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## Newsletter – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Class News

#### Class One



This week, Class 1 enjoyed their first Forest School session. The children had great fun exploring and we are already looking forward to our next visit! In class we have been thinking about remembrance by sharing a story about a mercy dog and using different techniques to make poppies. In maths, we have been getting really clever at finding one more or one less than a number.

#### Class Two



This week, we have been thinking about all the different signs of autumn. We went for a hunt around our school grounds to see what signs of Autumn we could find. Children saw how some of the trees have lost their leaves (but not all!), and how the leaves have changed colours. We talked about the temperature drop lately too.

#### Class Three



Class 3 have continued to explore different types of volcanoes. We have introduced our new class book 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper. We have been developing our vocabulary using the book. Words such as 'dank' and 'waterlogged' have been used to understand the swamp illustrations.

#### Class Four



This week in Class 4, we have begun our work on fractions. We have been recapping what fractions are and explored how fractions are linked through equivalents and simplification. In English, we have been investigating how authors use figurative language to describe settings and practising using these skills to describe the Black Forest from our class text The Wonder Garden.

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### Dates & Messages

#### Dates for the diary:

Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying Week
Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Phonics Screening Week
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Letter to Santa Deadline
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nursing Home Zoom Carols
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinners
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas service
	End of Term
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Training Day
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Staverton's Got Talent
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	FoSS Smarties Challenge
	Last day of term
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Children back to school
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
	Virtual Cake Competition
Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term
Apr 12 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs Week
Jun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day & Stocks
Jul 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Jul 12 <sup>th</sup>	Speech & Awards Day
Jul 16 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Service 2pm
	End of school year

#### Clubs & Music:

The DfE and PDET have instructed schools to cease after school clubs during the lockdown. Wrap around care will continue for essential childcare. Clubs will resume in January.

Monday – Piano & Keyboard  
Tuesday – Strings  
Friday – Guitars

#### Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to:  
Mrs Bell!



#### Message Board

##### Remembrance Day

On Wednesday this week, the whole school came together over Zoom to mark the two-minute silence for Remembrance Day. Staff each took part in explaining why we mark this day each year, shared prayers and poems with the children, and then watched a video of a veteran of WW2 talk about his experiences. The children were fantastic in showing their respect and completing the two-minute silence.

##### Children In Need

We celebrated Children In Need today with a non-uniform day and donations towards this great charity. Lots of Pudsey ears and jumpers were on display and lots of happy, smiley children, which reminds us how lucky we are and how necessary Children In Need is to support those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for all the donations.

##### PE

Children should continue to come to school in PE kit on their PE days.

Class 1 – Monday & Forest School Thursday

Class 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Class 3 – Tuesday & Thursday

Class 4 – Monday & Wednesday.

##### Parent Survey

Thank you for completing the parent survey online. This is a great way for us to gain feedback on how the school is performing for children and families. The feedback is always acted upon and helped us make changes from the last survey to make the community better. The results will be shared next week.

##### Large 65" Screen

We have had to replace one of our interactive screens in class due to the touchscreen failing. The screen itself works fine but as a teaching screen, it does not have fitted speakers or TV tuner. It does have standard input sockets for video and output for sound. If anyone would be interested in this for a donation towards the school, please get in touch. It is VERY heavy and chunky.

##### School Admissions

Parents of children looking for a reception place, need to apply for their place by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please see the NCC admissions website for more information and continue to share our school video with potential new families.

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Stars & Achievements**

**Well Done!**

**STARS OF THE WEEK:**

**Class 1:**

**Kiera:** For always being kind to her friends.  
**Isabel:** For her super addition skills this week.

**Class 2:**

**Elodie:** For her hard work and progress in maths.  
**Scarlett:** For her progress in maths.

**Class 3:**

**Phoebe:** For always helping to tidy and organise our break time resources to keep everybody safe.  
**William:** For being super organised and voluntarily helping Mrs Young. A great role model for responsibility and of compassion to help.

**Class 4:**

**Ethan:** For his improvement and determination in creating similes to describe settings.  
**Jacob:** For his fantastic reasoning in maths and great contribution to class discussions.

**Gold Card Winners: Class 1**  
**House Point Winners: Ruby!**

**Outside Achievements**



Liliane received her certificate and medal for gymnastics.

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Remembrance Day**



As a mark of respect, our members of Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Beavers and Rainbows wore their uniforms to school on Remembrance Day. Normally they would have worn these and taken part in Remembrance Sunday parades and marches, but were unable to do so due to Covid-19 restrictions. Jack made the request to wear to school on the day and we thought it was a great idea.

