelmingly positive feedback on

our handling of the situation. I ask that you refrain from posting comments on social media so that anyone affected by this incident feels supported by us as a community.

We held our first Parent Forum meeting this week and, after an introduction by Mike Simmonds, Chair of Governors, we discussed the issue of how to improve communication between our school and parents. Several interesting ideas were suggested, and we will continue to discuss this topic at the next Parent Forum meeting. I am certain these meetings will be key to making some positive improvements in our school and I sincerely thank those who have volunteered to participate.

I wish you all a happy and safe half-term break and I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 29th October.

Mrs Terri Fitter
Head of School

PTA We are delighted to announce that we have a newly formed PTA.
Chairperson, Kelly Culf,
Vice Chairperson, Sean Tilby,
Treasurer, Zoe Del Rosario,
Vice Treasurer, Claire Haddrell,
Secretary, Katy Fisk.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Please ensure children's water bottles have a sports cap to avoid spillages in class. Metal bottles are permitted.
- In the interests of keeping everybody safe, bikes, scooters and skateboards are not to be ridden on school premises.
- During the next half term, PE lessons will be taught by class teachers. Mr Capper will return to teach PE in the spring term.
- Twitter can be accessed on our school website and is regularly updated, so please have a look.
- New Clubs will commence in the 2nd week after half term (details and letters to follow).

**SHOE BOX APPEAL BOXES
MUST BE RETURNED BY:
Monday 29th October 2018**

THANK YOU Mrs Best for all your hard work and the fantastic flower displays!

PARENT FORUM GROUP

We would like to thank the following parents who have kindly agreed to participate in the Parent Forum meetings, Mrs Spackman-Hope, Miss Higgs, Miss Moore, Mrs Roughley, Mrs Beales and Mrs Tilby.

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

- Newsletter,
- Menus,
- New Reception Open Events,
- Secondary School Applications

We will be holding open events for 2019/2020 prospective parents on 1st, 7th and 9th November 2018 (Please see the office for further details).

HARVEST FESTIVAL

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO KINDLY DONATED

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st NOVEMBER

RECEPTION LUNCH WITH PARENTS
(Parents to book via School Money)

31ST OCTOBER

THEMED HALLOWEEN LUNCH

5TH NOVEMBER

THEMED FIREWORK LUNCH

6TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 6 & 7

EVENING MEAL

8TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 1 LUNCH WITH PARENTS

(Parents to book via School Money)

12TH NOVEMBER

START OF PARLIAMENT WEEK &
ANTIBULLYING WEEK

15TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 2 LUNCH WITH PARENTS

(Parents to book lunch via School Money)

16th NOVEMBER

FLU VACCINATIONS

16TH NOVEMBER

CHILDREN IN NEED

(Details to follow)

Reception Class

This week we focused on what a family is and on children's relationships with family members. Each child is part of a family, yet families differ greatly from each other. This theme was designed to help the children develop the social skills to make and maintain friendships and see their roles as members of a family and of a classroom community. Several stories helped your child understand ways in which difficult family situations might be resolved.

Class 1

We have had an exciting last week of term. We have all had a great first half term and have all settled into class well. Everyone has worked hard to improve their writing and reading, as well as their maths. We're looking forward to our break but are excited to learn about Children in the Past and historical toys next term!

Class 2

This week year 2 have been looking at 2D shapes, drawing around 2D shapes, cutting them out and folding them to find the lines of symmetry. It was quite hard!

Class 3

Last week we worked out how to create our Iron Man. This week the groups worked together to cover boxes and reassemble their Iron Man. Lots of fun, and a substantial bit of mess too. They look amazing!



Class 4

This week, year 4 has been making Egyptian death masks out of clay. We are patiently waiting for them to get dry so that they can be painted. Here are samples of our work in progress so far!



Class 5

We have celebrated Big Me week with Action Aid (thank you for contributions to help people worse off in the world). Class 5 have been learning about others in the world who want to dream big and do the job they have always wanted to do. We have found out that girls especially do not often have the same opportunities in life as boys and we want that to change. A few in Class 5 want to become You-tubers. A You-tuber is someone who posts videos which may be vlogs or a live stream. Streaming can be done on an X-box, Playstation or PC. Some of our class make videos on their iPads, while others use a web cam, a go-pro or iPhone. Some want to make a living out of You-tube videos which people follow and sign-up to from anywhere in the world with the internet. They are called

subscribers. Others just want the world for their audience - to show off their talents.



Class 6

We have had a great half term! The class has shown great enthusiasm towards their learning and have greatly improved their cooperation skills. They have worked extra hard with their WW2 topic.