

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 6th January 2017

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the Spring Term, we hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Malvern Show Garden

Our Garden Club has decided on the final design for our School Show Garden. It is called *Gardening on Mars* and we have been able to use lots of the ideas from the garden design competition. There will be two main garden areas inside a cutaway of a biome: one for growing food and one for resting. The growing area includes a vegetable patch labyrinth, a wild food and compost area and a 'veggie' style plant growth system. In the resting area will be a natural pond, a seat and 'values' related planting. Outside the biome there will be an area of Martian landscape with an interactive Mars rover. The garden can be viewed from the back through portholes, and this side also shows a Mars rocket as it leaves the Earth.

Nativity DVDs

Just a reminder that copies of *The Apprentice* are available to order in the office. If you require any further copies, please do see Paula.

Bethesda Orphanage

The School Council is organising a collection of clothes for the children of the Bethesda Orphanage in Sierra Leone. This will take place next week, so do have a look through your children's cupboards for good-quality clothes which we can pass on to Cradley Chapel.

The Council is also putting together plans for a Great Cradley Bake Off to take place in the not-too-distant future, so be on the lookout for more information about this tasty matter! This is to help raise money to buy a wooden picnic table and umbrella which School Council would like to have on the field ready for the summer term.

Transport Changes

We have been asked to share the following information with all parents:

Herefordshire Council has been making cuts to school transport for children in Cradley. As a result, most children in the village are now only entitled to transport to schools in neighbouring Worcestershire, rather than our catchment school in Ledbury. Practically speaking, it means that families whose children wish to attend John Masefield High School in Ledbury are paying several hundred pounds a year for the bus.

It also means that public bus services through the village have become much busier with children, as the school transport service is reduced. This has led to 'standing room only' as some buses are filled to capacity with schoolchildren, which has an impact on other bus users travelling to and from Ledbury.

The council has agreed to continue reviewing this policy change and, on Tuesday 17th January, it is due to look at school transport again. They will be particularly interested to hear how the policy change is affecting Cradley; if it is creating financial hardship for families, if the cost prompts more children to choose an education out of

Herefordshire, or if extra children on public bus services is creating difficulties.

Comments and questions for the council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee can be emailed to Tim Brown on tbrown@herefordshire.gov.uk

From School's point of view, the changes to the transport have made a dramatic difference to the intended destinations of our children, especially this year. We will be making representation to the Council on this issue.

Clubs Letter

You should all have received your Spring Clubs letter; all clubs are due to start next week, with the exceptions listed below.

Football Club

There will be no Football club on Tuesday 10th January due to matches at Bosbury Primary School.

Netball Club

There will be no Netball club on Tuesday 17th January due to matches at Ledbury Primary School.

Mad Science Club

A reminder to those children who signed up for the Mad Science Club: the first session will be on Wednesday 11th January.

School Car Park

Please note that the school car park is not for the use of parents at any time. This includes before and after school. Also, we have a number of parents and children who are walking across the car park in the morning. This is potentially dangerous as the car park is in constant use.

John Masefield Open Morning

Guided Tours of the School by the Senior Leadership Team, Tuesday 17th January, 2017; 9.15-10.45am (please arrive after 9am to sign in, ready for a 9.15am tour)

Reception Places

Just a reminder that applications for Reception places need to be in by 15th January 2017. These need to be completed on the County website in which you live. Please pass this on to anyone who needs to apply. We are likely to be oversubscribed, so it is really important that applications are received on time.

Nursery

It was lovely to welcome all to nursery at the start of the New Year - especially the new faces. We know we are all going to have many adventures this term. The children have been exploring things that fly this week, from birds to superheroes. *Supertato* has been our favourite book and made us all laugh. The children have made rocking birds with paints, coloured and cut superheroes, made nests from play dough and spotted birds in the garden. There have been a few superheroes saving their friends, too. These superheroes practised their catching skills in PE, and giggled as they watched

back their performance in the Nativity on the whiteboard. They thought it hilarious that they were on the TV themselves! But where are we to fly, too? Expect expeditions to far-off lands this term. Some might be hot, others cold, but all full of wonders! Now, where did we park that hot air balloon?



Class 1

Welcome back to all of Class 1 and a very happy New Year. It sounds like everyone had a really good break and this week we have come back refreshed and ready to work hard on our next units of work. This term we will be exploring The Jungle. We have started our topic by talking about the things we already know, things we would like to find out and how we can find out about them. In PE we have been practising different moves and poses to represent animals we might find in the jungle and we have all had some time to do individual reading this week. We have started the term in Italy where we have looked at the flag, where in the world Italy is and how to say hello and goodbye in Italian. Perhaps Class 1 could have a go at making a pizza at the weekend?

Class 2

This week, the children in Class 2 have been getting used to working on the laptops to practise mental maths skills. We have been using Education City and Number Shark to sharpen up our addition and subtraction. In English we have been thinking about different types of sentences. These are statements, commands, questions and exclamations. We have used commands to write instructions about how to catch an animal.

Class 3

Happy New Year from Class 3! We started the week by finding out about New Year traditions around the world and about making a fresh start and making resolutions. We reflected on the events in our lives during 2016 and wrote resolutions of our own. We carried out some maths investigations around the number 2017 and investigated 2D shapes. We are finding out about the British artist Clarice Cliff and have designed and painted ceramic tiles in her very bold style for our corridor display. We are looking forward to a busy term and our 'Marvellous Mountains' topic.

Class 4

We have had a lovely first week back and really enjoyed getting to know our student teacher, Miss Cornes. This week we have been learning about suspense writing and diary entries, through our new book, *The Boy with the Bronze Axe*. We have been learning about negative numbers and place value through visual representations and problem solving. In the afternoons we have been studying the British artist, Anthony Browne, by undertaking a detailed study of his work and then developing our own illustration techniques. We have also begun our Stone Age - Iron Age topic by looking at the chronology of the time and we have looked at our participation skills through balance activities in PE.

Class 5

This week we have been enjoying the work of British artist David Hockney and worked on creating landscapes in his style. In maths we have been learning the method of long division and the BODMAS rules. In English we started work on our first text of the term 'Can we save the Tiger?' and this will link closely with our science topic 'Evolution and Inheritance'. This will be a busy term and I am so pleased to see that the children have returned to school determined to work hard.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Harry Mifflin

Harry Pursar

Joseph Davies

Salina Kordys-Rudule all for being positive

Class 1 Jemima Roberts for being positive

Isla-Mai Robertson for being independent

Class 2 Freddie Jackson for taking pride in his work

William Porter for a positive attitude to his work

Class 3 Laura Jones and Bella Hughes for having pride in all their written work

Class 4 Ben Richards for a positive attitude

Phoebe Hemming for being independent

Class 5 Ruby Belgard for persistence in her work

Kiya Felstead for being independent

Value of the Month

HOPE

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow weak.

Isaiah 40:31

Chosen by Isabella K, Minnie and Ceri

Dates for the Future

JANUARY

HOPE

- 9th Clothes Collection for Sierra Leone
- 10th Football Fixtures @ Bosbury Primary School
- 13th Collection closes for Sierra Leone
- 17th JMHS Open Morning
- Netball Fixtures @Ledbury Primary School
- 24th Young Voices Concert @ the Genting Arena
- 25th Class 5 Collective Worship
- 26th Big Bird Watch
- TAG Rugby fixtures @ Ledbury Primary School
- 27th Year 3/4 Dance Festival @ Dysons
- 30th Multicultural Week

FEBRUARY

LOVE

- 1st JMHS Trudge
- Residential Meetings for Next Year's Trips
- 2nd Dance Workshop
- KS2 TAG Rugby Fixture
- 3rd Samba Drumming Workshop
- 6th British Cradley Bake Off
- Archaeologist in Class 4
- 7th Parents Evening 15:30-17:30
- Netball Fixtures @ Ledbury
- 8th Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
- 10th Break up for Half Term
- 20th Term Starts
- 21st Class 4 trip to British Camp
- 22nd Net and Wall Extravaganza @JMHS
- 27th Big Write Week

MARCH

HUMILITY

- 2nd World Book Day
- 3rd Multiskills Festival @ Dysons
- 8th Class 1 Collective Worship
- 9th Yr1/2 Football Tournament @JMHS
- 13th Science Week
- 21st Yr 5 Maths Tournament @ JMHS
- 23rd Pyramid Prom 18:30 @ JMHS
- 24th Red Nose Day
- 27th Herefordshire Festival Week
- Dance Festival Week
- 30th Yr 3/4 Football @ JMHS