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Welcome ...

... It always takes a little time for my brain to re-adjust when school returns in September. I make frequent trips up and down the corridors, peering into the classrooms at the children's faces... 'Surely so and so is not in that class already' is usually the gist of the conversation that is going on in my head. I am convinced that I wander up and down the corridors more in September, than at any other time of year, just to make sure that everyone is in their rightful place. The children are settling well and by the time that you read this, they will have performed in front of lots of parents and grandparents during our harvest assembly, which can be scary for some...

Learning Leaves ...

Week ending Friday 21st September

Learning leaves were awarded to Willow, Jayden, Archie, William, Woody, Artie, Jake, Lexie, Ella and Reece.



Week ending Friday 28th September

Learning leaves were awarded to Juno, Charlie, Bertie, Aria, Abby, Ellie, Ruth, Caitlin, Lilly-Mai and Alfred.



Week ending Friday 5th October

Learning leaves were awarded to Lilli-Mai, Holli, Skye, Dylan, Evie, Rachel, Keira, Jaxson and Gabriel.



Math-a-Magician of the Week ...

Week ending Friday 21st September

Math-a-magicians this week are Sophie, Henry, Ophelia, Jack and Ben.



Week ending Friday 28th September

Math-a-magicians this week are Betsy, Orla, Lennon, Jack and Joseph.



Week ending Friday 5th October

Math-a-magicians this week are Thomas, Meriel, Maeve, Archie and Alex.



Beano Award ...

Week ending Friday 21st September

The Beano Award was presented to Freda for always have a lovely smile on her face and for her chirpy good mornings!



Week ending Friday 28th September

This week the Beano Award was given to Jayden for trying to do the right thing and for being very smiley this week.



Week ending Friday 5th October

The Beano Award was given to Holli this week for being so smiley and for entertaining us all during the harvest festival.



Harvest Festival ...

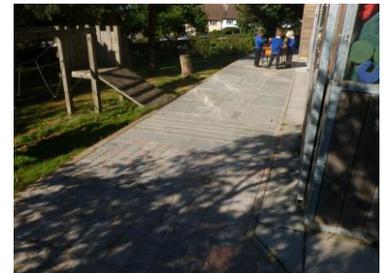
A big thank you to the huge numbers of adults who supported this year's harvest festival collection for the Crediton Food Bank. Many adults – anymore and we would need a new hall – attended this year's lovely service, where they were treated to an array of songs, dances and readings, performed by children from all classes. We hope that you enjoyed it; as a staff, we were left smiling as each performance gave something that warmed the cockles of the heart. The food was delivered yesterday to the food bank, who were very grateful for the 4 large boxes we were able to donate.

Foxcubs Outdoor Area ...

Over the summer, our outdoor area has been transformed with a new, enlarged patio area. This has created more play space for the children to enjoy, especially when the grass is wet.

We are very lucky to have such a large outdoor area but have been, up until now, limited with the amount of flat space available for the children to use. We have four larger building play based activities which help to develop the children's gross motor skills. We encourage them to work together and be creative, which they do enjoy. We have large wooden, rubber building blocks and foam squares, which the children love to make obstacle courses with or build walls and dens. Having a lack of flat space, has hampered their efforts over the last few years, but with this new space, the children are enjoying new found freedoms.

Thanks to the governing body for agreeing to the work being done.



Anna Fay
Foxcubs Class Teacher
and Staff Governor

Attendance ...

We have a duty to safeguard your child and make sure that they are in school every day. Please contact the school, first thing in the morning to let us know why your child will not be in school that day. You can leave a message on the answerphone, giving details as to the nature of your child's absence. You will need to do this EVERYDAY that your child is absent from school.

If your child has an infectious illness, such as chicken pox, please let us know when they are ill and give an indication as to when you think that they may be fit to return to school. In doing this, you will then not need to ring in every day.

For all other ailments, please ring school on a daily basis.

Thank you

Swimming Pool Committee ...

Our swimming pool committee has been very busy over the last few months, applying for a grant to help with the purchase of a new summer swimming pool cover. The cover is vital in helping reduce the running costs of the pool, as it helps to retain the heat over the summer months, making swimming in the pool a much more pleasurable experience.

It was a lengthy application form from Den Brook Community Fund that members of the committee had to complete. They wanted to know: details of our project for a new cover, the environmental benefits, equality of opportunity for the community, sustainable legacy, the latest accounts and an estimate of voluntary hours by our committee - 352 hours per season!

The result of all our hard effort was a £1086 grant that was awarded to BSPMC, which should buy us a good quality summer cover (a quote from Pool 'n' Spa was submitted as part of the grant application). The money must be spent within 12 months, and a report sent back to Den Brook, confirming that we have fulfilled our part of the criteria.

We are now in the fortunate position of having some time over the winter to organise the purchase (usually a new cover is bought in a rush when an old one is no longer fit for purpose) and this should ensure that we are able to purchase a cover that is the best that we can afford!

Exit from the School ...

So that we can ensure that entry and exit to and from the school is as safe as possible, our front door has had a new exit lock fitted. This means that you will now have to press the LARGE GREEN BUTTON, which is situated high on the wall to the left of the door.

And finally ...

We find ourselves most definitely in the heart of Autumn. The weather is turning, so consequently the children need to come with a coat to school – everyday! When you set off on a morning and it is sunny, invariably it can be drizzling by lunchtime. All our pupils will go out in the rain – not in a heavy downpour – so they do need a coat in school each day. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU NAME YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING WITH A SHARPIE PEN – already our reception area is full of unnamed, unclaimed items of clothing...

Best wishes,

Lesley Hodgson