

# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## Funeral

The funeral service for Macca Davies will take place at Cradley Church on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We are currently making arrangements so that some staff members are able to join the service. There might be timetabling changes in place over that afternoon to make this possible. Please bear with us as we make those arrangements.

## Easter Service

We have taken the decision to move the Easter Service to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. You will need to drop your children at the church that morning from 8:45am onwards. You are, of course, very welcome to join us. We will be walking up to the Church on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to practice. We are sorry for the short notice to this change.

## Morning Drop off

The procedures for morning drop offs are working very well, with the congestion around school being really reduced. We have started to notice that children who walk independently - and some who are dropped off by parents - are arriving at the gates or being left unattended as early as 8:20am. Please be aware that school is not responsible for the children at this point in time. Please do not leave your young children on their own before 8.30am.

## Lates

We have also recently seen an increase in the number of children arriving late in the mornings. In fact, on Monday, 27 children were registered as late. This has an impact on the children's ability to settle quickly in the mornings. In addition, many small group and intervention activities are scheduled to start as soon as the bell goes. So, if a child is late, they run the risk of missing out on the individual teaching time that has been set aside for them. Please ensure that your children arrive at school on time.

## Bookings

It is essential that you use School Money to book your child into Breakfast and After School Club the day before, as we need to make sure that we have enough staff to cover. You have until midnight the previous day to book. If your circumstances change during the day children can be booked into ASC via the school office if there is space.

## School Dinners

A new Summer menu has been made available to book on School Money to commence after Easter.

## Shire Services

Shire Services, our school meals provider, is undertaking a customer satisfaction survey. Parents of children who have hot lunches are invited to take part in the survey. The link is as follows: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/shireservicesparents2018>  
The survey is open till the end of March.

## Digital Leaders

### *A message from Oliver Burton:*

On Monday, the Digital Leaders (Henry, Max, Abi and Oliver) went to the Hereford Digital Leaders' Conference at Ledbury Primary School. Firstly, we looked at what the other schools thought about internet safety. Following that, we also looked at the apps Seesaw, Expeditions, Scratch Junior and iMovie. Teachers and children can use Seesaw to talk about lessons, give feedback and share good ideas and find out who needs help. On Expeditions you can use virtual reality or you can use the iPad to look at amazing landmarks and under the sea. The Digital Leaders are hoping to put on a club to teach KS1 about coding and run a staff meeting to introduce the teachers to the wonders of virtual reality.

## Building Bridges!

On Wednesday, eight Year 5s visited RGS in Worcester to take part in a science challenge. Along with teams of students from other local schools, they were given a brief to construct a bridge - spanning 80cm and standing 30cm tall - using only straws, paperclips and tape. Working against the clock, they had to design, plan and build their model. It was a challenging task, requiring ingenuity and team work - and though they didn't win the overall prize, the Cradley children proved themselves to be creative thinkers who approached the task with enthusiasm. Our super scientists were: Liam, Demi, Bo, Oliver, Annabel, Tilly W, Ceri and Chloe.

## Nursery

The children have had a fascinating week, stepping back in time. On Monday we went back 10,000 years to the Palaeolithic and learnt all about prehistoric animals, how people lived and their art. We made our own charcoal cave paintings, spray painted hand prints on fabric and met lots of extinct animals, including woolly mammoths and sabre-toothed cats. We even made a cave from a parachute in P.E. and hid under it. On Wednesday, we arrived in the Neolithic and Carol taught us all about Stonehenge. The children used wooden blocks, play dough and paper/chalk to recreate their own ancient monument. Charlie taught us about shapes at the same time! We have even dug for bones and fossils in sand - just like an archaeologist. Finally, at Forest School we made our own caveman jewellery from natural resources and had a go with a bow and arrow. Next week we begin preparations for spring and Easter. It might be time for a bunny race!



### Class 1

In English we have been busy with our wider reading and looking at the structure of a story. In Maths, the Year 1s have been measuring, finding the difference between two numbers and investigating differences with cube towers. In Reception we have been practising our number formation, locating numbers at speed on our number line and looking at greater and less than. In RE we have been talking and writing about what Muslims think about Muhammad. In PE, Mr Greaves has taught us how to use the wall bars and gym equipment safely, and in Science we have been on a walk to look at what plants are growing this time of year and compared them to the plants which grow in other countries during this season. We are looking forward to performing our KS1 song about happiness next Tuesday at the Herefordshire Festival. Mr Dalton will be finishing this week in Class 1 as his School Experience placement comes to an end. We all wish him lots of luck in his PGCE final placement and all the very best for his future career in the teaching profession. He had taught us lots of new things and we hope we have done the same for him!



### Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have continued to find out about different instruments in the orchestra. We watched some of *Peter and the Wolf* and saw which characters were represented by which instruments. We then looked at a version which showed the story from a storybook. Everyone thought carefully about the sounds the different instruments made and why they had been chosen. Our Superstars PE lesson this week was a football session. Everyone practised some footwork skills to develop their ball control. They learned how to control the ball by using different parts of the foot.

### Class 3

This week Class 3 has been in Spain. We have discovered that it is a popular place to go on holiday because of the warm, sunny climate. We have cooked two Spanish recipes: Spanish omelette (*frittata*) and lemon cake (*sobaos pasiegos*). In English we have made posters, using persuasive language, about visiting our favourite holiday destinations. In Maths we have been solving problems involving multiplication and division.



### Class 4

This week in Class 4 we have been finishing our English topic on newspaper reports. Over the week, we have been developing an in-depth article reporting the crime of Goldilocks 'breaking and entering' the home of the three bears. Likewise, we are also coming to the end of our 'Keen to be Green' topic and have written a letter to the BBC applying for a Blue Peter Eco badge for our efforts in making the school more eco-friendly. In Maths, we have moved away from fractions and have been focusing instead on statistics: interpreting and presenting data in bar charts, time graphs and line graphs. In addition to this, we have been developing an informative leaflet in PSHCE on how to look after ourselves by making good lifestyle choices. We have been exploring the negative impact substance abuse can have on our health and have been focusing on making positive choices, such as taking part in regular exercise and eating a balanced diet.

### Class 5

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed reading *Private Peaceful* and exploring themes through a variety of writing tasks: narrative, letter, radio script and discussion. We have begun to prepare scrapbook pages in role as Archie or Mabel Dobson: characters we have met through the BBC play *Archie Dobson's War*. In Science we prepared a leaflet describing the benefits of a favourite sport, considering how specific muscles are used in performing particular actions. In Maths we met pi for the first time as we described the properties of circles and revised long multiplication and division.

### Value of the Month

FOREGIVENESS

#### Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Chosen by Adam Jones, Class

### Stars of the Week

Nursery Elijah Gowen for working co operatively

Arian Evans for working co operatively

Class 1 Leo White for being positive

Jacob Mifflin for being reflective

Class 2 Eddie Price for being reflective

Daniel Burton for taking pride in his work

Class 3 Freddie Knowles for his positive attitude

Leah Hitchings for always taking care with her presentation

Class 4 Tilly Bentley-Price for her independent work

Ray Hughes for his positive attitude

Class 5 Phoebe Hemming for being proactive with her work

Logan Dawe for settling down sensibly to do his work

## Dates for the Future

### **MARCH FOREGIVENESS**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Last swimming session  
Choir @ Herefordshire Festival  
Swimming Gala @ Malvern College
- 21<sup>st</sup> Police visiting Nursery  
Yr 5 Maths Competition @ JMHS
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Yr 1/2 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Clubs Finish
- 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Service @ Church 9am  
Football matches @ Bosbury
- 28<sup>th</sup> Yr 3/4 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm  
Class 4 trip to recycle centre
- 29<sup>th</sup> Break up

### **APRIL RESPONSIBILITY**

- 16<sup>th</sup> Term starts
- 18<sup>th</sup> Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Evening for Parents  
@18:30
- 24<sup>th</sup> Football matches @ Bosbury
- 27<sup>th</sup> Football and Netball tournament @ Ledbury

### **MAY CO-OPERATION**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Library Van visits school
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 3 lead Collective Worship. Parents welcome
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday
- 8<sup>th</sup> Tennis Yr 3/4 @ JMHS
- 11<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 hearing screening
- 14<sup>th</sup> SATs Week
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sport's Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Class and Team photos
- 25<sup>th</sup> TAG Rugby Tournament @ Ledbury RFC  
Break up