



Dear Parents & Carers

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Message from Mrs Majcher

As the pandemic continues to grip the nation, I am pleased to say that we have had a relatively uninterrupted half term so far. Lots of schools have had to close classes down. Please continue to adhere to our ways of working and keep us all safe.

Our Christmas Winners

I was very proud to hand out prizes to the winners of the Christmas Story Competition run by the Grapevine. We had a winner in Year 3, Connor, who wrote a lovely story about a reluctant reindeer and Lucy in Year 6, who wrote about a lonely old lady who found a stray dog. The children will have their stories published and have a £20 book voucher to spend. I hope you look out for the stories next year in the Grapevine.

Being so struck by the reindeer story, we are doing a mini art project about reindeer. Each class will be taking part in a school wide competition to decorate a 3D reindeer, as well as completing art in the style of different artists.

Christmas Cards

Children may send Christmas cards within their year groups. These will be kept in classes until the last day and then given out. In this way we are able to quarantine the cards before giving them out. The last day to post cards into the year group post boxes will be Tuesday 15th December.

Christmas Lunch & Party Day

On Friday 11th December Christmas dinner will be served. Please ensure that you book this through SchoolGrid. If your child prefers a sandwich lunch please make it as festive as possible. On the day children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes. They will have a day of fun.



Congratulations Mr Talbot

I am pleased to announce that Mr Talbot has become engaged to Florence Squires. He proposed by the sea near to his family home in Devon. We look forward to hearing when the wedding will be and wish them all the best.

Dangerous Driving

I have been contacted by several parents who are appalled at the driving they witness in the mornings. We have contacted the police over this matter. They have asked that if anyone sees any dangerous driving could they please take down the registration number and contact the police. The police are prioritising our area.

Parking in our Car Park

Staff are struggling to park in the mornings as our car park is full of parents dropping off their children at the breakfast club. Parking in our car park is strictly for staff only. If your child/ren attends breakfast or after school club or our Cherry Leaves club, please do not park in our car park. This is our place of work and staff should not have to wait for parents to exit the car park. I have been in touch with Mrs Jean Cameron about this who has notified all parents.

New Books in Class

I hope your child is enjoying the wonderful new books in our classrooms. Reading in class is taking on a whole new meaning. As one child said to me, "there are so many books to choose from, I don't know what to read first!". How brilliant to be in such a predicament.

A New Tree

Last term we won a tree in a competition. The tree has arrived. I must say it is a beautiful specimen. It is a junberry multi stemmed tree. It flowers in April, has great autumn colour and berries to complete the season. We will plant it on the field where in years to come it will work hard for us and provide shade for the children. It will compliment our willow tree which was planted by our Year 6 children last summer as part of our school's 60th celebration.



Mathletics

Well done to all the children who have completed enough work using Mathletics to gain a certificate.

The top year groups for November are as follows:

1st- Year 3 with 30 certificates

2nd- Year 4 with 24 certificates

3rd- Year 5

We have also heard that some children are doing some fantastic work with their Cracking Times Tables and the PiXL times tables app. Keep up the good work.

Year 5 Viking Day

Year 5 took part in "Let battle Commence" day where they used historical enquiry skills to find out about the struggle for England between Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. They created weapons; feasted on Anglo-Saxon barley stew and oat cakes and then re-enacted the battle of Reading learning about battle formations. At the end of the day, exhausted from the struggle, all the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons were able to tell their parents much more about this time period. We are extremely grateful for your support in providing such wonderful costumes.

Dates for your diary

Friday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch	Usual staggered lunch times
Friday 18 th December	End of Term	12.55 3C and 5C 13.00 Blossom 13.05 4C and 6C 13.15 3S and 5S 13.25 4S and 6S
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Term	Usual staggered entry times

Year 3 Stone Age Day

In Year 3, we travelled back in time to the Stone Age. It was an opportunity for the children to share some of the experiences of these pre-historic hunter gatherers. The activities included: hunting for deer and rabbits, gathering berries and nuts, telling stories around a camp fire, designing a trap to capture a mammoth and creating our own cave paintings. The children really got into character and enjoyed spending time working as a team, exploring and scavenging in an outdoor learning environment and getting creative. It was a fantastic day filled with learning and fun.

Autumn assessment

The children are currently working really hard on their autumn assessments. The data from this will not be available until after our parents' evenings but you will be receiving further information about your child's next steps later this term from their class teacher.

Christmas Decoration Competition

We have had a very sparkly range of Christmas decorations. We will be judging them later this week. This is one of my favourite jobs!

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children who helped raise £261 for this years Children in Need appeal. Since 2017 we have raised an impressive £731.58!

I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and remember to not only be 'jolly' but 'jolly careful'.

Mrs Majcher and staff

