

Autumn Term Newsletter No.3 (20.9.19)

Children in Key Stage 2 started this week with a visit from Bilbo, Gandalf and friends. Smaug and a giant spider also visited but luckily they didn't scare the children too much or burn the school down.

In assemblies we've been thinking about *kindness and being safe*. As a staff, we are very proud of the school we work in and especially around the priority we give to helping nurture the children in our care. It is really important to us that your children are well-looked after. Thank you to all the staff who give so much of their time and effort to make this happen, and to keep your children smiling through life's ups and downs.

Working in partnership with you at home makes a big difference. You should all have received the autumn term's curriculum information by now and you can also find it on the website under 'Curriculum Information' - '[Termly Curriculum Information 2019-2020](#)'. Parents Evenings are scheduled for after half term. In the meantime, if you need to contact your child's class teacher you are welcome to catch them with a brief message in the morning from 8.45-8.55 or briefly after school. If you would like a longer chat or you can't make drop-off and pick-up, you are welcome to phone through to the office to book a mutually convenient time.

Check out the [Maths blog](#) which Miss Wooldridge has updated with more top tips to help you at home. Have a look at the [Creative Learning blog](#) to see how Year 1 got on with their Stick Man work this week.

Our super PTA also make a big difference to the opportunities we can provide for your children. They met on Tuesday this week. Thank you to the Local Nisa at Hele Garage who donated £300 to their kitty. Have a look at the photo on our website, [under 'PTA'](#). If you are interested in going to the panto at the Princess Theatre, you can buy tickets from the PTA via their PTA Events page until 21st October. The next meeting of the PTA is their AGM at 7.00pm on Tuesday 15th October in the Prince of Orange. All are very welcome. Many thanks to all the PTA volunteers. If you have any time to help (even just one hour), please do get in touch with Ella and her team as they will be very happy to hear from you.

We're looking for a home for our final cockerel due to his very early morning alarm calls for our neighbours. If anybody is interested, please can you let the office know. Thank you.

You may have noticed that Mrs Posey is soon to start another adventure in her life when she goes on maternity leave. Her last day will be Friday 18th October; the last day before half term. After half term, Mrs Wall who teaches in Cherry Class on Monday to Wednesday will be covering Mrs Posey in Pine Class.

Have a lovely weekend.



School Meals - BRONZE! - Invitation to Try

You are cordially invited to taste our super school dinners. If you would like to take advantage of this offer to see what your child experiences, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time. We're confident you will enjoy it.



Nut Aware!

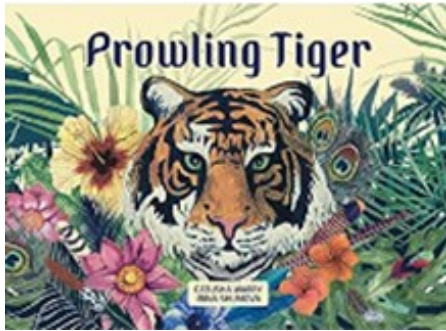
Please help. We have several children in school with allergies to nuts. Please help us by keeping lunch boxes and snacks nut free. For example, no Nutella or pots of nuts. Seeds, however, are ok. Thank you for your support.

Fresh Water!

Please can we remind you to only send water in your child's drink bottle for drinking between meals. They can have juice at lunchtime.



Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



Prowling Tiger by Catusha Warry



Royal Rabbits of London: The Hunt for the Golden Carrot by Santa Montefiore

Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Oak and Cherry Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **100%** attendance.

School target: 96%
The whole school achieved **97% last week**



This Week's Star Pupils!

Beech — Freddie has had a fabulous start to the year. He is so respectful and kind. Always ready to have a go with a big smile on his face!

Pine — Willow for being so dedicated with her writing. She worked so hard to explain what happens in each season.

Oak — Max - for showing each of the 4 core values, well done!

Apple— Sophia H - for giving 100% to school life. She is always joining in, tries hard in all she does and she is extremely kind!

Birch — Ellie - For being such an enthusiastic, aspirational and helpful member of Birch class. We are very lucky to have you in our class!

Rowan — Ruby R for always sitting beautifully, listening attentively and always being on task.

Cherry — Amelia for her enthusiasm and willingness to give tasks a go and for always offering to help around the classroom. Thank you and well done!

Maple - Mylee has gone above and beyond and has blown Miss Palfrey away with her homework this week. What a brilliant start to the year!

Holly — Harriet - for being incredibly kind and responsible member of our class. Well done!

Willow — Rufus - Rufus has worked incredibly hard this week showing high levels of independence. He was particularly proud of his persuasive writing about Jurassic Park.

Hazel—James - for an excellent, systematic approach to some challenging maths problems and for showing such a respectful attitude towards others. What a fantastic role model you are, James!

Hawthorn — Katie- shows all the school values, with her aspirational attitude, responsibility in her work, kindness to her classmates and respectful manner in all that she does.

Diary Dates

Thur 26.9.19, Fri 27.9.19, Mon 1.10.19	3.05pm Scholastic Book Fair in the library
Mon 14.10.19	Harvest Festival—any donations on this day much appreciated (more info to follow)
Wk beg 4.11.19	Parents Evenings this week—more detail to follow
Tue 15.10.19	PTA AGM and meeting 7.00pm at the Prince of Orange
Mon 11.11.19	Cyber Safety workshop for parents 3.10—4.10pm (please let the office know if you would like to book a place)

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION