

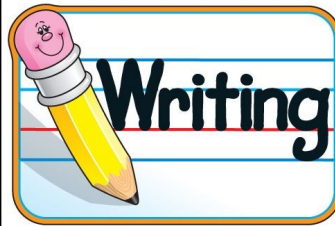
Newsletter 9

Friday 10th November 2017

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KS1 'Come and Write' Sessions



Parents of children in KS1 have been enjoying the regular Friday morning 'Come and Read' sessions for some time now. As we are always looking for ways to share more of the children's learning and the curriculum with you we have decided to trial 'Come and Write' sessions in the usual Friday morning slot this half term. These sessions will be activity based and will include a variety of ways to support your child in writing. Please come along on Friday morning and discover your inner author with your child.

We plan to alternate the 'Come and Read' and 'Come and Write' sessions each half term.

Revisiting The Great Fire of London

This week Year 2 took a trip back in time to the bustling streets of London of 1666. The children were eager to immerse themselves in a variety of activities that were common place for Londoners in the seventeenth century. From baking bread and making perfume, to experimenting with wattle and daub, the children learnt about many of the trades which would have been carried out in Pudding Lane where the fire started. Having learnt about the construction methods used to build the infamous timber framed buildings which allowed the fire to spread so quickly, the children had great fun building their own large scale model of Pudding Lane in the Key Stage 1 courtyard. The day culminated with the children learning some dances from the period and re-enacting the events of the day the fire started.



In The Footsteps of Percy The Park Keeper

Children in Orange and Yellow Class have been enjoying reading the book 'After the Storm' in which Percy the Park Keeper has to find homes for his animal friends when a large oak tree is blown down. The children decided that they needed to investigate where wild animals live in Cambourne and spent the afternoon in the woods learning about habitats. They were very excited to find nests, burrows and lots of evidence of animal activity in the trees and on the ground. The children made bark rubbings and recorded their findings in a variety of ways.



Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to find three objects and test if they blow in the wind.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the differences between toys from the past and modern toys that they play with.

Ask your Year 2 child to use a blank number line to add two 2-digit numbers.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you about 'spoof' websites.

Ask your Year 4 child how to explain how to divide a 2-digit number by 10.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to do the formal method of multiplication they have been learning.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you about helpful and harmful microorganisms.

Head Teacher roll of honour

Every day so many children push themselves to be the very best that they can be, but there is a special mention for the following children this week, whom I have noticed 'going the extra mile'. They are:

Chloe from Columba Class—for being the first child to complete the first merit chart in school his year. Chloe always tries to do her very best in everything and approaches every task with great energy and determination.

Samuel from Blue Class—for being extremely kind and helpful to children and adults this week and working so hard to stay on the green balloon

Amelie P from Cygnus Class—for throwing herself into writing her speech about friendship with great dedication. We have been very impressed by the interesting details she has included to grab the attention of the audience.

Wood Green Visit



On 15th November Wood Green Animal Shelter will be visiting Year 1 to help the children with their Science topic in which they are learning about what animals need to live. The children will discover what pets need to live healthy lives and how they can make positive contributions to animal welfare in the community. Wood Green is a charity and does not charge for delivering these sessions however, they are always happy to receive donations of pet food. If you would like to make a donation of pet food please send any donations into school on or before the 15th November.

Children In Need Day—The Big Spotacular



On Friday 17th November we will once again be raising money for Children in Need. The theme this year is spots!

It will be a non-uniform day and children are asked to donate £1 to the Friends of Monkfield Park bucket collection which will be taking place on the playground at the beginning of the school day in recognition of this.

In addition we will also be trying to make the longest line of copper coins in the Main Hall. Please help us to help those children and families who

are less fortunate than ourselves by donning some spots, donating all your spare copper coins to this very good cause and having lots of fun.

Forthcoming Dates

15th November 9am—Wood Green Animal Shelter visit to Year 1

24th November at 9am—Indigo Class assembly

6th December—Flu vaccination programme (details to follow)

8th December at 9am—Lacerta Class assembly

12th December 2pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

13th December 1.30am—Reception ‘come and share’ event

13th December 10am—Year 3/4 carol concert

14th December 2pm—Year 1 nativity

14th December 6pm—Year 3/4 carol concert

15th December 10am—Year 1 nativity

19th December—Christmas parties

19th December—Last day of term

Spring Term 2018

3rd January—INSET day (school closed to children)

4th January—All children return to school

Headteacher Drop in Sessions

The drop in sessions are an opportunity for parents and carers to speak with the Head on an individual basis about any matter of school life without an appointment. Due to the ‘drop in’ nature of these sessions, you may have to wait if a parent is already being seen. Times and dates are as follows:

16th November 8am—9am

23rd November 3pm—4pm

29th November 2pm—3pm

8th December 9am—10am

15th December 3pm—3pm

Please Park Carefully

As parents are aware, for the safety of the children in our school, the road area outside the staff car park gates and beyond is a no parking area. Recently we have been contacted by a member of the public who had a ‘near-miss’ with a car parked in front of our gates as she cycled to school with her child. We would appreciate it if parents could avoid parking across the car park gates and the cycle path. There is a public car park in Priory Walk which is only a short walk from the school. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM last Thursday. It was lovely to see some new faces. Overall last year was a great success and we exceeded many of the fundraising amounts from the previous year. Looking forward to this coming year we will again be fundraising for the school Library project. We also re-elected our committee with some new members joining. Our current committee members for this year are as follows:- Chair—Mel Webster, Secretary—Helen Hickmott, Treasurer—Pat Kirk, Committee Member— Michelle Harrington-Smith. We are currently one committee member short so we will be looking to fill this space over the coming months.

Children In Need

Children in Need this year is Friday 17th November. As well as children being invited to dress down for the day we will also be holding a Copper Trail again this year. As well as donations on the gate please send children in with copper coins to join in the trail which will be conducted in the school hall.

Christmas Bingo

We will be holding a Christmas Family Bingo in the school hall on the evening of Friday 8th December. More information will be sent home via parent mail and book bags shortly.

Micro Scooters Cashback for Schools

Another effortless way for you to help raise funds for school. We will shortly be publishing a code you can enter at online checkout on any purchases at Micro scooters (scooters, spares and accessories) and the school will receive 10% cashback. If you are planning a purchase ahead of Christmas please wait for the code! Thank you.

EasyFundraising

With Christmas just around the corner don't forget you can help support the school by shopping through Easyfundraising. The school will receive cashback on those all important Christmas Presents.



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