

## Autumn Term Newsletter No.7 (1.11.19)

Welcome back to a blustery wet second half of the autumn term. Staff and children look like we've all had a good break and recharged for the 8 week run to Christmas. Much of the school had a lick of paint in the holiday giving a fresher look for us to return to. It has been a lovely first week back with a good vibe of energy for the learning ahead.

Our PSHE theme for this half term is 'Celebrating Difference' so we started this week with an assembly on *tolerance* which is one of our British values. We looked at how over the course of history, our ancestors all emigrated to this great country, whether it was as Celts, Romans, Angles, Saxons, Vikings or with the Norman invaders. Or whether it was closer relatives from more recent times, we all make up a rich tapestry in the UK. We saw also how our surnames often tell a story of our past. Back in class, children have been asking questions to be inquisitive to find out more about their peers. As educators we feel a big responsibility in this complex world to help prepare children to be tolerant of others to help them take their place in a fully functioning and harmonious society.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Year 3 and Year 4 braved the autumn weather for their trip to Kent's Cavern to launch the second part of their *Survival* topic. Read here to find out more about their [trip back to the Stone Age](#).

You may have noticed and heard from your children that we are running a Forest School this year in our Orchard. Clare Harrison, *the lady in the hat*, is running the school. She introduces herself on our new [Forest School Blog](#) where you can also keep up with all that happens. Before half term, children were involved in a citizen Science project called [What's Under your Feet?](#) to find out more about the decline in some of our bird species. This week, it's all been about [Wind, Rain, Spiders and Halloween](#). Check out how our [Eco Warriors](#) discovered treasure this week.

### Supporting at Home

The [Curriculum Information](#) section to our website is a useful starting point for you at home if you want to keep up to date with what your child is learning in school and when. Information includes all subjects as well as homework. Remember to see if you can get your little one to engage with the [Local History Project Competition](#). For younger children, you can find out about our new phonics scheme, [Read, Write Inc](#), and how you can help at home. There will also be parent workshops on this soon. Keep an eye on the Maths blog where Miss Wooldridge provides regular tips and activities: there are [two new puzzles](#) under 'Maths Tips for Parents & Home Activities Nov 2019'. Take your solutions to Miss Wooldridge in Hazel Class on Friday 8th November at playtime for a Values Card!

Next week is Parents Evening (except for those in Reception which will happen later in the year). Appointments will take place in classrooms so you have a chance to see where your child learns. You will also have an opportunity to look at your child's books to see how they've got on since they started in September. Because of the busy schedule, please can I ask you keep to the 10 minutes allotted so that those who have appointments later on are not kept waiting. If you need longer than 10 minutes, you can book a further appointment at a mutually convenient time. Mrs Pike and I will also be on hand if you would like to talk to us. New data collection sheets will be given to you by teachers. Please can you complete and post in the post box in the foyer. When you arrive, please use the main entrance. There will be a sign or member of staff to help direct you from there if you need.

### Anti-bullying Week Coming Soon

Please remember to see the office staff to book on to the parent workshop for Cyber Safety which takes place after school on Monday 11.11.19. With the rapidly changing world, this will help you keep up to speed with *fortnightly black holes*, computing trends and how to keep your little ones safe when they're out there on the world wide web. During Anti-Bullying Week we will be joined by *Bullies Out* which is a charity that run various workshops for all ages. We are making Tuesday 12.11.19 'Odd Socks Day' to raise the profile of celebrating differences and would be very grateful for any donation that will go to *Bullies Out* so they can continue their work in other schools and with other groups. *Breeze Radio* will also be joining us at some point.

### Big Thanks to the Office Staff

Before half term the school had its annual audit by Bishop Flemming. I am very pleased to report that it was very successful which is all down to the work of the amazing office team whose 'back room' efforts ensure we are viable, fit and able to focus on our key job of teaching and learning. Many thanks to Mrs Colmer, Mrs Duff, Mrs Wright, Mrs Brightman & Mrs Newman—unsung heroes, no longer unsung.

### Polite Prompt for Polite Parking Please

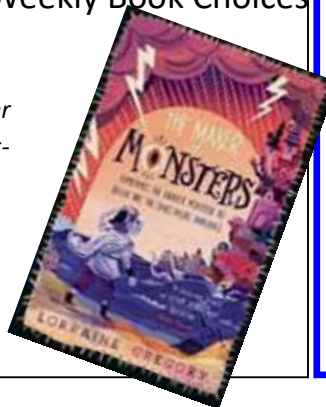
Please can I again ask for your help with parking around school. Local residents regularly write to me with concerns about their drives being blocked and access for emergency vehicles being restricted. It must be very frustrating for them. Please can I appeal to you again for your consideration about this. Thank you.

## Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



Suitable for younger readers: *The Ultimate Survival Guide to Monsters under the Bed* by Mitch Frost

Suitable for older readers: *The Maker of Monsters* by Lorraine Gregory



## Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Cherry Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **97.1%** attendance. School target: 96% The whole school achieved **96.6% last week**



## Stars of the Week

Beech	Demi has amazed us with her eagerness to get involved with ALL of our learning. She demonstrates our core value of Aspiration every single day and it shows in her work!
Pine	Noah has shown that he is a kind and responsible boy. He is always ready to learn and shows fabulous concentration in every task he does
Oak	Joe- for consistently showing all of the school values and encouraging others to do their best and be kind. Well done Joe!
Apple	Autumn - for being responsible for her learning in any way she can whether in school or at home, well done!
Birch	Jaya - Jaya demonstrated our core value 'respect' on our school trip this week by listening to the tour guide, asking thoughtful questions and setting an impeccable example of behaviour!
Rowan	Ellie for a positive attitude to all her learning and always being willing to help everyone around her
Cherry	Darcy was a superstar at Kent's Cavern on Tuesday this week! She showed real enthusiasm and engagement when discussing aspects of life in the Stone Age. Great effort Darcy!
Maple	This week, Lyla was amazing on our school trip. She soaked up lots of information about Kent's Cavern and the Stone Age very quickly. It was great to see her enthusiasm, well done!
Willow	Billy has worked so hard on his Art this week. He has concentrated, persevered and created something that he should be very proud of. Well done.
Holly	Alana has showing such a brilliant attitude to all aspects of her learning so far this year. She always works hard and tries her best: she is such a super star! Well done!
Hazel	Austen has shown a much improved attitude towards his learning this week. He has shown aspiration and determination in maths, vastly improved the quantity and quality of his writing and created a fantastic final piece of art. What a great week, Austen!
Hawthorn	Noah has an exemplary attitude and is a fantastic role model to the rest of the class. He always tries his hardest and shows a mature responsibility in all that he does. Well done!

## Diary Dates

Wk beg 4.11.19	Parents Evenings this week—sign-up now via E-schools (parent evenings for Reception will be later in November)
Fri 8.11.19	If you're doing Miss Wooldridge's <a href="#">new Maths puzzles</a> , take them to her class at playtime today.
Mon 11.11.19	Cyber Safety workshop for parents 3.10—4.10pm (please let the office know if you would like to book on)
Tue 12.11.19	'Odd Socks Day' - suggested donation of £1 to raise money for the charity, <i>Bullies Out</i> who are providing free workshops for our children and run free events across the school. <i>Breeze Radio</i> will be supporting our anti-bullying week.
Fri 15.11.19	Non-uniform day for <i>Children in Need</i> —suggested donation of £1
Wed 27.11.19	<a href="#">Local History homework project competition</a> —please bring entries in on this day. More information can be found under 'homework' under 'curriculum information' on the website.
Fri 6.12.19	Christmas school dinner day—yum! Plus, <i>Wear a Christmas Jumper Day</i> —in aid of <i>Save the Children</i> —suggested donation of £1 PTA Christmas Fair after school
Tue 17.12.19	6.00pm KS2 Carol Concert at Upton Vale Baptist Church

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