

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 6th October 2017

Morning Drop Off Routines

Following on from the changes that we made due to the roadworks, it was very noticeable that there were no parking issues in the morning. Indeed many parents commented that they preferred the temporary arrangements. We have therefore decided that we would like to trial new morning arrangements for the remaining two weeks of this half term. As usual, staff will be on the playground from 8:30am, children are to be dropped onto the playground through the gates after this time. The gate will be manned by a member of staff; parents are then expected to leave the school premises. Obviously, if you need to speak to a member of staff or visit the office then this is fine. Nursery children will not be allowed onto the playground. Please share this new procedure with anyone who may drop off your child/children. We will review this after the two week trial period.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 17th October at 9am. Further details to follow next week.

Breakfast and After School Club

Please can we remind parents that After School Club and Breakfast Club sessions must be booked and paid for in advance on the School Money system, unless in an emergency which has been communicated to the office. Children are unable to just turn up to either of these clubs without being booked in, due to our legal requirement to meet staff/child ratios.

Also please ensure you are booking and paying for the correct number of hours required for your child. As stated in the terms and conditions, any arrears caused by extra hours being used MUST be paid before any further sessions can be booked. If these are not cleared, your child will be unable to use the services until you have done so. Thank you for your co-operation.

Equestrian team

We would like to get a school equestrian team together to compete in the National Schools Equestrian Association competitions (NSEA). There are a number of local venues that hold these competitions. They run many disciplines, but the main ones are show jumping and dressage. The show-jumping heights start at courses of 40cm where riders can be lead or assisted in the ring, up to approx. 1.05m. The dressage starts at intro level (walk and trot), which can be lead or assisted, up to elementary level.

If you have a pony and would like to have a go, or you have regular lessons at a riding school and they would let you compete on one of their ponies, please email me, lucynorris30@gmail.com.

If you would prefer to talk to me in person, the school will give you my home number or you can talk to me outside the school gates. I'm normally in jodpurs and have a baseball cap on.

Nursery

The week started with a very competitive P.E. session. The children got all feline pretending to be cats to retrieve prizes. We worked in teams and so there was lots of shouting to encourage our friends. Forest school was also a group affair. We all had our snack around the log circle then enjoyed decorating our new 'stage' and making

muddy pirate cakes. Red Riding Hood arrived on Wednesday. Carol used puppets and a story book to explore this story with the children. The rest of the week involved musical instruments and road blocks, but not at the same time. We had been getting very excited about the trip to find the Gruffalo in his wood.



Class 1

This week in Reception phonics we have been looking at poems and different versions of the same story. We have read *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, watched a silent animated version, sang a song about the tale and listened to a French version of the story, as well as remembering it off by heart and retelling our own version of it. In Maths we have been ordering numbers 1-20 and looking at one more in practical activities such as passengers getting on a bus or building towers with one more block each time along a number line outside. The children have enjoyed sharing their photos from home showing patterns they had made over the weekend. The Year 1s have been looking at first person and third person whilst recounting stories and looking for root words and adding a suffix. In Maths they have been counting on from any given number and completing sequences of numbers.

In RE we looked at a variety of bibles and talked about why this book was important to Christians. We read *The Calming of the Storm* and talked about what we thought Jesus might be like. We've also had fun beginning our Thanksgiving topic. In PE we have been Pirates this week for our warm up song, climbing the rigging, scrubbing the decks, balancing along the plank and rowing boats. We've used some of our coordination moves to play competitive games, hiding treasure in caves away from the prying eyes of the other Pirate team! The children have shown great sportsmanship in supporting their shipmates and have shown some great reflection by changing tactics to make their team compete faster and more efficiently. All in a day's work for a pirate! The hedgehog group will be out for Forest School on Monday afternoon. The squirrel group, who went out last week, will be working on a science experiment in the classroom.

Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been reading the book 'Croc and Bird' by Alexis Deacon. We have been finding out about the features of fantasy books and will be reading another of Alexis Deacon's stories before writing our own fantasy stories next week. In maths we have been working on addition calculations and in particular on missing number questions which can be quite tricky. We are continuing to learn about Francis Drake and everyone has been enjoying Forest School.

Class 3

This week in Class Three we have been writing adventure stories based on the story "Escape from Pompeii". In Maths, we have been estimating and rounding in order to check if addition calculations are correct or not. We have also solved addition problems using money. In Topic this week we have been finding out about what life was like before the Romans and how the Roman army built up its strength ready for the invasion of Britain.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have begun to explore what life was like for a poor Victorian, writing a diary entry for a day as a servant. We have developed our hockey skills, thinking about what skills we would use to defend and what we would use to attack. In Maths we have progressed our written addition and subtraction knowledge by applying it to investigations, using reasoning skills and completing 2 step word problems. In English we have focused on speech, creating dialogues which develop characters, punctuating correctly and thinking about the vocabulary choices that are being made.

Class 5

This week we have almost completed our Bambert stories - just final editing and improving next week. In Maths, we have been getting to grips with division - including tricky long division! We are all improving our table race scores which we are encouraged about! In Science we really enjoyed looking at photos through past generations of our families; it was fascinating to think about the features we have inherited! On Thursday we had a real treat: participating in a brilliant performance of 'Macbeth' - including two of us taking on the roles of the two murderers!

Value of the Month

FREEDOM

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Chosen by Mrs Gleaves, Children's Champion.

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Isla Blakeman for being independent

Baxter Redwood for being independent

Class 1 Oliver Blewett for independence

Thomas Exton for his positive attitude

Class 2 Elodie Alcott for her positive attitude.

Ben Griffiths for his positive attitude.

Class 3 Jacob Robertson for a positive attitude

Toby Cooper for a positive attitude

Class 4 William Moseley for working co-operatively

Abi Philpotts for working co-operatively

Class 5 Lilly Collop for being persistent

Seb Parkin for a positive attitude

Dates for the Future

OCTOBER **FREEDOM**

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

17th Harvest Festival @ Cradley Church

20th School Breaks up

30th Return to school

NOVEMBER **SERVICE**

3rd Rags to Riches Collection

6th Breaking Bread Collective Worship - all welcome

7th Nasal Flu Vaccinations Yrs R-4

Hi5 Netball Tournament @JMHS 11:15-13:15

11th FOCS Fashion Show

13th Healthy School Week

15th Class 4 Collective Worship - parents welcome (change of date)

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