

Hello/ Hesi

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that half term isn't a distant memory. This week has been strange with our **Y6 children** away at Kingswood. Each evening **Mr Christopher Squires** has sent an update full of all the exciting activities that the children have engaged with and it has sounded like lots of fun. I'm sure whilst parents unpack and wash or maybe not the children's clothes you will find out about all the activities that they have engaged with. Meanwhile in school the children that did not attend the residential have engaged with a wealth of activities with the lovely **Mrs Jen Crabb**. This has included a lot of baking, creating board games and using Forest School area to create art pictures which we will be displaying soon.

Our **Sparky Start Day** in the **Infant School** was successful with children strutting their favourite outfits on the catwalk. A huge thank you for all the grandparents who visited on Monday afternoon it was a pleasure to see so many family members pop in to share photographs of themselves when they were much younger; we appreciated your support. A special thank you to those grandparents who made their way down from Derby!

Next week, we will be selling **poppies** across both schools for a small donation. Please bring in donations in named envelopes.

Soon we will be inviting you in for **Parent Consultation Evenings** at the end of this half term. Please look out for an email on **Monday the 20th of November** inviting you to book a consultation via [School Cloud](#) for a meeting with your class teacher **in the school halls**. **Junior School** meetings are scheduled for **Monday 4th December** and **Wednesday 6th December** and meetings for **Infant Children** on **Tuesday 5th December** and **Thursday 7th December**.

You may be aware that we have **vacancies** for a variety of roles across the two schools. We are recruiting for a **Teacher** and **Teaching Assistants**, please can you sign post anyone to these by [clicking here](#). We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment.

Hopefully you will have seen our latest fundraising effort for **Godmanchester Foodbank Christmas Appeal** this year they would love donations of Christmas themed **biscuits, mince pies** and **cakes**, please drop them off in the school offices, thank you for all your support.

Please remember that children in the **Junior School** should be bringing in **fruit only for snack**, we now provide the children with **free fruit every day** and with the **daily bagels** at registration and hope that children have full stomachs for the start of the school day. However, if you would prefer your child to bring fruit/vegetables from home we welcome this too. **Please know we no longer allow the children to eat snack bars and crisps on any day at break times**. Thank you for your support.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and that it is not too wet for **firework displays**, I have spoken to the children about fireworks safety and how they should be safe around fireworks and fire-related activities over the weekend, hopefully it's not rained off!

Best wishes/ Ndinokushuwira zvakakanaka

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Language of the Month/Mutaura wemwedzi
This month we are learning short phrases in Shona, a language some of our children hear and speak at home.

Preschool

This week, **preschool** have used pumpkins to learn, including singing a '5 pumpkins in a pumpkin field' song to support an understanding of relating number to objects, the song is on Tapestry if you want to try! We experimented using vinegar, baking soda and food colouring inside the pumpkin and created a 'fizzy, wizzy' mixture to come out it. We also made playdough pumpkins. **Next week** we hope to explore 'fireworks', please share any experiences and pictures via Tapestry as it helps cement the children's learning if we show off the pictures in preschool. We will also meet our puppet 'Zog' who helps with our phonics activities.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, loved our 'Sparky Start' Day They enjoyed our special Fashion Show and looked at the similarities and differences between clothes worn now and clothes worn in the past as children. We retold the story of 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' using props and thought about 3D 'solid' shapes in our maths learning. **Next week**, we will think about clothes in our own living memory and how the clothes we wear now differ from the clothes we wore when we were babies. We will also be sequencing the story of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' using pictures from the book.

Year 1

This week in **Class 3 and Class 4**, we had an enjoyable 'Sparky Start Day' showing off on the catwalk. In English we answered questions about the family from our story 'Once there were Giants' and in maths we solved addition problems. In science we sorted a variety of objects into the materials that they are made from. **Next week**, in English we will be starting to write about the family members of our story. **Please can all children bring in a photograph of their immediate family.** Just a reminder that all children need to have wellington boots for Forest School.

Year 2

This week, in **Class 5 and 6**, we started a new text, 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. In maths we learnt how to add 3 numbers together and noticed that the order of the numbers didn't matter to the final sum. What a joy it was to see the children engaged on the catwalk! We hope you enjoyed the Tapestry photos we put on. Please give them a 'like'. **Next week**, in English we will write sentences with subordinating conjunctions (because and when). In maths we will learn how to bridge 10 by adding efficiently by making ten first. In science we will continue to look at materials and describe their properties by using words such as, waterproof, opaque, smooth, and bendy. Don't forget to look out for the homework. The children were thrilled last term when they received a Hartford Homework Hedgehog certificate.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Classes**, we had a fabulous week. In English, we watched a video called 'Marshmallow', to help develop our skills to write a non-chronological report. In maths, we explored length. We used a metre stick to measure they our height. We started our new units in history and geography, about civilization and mountains. We have organised an '**Introduction to SeeSaw**' meeting after school on **Monday 13th November** to support the use of the app and answer any questions. Please bring a device with you.

Year 4

This week in **Holly and Willow Classes** we enjoyed being back with our classmates, catching up on holiday news and sharing their Halloween adventures. In English, we wrote persuasive letters on a variety of topics, including global warming, extra holidays and non uniform days! In maths, we consolidated our understanding of rounding numbers to the nearest thousand, hundred and ten. We enjoyed learning about population in geography and were astounded when we compared the population of Nigeria to that of the UK. **Next week**, we need recyclable materials for a DT project this half term. Any empty, clean plastic bottles (500ml would be the perfect size), cardboard boxes etc, please would you send them into school for us to use? Thank you.

Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash Classes** have been looking at creating suspense narratives based on 'The Nowhere Emporium'. In maths, we focused on multistep addition and subtraction problems. In science, we began an Earth and Space topic with a guest speaker from St Peters School who told us all about space. In Geography we have learnt about seas and oceans and how they're different. In history we learnt about the Anglo Saxons and how they contributed to the fall of the Roman Empire. In PE we did a fitness session instead of hockey due to the weather, and dance!

Year 6

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, we had 2 groups, 1 group was at Kingswood for the entire week and involved in a wealth of activities. See Facebook for some of the highlights. A HUGE thank you to **Mr Christopher Squires, Mrs Jo Smith, Mrs Ellie Shaw, Mrs Sonia Gentile** and **Miss Freya Brown** for accompanying the children. Our smaller group of children who stayed at school have been baking, making, creating, and involved in a wealth of team building and social skills activities with **Mrs Jen Crabb**. They have all been a delight! **Next week**, the children will return to the Year 6 curriculum. Please look out for homework to support them to be the best versions of themselves.

Dates for the Diary/Mazuva eDiary

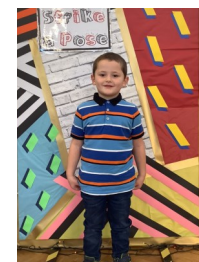
YR Art Exhibition	Class 1 & 2	Friday 3rd November	Rescheduled Van Gogh Art Exhibition for children in Year R , please come from 2.30pm . We look forward to seeing you in school, donations are warmly received for the art work.
Swimming	Year 6	Wednesday	Year 6 commence swimming lessons, please ensure children's hair is tied back, they have their swimming kits in school and wearing suitable outdoor clothing and shoes.
PATHS meeting	All Schools	Thursday 9th November	All Parents are welcome to support the PATHS team organising the Christmas Fete at 2.30pm in the Junior School Staffroom
Introduction to SeeSaw	Year 3	Monday 13th November	A chance to learn how to use Seesaw. Please bring devices to school at 3.15pm and whilst the children are occupied in Chestnut Class, Mrs Esaw will whizz through how to use Seesaw successfully at home in Beech Class.
Anti Bullying Week	All Schools	Wk Beg Monday 13th November	All children are invited to wear Odd Socks as part of our campaign to eradicate bullying in school.
Children in Need	All Schools	Friday 17th November	Staff and children are invited to wear bright clothes and donate to this worthwhile charity.
Maths Workshop	Infant School	Thursday 23 rd November	Doors to hall open at 8.50am for tea and coffee, prompt start in hall for presentation at 9.00am and then pop into classes to work with your child at 9.30am for 15 minutes
Parent Consultations	All Schools	Wk beg 4th December	Autumn Term Consultations with class teacher and a chance to look at core books in school. All meetings will be for 10 minutes in the school halls and will be organised via School Cloud . Monday
End of Term	All schools	Thursday 21st December	End of the Autumn Term from 3.15pm.
Spring Term	All schools	Friday 5th January	All children in Year R through to Year 6 start at 8.45am

Buggies and Prams/Wozki Spacerowe i Dzieciece

We will **no longer** be able to accommodate buggies/pushchairs in our school or school foyer, for health and safety precautions. **Thank you for your support.**

Opening Times/Godziny Otwarcia

Junior School door opening and closing times:
doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.45am





Hard Work / Basa Rakaoma