

Classes have taken advantage of the sunshine this week and we have seen a lot of outdoor learning. We are so lucky that we have such extensive grounds and on Thursday afternoon there were six classes working outside during art, science and PE lessons, without any class feeling crowded.

**PTA – Sorry, change of time for next week’s PTA meeting. The meeting is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 8.00pm not 7.45pm at The Rose & Crown . We would welcome new members to the group. The PTA are also holding a welly walk on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September; all families are welcome to join in with this walk.**

**Grounds Team –** The next Grounds Team day is on Saturday 14 Oct 1.00pm -4.00pm. These days are always a lot of fun and everyone enjoys exploring and using our grounds as well as working hard to keep them looking so beautiful and enabling children to make full use of them.

**GPS Meeting for Parents –** Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend this meeting. I think it’s fair to say that parents were very shocked at the level of terminology our children are expected to learn and concepts children are expected to apply independently in their writing and from such young ages. The PowerPoint used during the evening and handouts are now on our school website. However, during the evening the government released some assessment news and writing will now be a best fit assessment rather than the expectation of every statement having to be achieved.

**Indoor Cricket –** We would like to run an indoor cricket club, but are in need of a coach. Are there any parents volunteers who would be able to help us out?

**Prefects –** Year 5 & 6 Prefects should please come into school via the front office, so they can be signed in please.

**Maths Parent Workshop-** Last year we held a Parent Workshop on the four operations and the methods children were expected to use. Parent feedback reported that they would really like a Workshop on fractions. We are holding a Maths Workshop to support parental understanding of how we teach fractions, decimals and percentages. This will take place on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm.**

**Harvest Service –** Our Harvest services are on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at Holy Trinity Church. Years 3 – 6 Harvest Service is at 9.30am and Years 1 & 2 at 10.30am.** We will shortly send out a letter requesting Harvest donations to be brought in from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Year 1** This week Year 1 have been identifying different parts of the human body in science. They have practised their number bonds to 10 and representing numbers in different ways. Reading skills using phonics have been a focus and the children acted out the story of “ the Sweetest Song” from their text “ The Story Tree” and they also drew story maps to show the sequence of the story. In PE the children have used balances and ball skills. They have drawn self portraits in art.



**Year 1 practising phonic reading skills**



**Year 1 children segmenting, sounding out and spelling words.**

**Year 4** –This week Year 4 have enjoyed solving place value problems in maths. They have practised sketching using shading in art. The children have been learning about orienteering, outdoor adventures and gymnastics in PE. In English lessons the children have started to read their new core text is “Oliver and the Seawigs” and have been thinking about the characters and designing an “exploremobile.” They have also brought 3 items into school that they would take with them and justified why.



**Maple Class suggesting character traits**



**Oak children enjoying climbing & balancing in PE**

**Reception** – Reception children have settled very well and getting to know each other. They have enjoyed talking about their favourite things to do. The children have been thinking about similarities and differences between children. They have practised counting 1-1 and using different shapes to make cars. There was great excitement this week when the children found a toad hiding in the sand / water toys! “Robert the Toad” was released in the woods safe and sound. Today the children enjoyed using the mud kitchen.



**Reception children releasing Robert the toad, enjoying our mud kitchen, , making playdoh pies and building marble runs. Busy days!**

**Year 3** This week Year 3 have focused on place value and counted in multiples of 5 and 10 to over 100 in maths. They have been reading and performing poetry in English lessons. The children have been learning about nutrition in science and the focus in PE has been netball skills and gymnastics. They have learned about Islam in RE.



**Lime Class counting and jumping to multiples of 5 and 10.**

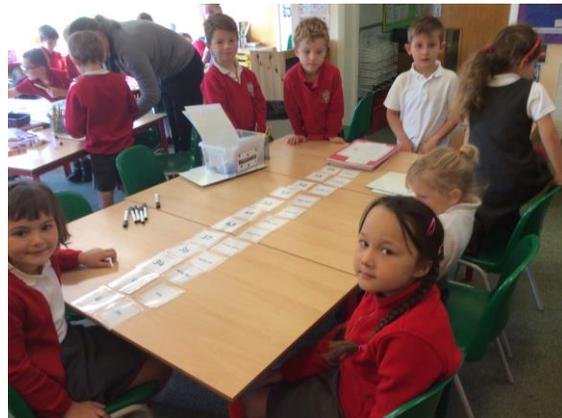


**Juniper children writing their poems.**

**Year 2** Year 2 children have enjoyed starting their new core text “The Snail and the Whale” and were very enthusiastic acting out parts of the story and drew story maps to show the story sequence. They have also tried to use descriptive language with a focus on adjectives. In maths the children have been learning about place value, identifying the number of tens and ones in a number, partitioned two and three digit numbers and matched the numerals to numbers written in words. In science the children have sorted things in our woods into living, dead and things that have never been alive. The children have practised their sketching skills in art and enjoyed gymnastics moving in straight pathways.



**Elder Class identifying how many tens and ones in a number.**



**Hawthorn children matching numerals to numbers written in words.**

**Year 5 / 6** This week the children have been learning all about evolution in science and researching about Darwin. They are gripped by their new core text “Rooftoppers” and have made initial suggestions about the two main characters at the start of the story. The children have developed their thoughts using speech and dialogue. In maths place value has been the focus for Year 5 with negative numbers for Year 6 and problem solving. Colour mixing using Pointillism has been practised in art. Year 5 / 6 have started to learn all about the Mayans and where they settled in Central America during history lessons. The children have also been trying to improve their rapid recall of times tables using “Rockstar” a very competitive game!



Year 5/6 practising their sketching skills.



Year 5 / 6 on their Darwin Walk!

### **Achievement Leaves on the Tree:**

Chestnut –Sienna, Damson – Katie, Elder –Ethan, Hawthorn – Cameron, Juniper – George, Lime –Felix, Maple –Maile, Oak – Liam, Pine – Lyra, Silver Birch –Barney , Willow –Liv



### **Congratulations to:**

Zachary in Chestnut for running several mini marathons and at least 13 miles in total

Mia in Elder for achieving her 25m swimming certificate

Ben in Silver Birch achieved his grade 8 Trampoline Badge

Archie in Silver Birch for achieving a Blue Peter badge

Iona in Silver Birch for achieving her piano certificate

Lyra & the Magazine Club for raising £31.67 for Marie Curie Cancer Charity

Chestnut Class won Reggie Rabbit for the best class attendance in Reception & Key Stage 1

Maple Class won the junior trophy for the best class attendance in Key Stage 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017 – 2018 - correct at time of issue (may be subject to unavoidable changes)  
AUTUMN TERM 2017 (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

**INSET DAYS 2017 – 2018      Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October,   Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February,   Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June,   Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Kingswood Meeting for year 6 Parents/Carers**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> PTA meeting 8.00pm at The Rose & Crown**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2.30 Flu Drop in Info Session.(Field Door)**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September “ Jeans for Genes Day” non uniform.**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – PTA Welly Walk**

**September 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Open Days for September 2018 intake by appt.**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Residential**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October –Parents Workshop – Maths - Fractions, Decimals, Percentages 6.30pm in the hall**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival - 9.30am Key Stage 2, 10.30am – Key Stage 1**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Individual School Photographs ( Siblings before school in the hall )**

**Monday 23-27 October Half Term**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October Inset Day**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Online Safety Support Meeting for parents**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti Bullying Week**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Eucharist at the church**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Open Afternoon**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultations**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November Flu Vaccinations Years R,1,2,3,4**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Carols around the Tree**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am & 2.00pm – Reception/ Year 1 & 2 Nativity ( Team A & B to be advised at a later date)**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – House Treat**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Interim Reports to go home**

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Interim Reports to go home**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Party Day**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Reception / Key Stage 1 Christingle 9.30am , Key Stage 2 Christingle 10.30am**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch**

**There will be further dates to be added, we are just awaiting confirmation of these dates.**