

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 22nd September

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Monday 2nd October at 9am at Cradley Church. You will need to drop your child at the church that morning. Any children in Breakfast Club will be walked up to the church by staff. All parents are invited to stay and share our service; we will be including our Breaking Bread service into our Harvest celebration. We are joining Cradley Church for our donations this year, and we are therefore asking children to bring in non-perishable goods that will be donated to Ledbury foodbank. After the service, we will ask all parents to leave the church before we walk the children back to school.

Girls Football

There is no Girls Football on Monday 25th as Mr Greaves and Miss Guy are accompanying the bell-boating experience.

A4103 Road Closures

You should all have received a copy of the letter concerning the closure of the main road over the next couple of weeks. It is likely to cause congestion throughout the village and any routes that are used as alternatives. Please allow yourself extra time for any journey.

School Car Park

Just a reminder that the school car park is not to be used by parents at any time. Please pass this on to any grandparents or others that drop off children. Please do not walk across the car park either - this is potentially dangerous as staff vehicles are moving in and out at all times.

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on school premises; this includes the meet-and-greet area at the end of the day. We have had a report that a Nursery aged child was bitten last week.

Learning Behaviours

Just a reminder of the Learning Behaviours that we have in school. We use these to support the children in developing their skills as learners. They are: be independent, be a reflective thinker, take a risk, be positive, be persistent, work co-operatively and take pride in your work.

Nursery

This week we have been exploring nature and the weather, at the same time as being pirates of course! During the PE lesson on Monday, we walked the plank, stood on one 'wooden' leg and ran away from sharks. This involved doing some fantastic listening and balancing, too. It was International Pirate Day on Tuesday, so at forest school we used muddy handprints to decorate our own sail and launched our pirate ship den. The children were so imaginative and used logs and bricks for cannon and steering wheels. Ahoy! On Wednesday, we got chatting about all things weather-related: dressing up in silly outfits to reflect different weather conditions. We then printed off our favourite picture and used it to create our own weather pictures. They looked truly brilliant and the children

were super proud of them. We continued to discover how our world is changing at the moment, having a go at leaf rubbing on Friday. As to next week...? We are expecting a letter from the Gruffalo.



Class 1

Class 1 have settled well into their morning routine of phonics and maths. The Year 1s are enjoying being together as a class throughout the mornings and are coping well with the higher expectations in Year 1 for English and Maths. The Reception children are working hard on their speed sounds and how to write them. This week in Maths we have enjoyed looking for 2D shapes in the environment and recreating shapes using sticks and ropes. In PE we have practising moves which support coordination and balance and listening carefully to follow instructions. Rehearsals are underway for our little part in the Harvest Festival on Monday 2nd October and we've even designed and made our Christmas cards already! Thank you to Lucy and Edwina who helped in the mass production! Next week we are looking forward to making a warming Harvest soup with some vegetables from the school kitchen garden.

Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been finding out about life on board ship with Sir Francis Drake. We found out about some of the jobs sailors had on his round the world trip and made lolly stick puppets to show what clothes they would have worn. In Science we learnt about wind socks and compasses and tested our home made windsocks outside. In English we have been reading 'Oscar Got the Blame' and writing our own versions of the story.

Class 3

This week in English we have found ourselves in the centre of the city of Pompeii, using our five senses to describe what it was like in the market place before the volcano erupted. In maths we have been using our knowledge of place value to add and subtract tens and hundreds and addition and subtraction using mental and more formal methods. In PE this week we enjoyed a game of bench ball and learned how to pass and stop the ball in hockey. In music we have learned a song called *Just like a Roman*. We have also made Christmas cards!

Class 4

Class 4 have been working very hard this week. In Maths we have been working on reasoning skills and thinking about how to investigate problems with more than one answer. In English we have begun our book focus, *Street Child*, where we have written character descriptions, improved sentences with different ways of adding commas, improved the vocabulary we are using and looked at emotions of characters through drama. In the afternoons we have focused on the importance and significance of stained-glass windows in RE. In Music we have looked at street-seller music and made up some "cries" and a tune to help us sell our wares in the Victorian times. In PE we have developed our hockey skills with passes and dribbling practice, and the Year 5s have begun their swimming practice.

Class 5

This week we began immersing ourselves in 'Bambert's Book of Missing Stories' and preparing to retell his wonderful stories, first orally and then using them as models for our own story writing. In Maths we have been getting to grips with place value and enjoyed some 'finding all the possibilities' problem solving. In Science we successfully 'excavated' the fossils we made last week using suitable tools we selected from home, and ended up with most of them staying pretty much intact. In topic we looked at some of the evidence which tells us where the Anglo Saxons settled in Britain.



Value of the Month

FRIENDSHIP

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Chosen by Mrs Paton, Class 5 teacher.

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Chloe Jeffries for working co-operatively
Frankie Taylor for taking a risk

Class 1 Hugh Roberts for being independent
Keerah Hitchings for being co-operative
Leo White for positive attitude

Class 2 Minnie Stevens for being reflective
Jemima Roberts for being independent

Class 3 Sian Smith for being independent
Rupert Roberts for being independent

Class 4 Emil Meager for a positive attitude
Liam Milner for taking pride in his work

Class 5 Ben Richards for persistence
Max Kite for a positive attitude

Dates for the Future

SEPTEMBER FRIENDSHIP
26th Class 4 to Cradley Chapel

OCTOBER FREEDOM
2nd Harvest Festival @ Church 9am
5th Class 5 @ Young Shakespeare @JMHS
9th Kwiksticks Hockey Tournament @JMHS 9-11am
10th Parents Evening 15:30-17:30
11th Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
13th School and Eco Council Elections
Trip to Worcester Wolves
20th School Breaks up
30th Return to school

NOVEMBER SERVICE
6th Breaking Bread Collective Worship - all welcome
7th Nasal Flu Vaccinations Yrs R-4
Hi5 Netball Tournament @JMHS 11:15-13:15
8th Class 4 Collective Worship - parents welcome
11th FOCS Fashion Show
13th Healthy School Week
22nd NSPCC Collective Worship and Workshops

DECEMBER THANKFULNESS
4th Breaking Bread Collective Worship - all welcome
Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 09:00-11:00
8th Nativity Dress rehearsal to school
11th Nativity 13:30
12th Nativity 13:30
15th Break up