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A Well Earned Break

Autumn is now truly upon us as the strong winds and falling leaves testify. The tree outside my office window, which always acts as a barometer for the seasons, is now fully clothed in the most vibrant red leaves which are shining in the warm sunshine today. As we move towards the half term break I hope that the sunshine will continue as I think we are all ready for some well earned rest and relaxation.

It has been a challenging time with Covid-19 cases continuing to rise whilst we all battle with the full range of seasonal bugs that we had managed to keep at bay during lockdown. Hopefully, you will all be able to enjoy a week without letters and e-mails about viruses.

On behalf of all the staff may I wish you a restful half-term full of fun and exciting Autumnal activities.

With very best wishes.

Mrs Howell

BOOK YOUR LUNCH

November will be here before we know it so please could we remind you to book your child's school lunches for the next half term now. Booking in advance will avoid a lot of upset children on the first day back when they may not be able to have the full choice of meals if you haven't pre-booked. The kitchen staff always try to accommodate everyone's preferences but ordering in advance will ensure this.

The children often tell me how much they enjoy being able to choose what they will be having for lunch by looking at the menu with their parents and carers, so please do encourage your child to consider the choices with you. Don't forget that the website has so much nutritional information about the meals and you can update any information regarding dietary needs and allergies easily.

Meals can be booked by accessing, <https://www.live-kitchen.co.uk/> using your login details.

School Uniform

If you will be purchasing school uniform over the half term break please can we politely remind you that children are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times.

- School sweatshirt or school cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Plain grey trousers or skirt—not black leggings. Skirt lengths should be at least knee length.
- Outdoor shoes that are suitable for safe, active play. Black shoes and not trainers should be worn. Trainers should only be worn on the timetabled PE day.



Y6 Football Tournament

This week our Year 6 girls took up the challenge to play in the EFSA 7-a-side Schools Girls Football Cup tournament at Histon Recreation Ground. This was the first tournament the girls have had the opportunity to play in for almost two years. All the girls played with huge enthusiasm and their team spirit was exemplary.



Mr Yates reports that the girls played extremely well, coming fourteenth overall. Hopefully, the team will have further opportunities to put their skills to good use in the coming months.

Here Come the Romans

You would be forgiven for thinking you had been transported back to the first century AD this week if you were passing Year 4. It was in fact Year 4's Roman WOW Day, when we immersed the children in all things Roman to enrich their learning. We feel that these are not just enjoyable learning experiences for the children, but an important part of helping the children to understand what they have been learning and helping them to visualise what life was like for a Roman soldier living in the various outposts of the Roman empire. The children made shields and helmets and then learnt how the Romans



formed an impenetrable phalanx to prevent their enemy breaking through their defensive lines.

Having spoken with the children about why they enjoyed the day so much, they informed me that, 'WOW Days really help you to remember more facts and you can really get to know how the Roman soldiers must have felt'. I think that makes for some successful learning.



Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of children who may be especially noticed for demonstrating learning or behaviour that we feel should be recognised and commended. This week I would like to congratulate:

Sofia in Dorado Class: Sofia has impressed us all with her reading this week. It was wonderful to see her enjoying books and reading with such confidence to Mrs Harris. Well done Sofia, you really deserved your 100% score on your AR quiz.

Aurora in Aquila Class: I was listening to Aurora's piano lesson the other day, having been drawn to the hall by the sound of her beautiful playing. Aurora has clearly been practising so hard and tackling some very tricky pieces. Well done, Aurora I was so impressed.

Ayaansh in Blue Class: Ayaansh always works so hard and just loves to challenge himself and stretch his learning, especially in maths. As soon as he has finished his work he seeks out additional challenges to move his learning forward and to use his knowledge in a range of situations.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you what their superhero power would be and why.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you what the number bonds to 10 are.

Ask your Year 2 child to use interesting vocabulary to describe one of the animals they met on Monday.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how to exchange when subtracting a 10s number from a 3 digit number.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain how to add two 4 digit numbers using the column method.

Ask your Year 5 child to recall some of the physical behaviours that people may demonstrate when they are worried.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain the process of natural selection.

Active Learning



We love to see the children's creativity being transposed into their learning, so I was delighted to see that the children in Blue Class had designed their own impromptu game based on their knowledge of number bonds to 10. Using a tough tray, some masking tape and 10 crumpled up paper balls, the object of the game was to get as many of the paper balls into the masking tape net and then quickly work out how many were missing. An amazing learning activity and all designed by the children.

FORTHCOMING DATES 2021 to 2022

The arrangements for all these events may be subject to change if there are changes in Government and Local Authority guidance. Until further notice, most of the large events will take place virtually via Zoom.

25th—29th October—HALF TERM

1st November—Children return to school

3rd November—Reception Diwali Workshop

12th November at 9:15am—Blue Class assembly

w/c 15th November—Anti bullying week

18th November —Year 2 Production via Zoom

19th November—Children in Need Day

15th December —Year 1 Nativity Play via Zoom

16th December —Year 4 Carol Concert via Zoom

17th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

20th December—3rd January 2022—CHRISTMAS BREAK

4th January—INSET Day (school closed for children)

5th January—Children return to school

Unattended Dogs

For the safety of both animals and children, please can we politely ask that dogs are not left unattended and tied to the school railings at drop-off and pick-up times?
Thank you for your support in this matter.



Bikes and Scooters

Despite a number of reminders recently, children are still riding bikes and scooters on the playground. Unfortunately, an elderly lady was left very shaken after a bicycle collided with her and almost knocked her over last week. We want to ensure the safety of everyone on our school site so please remember:

- When arriving at school, dismount from your bike or scooter at the gate and push it across the site.
- When leaving the school site, please do not mount your bicycle or scooter until you are outside the school gates.
- Please make sure that younger siblings are not allowed to ride bikes or scooters on the school site.
- Please be aware of those around you, especially at busy times.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

