

*Hello/ Labas*

Dear Parents and Carers

What a chilly week it has been, going out to Forest School has taken some time in the **Infant School** with donning coats, gloves, scarves and hats. Please ensure that **all clothing is clearly named** for all children across **all schools** – thank you.

This week we have been thinking about **birds** in some of our assemblies and the children are interested in being a part of the **RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch** which is scheduled across the UK next weekend [**26th-28th January**]. We thought about how to entice birds into our gardens so that we can see more birds in our survey and the children are eager to make **bird feeders** at home. **Click here** to see how to make a simple batch of bird food so that you are ready for next weekend's survey. How exciting!

Thank you for the support regarding the **parking** outside on Mayfield Crescent/Road. Our **Chair of Governors** [Mrs Naomi Jeffery] has been busy and found a link to share your thoughts regarding the situation, please **click here**. It was good to receive a response from **Andy Swallowe**, the CC Road Safety Officer/SCP Service Manager, who assures me there is an advert for a replacement **Crossing Patrol Person** but we could be eligible for a zebra crossing which I'm sure you will agree would be helpful. In the meantime, please encourage everyone especially **Key Stage 2 children** who walk to and from school alone to use the underpass. Thank you for your support.

We are looking forward to seeing **Year 6 parents** of children in **Pine** and **Sycamore** classes at our **Year 6 SATS Meeting** on **Monday 29th January at 6.00pm** in the school hall. Teaching staff will share with you how to support your child in the summer testing period.

In the **Junior School** we are very excited to be introducing some **new staff** to the children in next few weeks. Watch this space for introductions to new Support Staff and a new Chef from Caterlink. If you would like to work in school please contact us for any vacancies or alternatively pop along to **The Cam Trust Roadshows** that are scheduled over the month at various locations in the community. Alternatively **click here** for more information.

Please know that we take **safeguarding** seriously at our school, we have **regular site checks** to ensure that it is secure, please help us by closing all gates as you leave the premises throughout the school day and please do not hold the gates open for anyone to enter– **everyone** must use the intercom to gain access to the site. We **talk with the children** in a variety of ways including our use of The Nest, if you believe your child needs further support then so contact us. Safeguarding extends to ensuring the children's **safety as they enter and leave school**, please do not park or use Mayfield Crescent at drop off and pick up times. **Please heed the order that prohibits this.**



We are excited to share that **Miss Kayleigh Reid** will be returning from maternity leave and will be popping into **Class 4** on a regular basis over the next few weeks to familiarise herself with the children and KS1 curriculum. How exciting!

As many of you are aware school does not support distributing sweets and cakes to celebrate birthdays. Likewise we are unable to give out party invites, if you are giving these out on the playground, please can we respect those children who aren't included as we have had some upset children recently. Thank you.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helps out to make our school a happy and safe place to be. I know that Alan's mum is very grateful to everyone including the children who were on high alert after school yesterday to find him and we are thankful for the quick response of the local Police who helped to find him.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday, wrap up warm though it sounds like it will be a chilly week again.

Best wishes / Geriausi linkėjimai Rae Lee [Headteacher]

## Preschool

This week, **preschool** children have enjoyed exploring 'size' vocabulary through their core story, exploring oats with bowls of big, medium and small for the three bears. We had some teddy bears of different sizes and also made some bear masks, we linked this to finding out the names of some real bears such as polar bear, brown bear etc. It has been lovely to hear the children using vocabulary such as 'enormous' 'mini' 'biggest' in their play. **Next week**, we will be making porridge to taste and thinking about how we can help the birds in the cold weather by making bird food.

## Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, have been 'super scientists' finding out about the human body. We enjoyed researching using a range of non-fiction books. In Literacy we have retold the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' using story language and props from our story shelves. Maths learning focused on exploring the 'one more' pattern in numbers as we count up and we used lots of practical hands-on resources to support this. **Next week**, we will learn new songs and use percussion instruments to tap out a steady rhythm. Please remember to send your child to school with warm clothing as we use the Reception gardens across the day. Long trousers, warm tights and a hat and gloves are also recommended. Thank you for your support!

## Year 1

This week **Class 3 and Class 4** children have been identifying similarities and differences of nurses and doctors uniforms and hospitals in NHS history. In English we pretended to be Sunny the Meerkat visiting our school for the first time and began to write and punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop. In maths we have been solving missing number equations. Next week, in science we will be looking at which part of the body is associated with each sense. In maths we will be telling and then solving addition and subtraction stories.

## Year 2

This week, **Class 5 and 6**, wrote a postcard and remembered to include exclamation, statement and question sentences. In maths we explored how to use arrays to solve division and multiplication problems. We made a mind map in our enquiry lessons which was all about the NHS. **Next week**, now that we have learnt about the features of a letter (date, name, address, from and P.S.) we will write a letter explaining why we were late to school. I wonder what our excuses will be. In maths we will compare and order length. In our enquiry lessons we will think about what makes a healthy snack before designing our own healthy flapjack.

## Year 3

This week **Beech and Chestnut Classes**, developed their understanding of adverbs. We looked at a range of adverbs expressing time, place and cause. In maths, we focused on rectangles. The children got to explore and build shapes with four right-angles. In science, the children learned about sources of light and reflections of light. On Monday, the children did their first spelling test and will continue to have them on a Monday going forward. The spellings will go on Seesaw each week as a part of their homework and they are encouraged to go on Spelling Shed for further practise.

## Year 4

This week **Holly and Willow Classes** use time connectives. We investigated how apostrophes are used to show plural possession. In maths, we secured our understanding of the divisibility rules of 3, 6 and 9 and investigated multiples of 7. In history, we acted out the capture of Caratacus and in geography we learnt how waves move and the importance of groynes. **Next week**, we will explore synonyms and use them in our writing. In maths, we will explore the relationships between different multiples and how we can present this in different ways. In science we will continue to learn about sound waves and learn to read them with accuracy.

## Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash Classes** looked at adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. In English, we continued to read 'Kensuke's Kingdom' using the wonderful ideas and rich vocabulary within to write different types of poetry. In science, we applied our knowledge of forces to conduct an experiment that measured friction between different surfaces and are developing our knowledge and understanding of variables to keep it a fair test. In French, we have been learning about members of La famille and in PE we have focussed our attention on stamina and pace. **Next week**, we will turn our attention to multiplying fractions and finding fractions of quantities.

## Year 6

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes** we have been converting units of measure and using our knowledge to complete reasoning problems, In English we wrote a non-chronological report on the Victorian era, looking at workhouse life, we also read an extract from 'Ahimsa' by Supriya Kelkar. Next we will be reading more of 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty and writing a diary entry. In computing we have been programming microbits, these are connected to our iPads using Bluetooth and display our messages and symbols on LEDs – the children have been great at helping each other. **Next week**, we will be starting to look at decimal numbers, their value and how to round them in maths.

*Dates for the Diary/Dienerascio dates*

the CAM Trust Recruitment Roadshow	All Schools	Thursday 18th January - Tuesday 13th February	The Cam Academy Trust will promote current staff vacancies in our schools. This roadshow will take place at five venues over the course of a month. <a href="#">Click here for more information.</a>
SATs Meeting	<b>Year 6</b>	Monday 29th January	Parents and Carers of children in Year 6 are invited to a meeting at 6.00pm in the school hall for a workshop about the end of year statutory Assessment Tests [SATs].
Sleep Workshop	All Schools	Tuesday 30th January	Everyone is invited to meet with Emma to talk through how to support your child if they have difficulties with sleep. Refreshments will be provided. In the infant school hall at 9.00am
NSPCC Number Day	All Schools	Friday 2nd February	A workshop for all children across the school day with a focus on maths
PATHS Disco	All Schools	Thursday 15th February	Please pay £3.00 on Parent Pay from Monday 22nd January for a ticket
Half Term	All Schools	Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February	Have a relaxing break, school will reopen on Monday 26th February
World Book Day	All Schools	Thursday 7th March	More details to follow
Comic Relief/Sports Aid	All Schools	Friday 15th March	More details to follow
Parents' Evening	All Schools	Monday 25th & Wednesday 27th March	These will be in person in the school halls
End of Spring Term	All Schools	Thursday 28th March	School will be closed on Friday 29th March and reopen on Tuesday 16th April

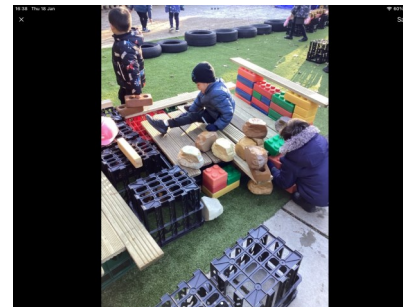
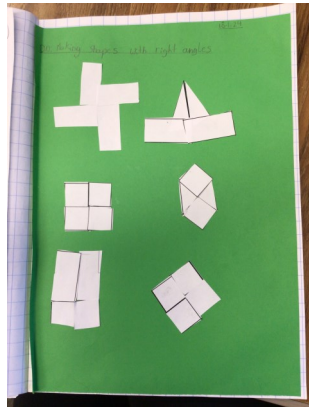
Please remember we are **NO NUTS** school, please ensure your child's pack lunch or snack doesn't not contain any nuts within the ingredients. This includes Nutella spread.

**Thank you for your support.**



Please remember **snacks at break time** must be **fruit or vegetables**, no crisps or chocolate bars.

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*Bring if You can Take if You Need / Atneskite, jei galite pasiimti, jei jums reikia*

Our **Bring if You can Take if You Need** cupboards are quite depleted after Christmas, and we would be extremely grateful for any donations. We recommend **pasta**, **tins** of beans or vegetables and other non perishable items. We have quite a of products for bathing but washing liquid and other cleaning products are another commodity that people find useful.

Please either pop directly into the cupboard [they are labelled] or alternatively the office staff will warmly receive any items.

*Thank you*