

November 2021

Monthly Head Teacher Newsletter



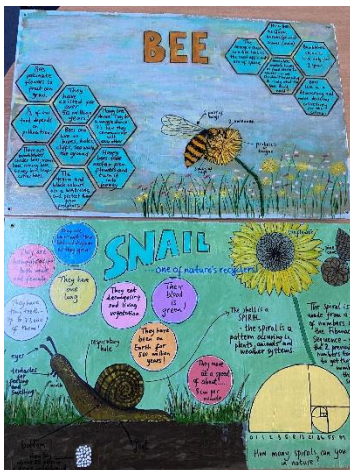
Dear Families,

We have had a brilliant first term back and it has been wonderful to see all the children getting back to normality.

So much has gone on this term with trips, parent events and celebrations it really feels like we are getting back into our normal routine. Having said that, the rates of infection are worryingly high at present and I have outlined in the Health and Safety section some minor restrictions and recommendations we are having to bring back up until the Christmas break.

We welcome back Mrs Singleton who has returned following maternity leave. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her back! We also said a fond farewell to Miss Ferris who was covering for Mrs Singleton whilst she was on maternity leave.

Miss Ferris gifted us 4 beautifully hand painted signs for our outdoor classroom!



You may have noticed that I was absent for the last couple of weeks of term. I unfortunately developed an infection that required surgery. I am all healed, feeling much better and back full time – thank you for all the well wishes this morning on the gate. It's wonderful to be back ☺

KEY DATES

November 2021

1st – Term Begins

4th – ~~Spooky Family Disco~~ - **CANCELLED**

4th to 9th – Diwali Festival

11th – Remembrance Day (Poppies can be purchased in the office)

15th – Anti Bullying Week Begins

15th – Wear Odd socks with school uniform for Anti Bullying

16th – Online Parents Evening (details to follow)

19th – Children in Need (Non Uniform Day)

24th – Online Parents Evening (details to follow)

Safeguarding Notice:

It has come to our notice that some children have watched the Netflix programme Squid Games. This is not an appropriate programme for children of Primary school age to watch.

Please check all age recommendations of games and TV programmes/films

Parking with Consideration

Please ensure you park at drop off and pick up with consideration. Our neighbours have raised concerns that this is not always the case!

Health and Safety Updates

As I am sure you will all already know, the infection rates in the South West are worryingly high, particularly in children of school age. As a result of the increases in infection rates, the Local Authority have recommended bringing back in some control measures.

Whilst we bring in some restrictions with a very heavy heart, we want to ensure that there is minimal disruption to your children's learning e.g. classroom closures etc.

After much discussion, we have decided to take the following actions to reduce mixing of large groups of children and adults indoors.

Actions:

- Cancelling all large **indoor** school events unfortunately including Thursday's Spooky Disco
- Reverting to online assemblies including Friday celebration assembly
- Avoiding mixing of different cohorts in classrooms e.g. reading buddies
- Reverting to online parents evenings
- Continuing with increased cleaning and hand washing

We are also recommending the following actions but at this time will not be enforcing them. This will be down to individual choice.

Recommended:

- Wearing face masks on drop off and collection
- Wearing facemasks indoors when walking around school site

These will be in place up until the Christmas break.

OPAL - Can you help?

Through our OPAL project, we are working hard to improve and extend opportunities for play during break and lunch time. We are looking for donations of scooters, small word play, dinosaurs, animals, dolls and plastic play mats so if you are having a clear out don't forget us!

BINGO

The PTFA held a HUGELY successful family bingo at the end of last term which raised valuable funds for the school. Thank you to all those who helped plan and run the event. We are really looking forward to future events!





Friday 19th November

Children in Need

Non Uniform Day

£1.00

Minimum donation

