



Newsletter

“Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith, tradition, community and achievement”



Love one another. JOHN 3:23

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Issue 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a busy first week back. The school has felt quiet this week without our Year 5 and 6 children. They have enjoyed a fabulous week at Norfolk Lakes and have embraced all the opportunities on offer. It's not often that you look at photos of your children with rifles and bows and arrows! Please look at the school twitter feed to see the photos if you haven't already done so- you will see how many amazing activities they have enjoyed this week. A huge thank you to our staff team who have accompanied the children, making this such a memorable experience for them all.

In school, our children have settled back to their routines, and are looking forward to everything that is happening this term. We are so pleased to be holding our Remembrance Service at the church on Friday 10th November at 10.15am, and we hope that you can join us there. Our children will be singing and sharing memories at this special time. There will also be performances from the choir and from Emma Simpson, who will be singing her own song. After the service we will be sharing a silence at the War Memorial and our house captains will lay the poppy wreath. We look forward to sharing Remembrance with you.

POPPIES ON SALE

Next week we will be selling poppies and a range of poppy-related merchandise such as wrist bands, reflectors and badges. Prices start at £1, and the older children will be selling poppies at play-time; you can also purchase them for the school office. As a school we always support this very worthy cause at this time of year.



THANK YOU...

We are so lucky to have so many people willing to give their time to help us in school, and we want to say thank you to everyone who helps us- we hope you know how much it is appreciated by us all.

We have also had some extra help with the playground over the past few weeks, with the seemingly endless task of clearing leaves from our school grounds. We want to thank Zara, Monte and Ren MacPhee who have all given their time to sweep and clear the paths and playgrounds.

Look at the difference they made...



LIBRARY UP-DATE

Mrs Boyers has been very busy with our school library, and over the coming week the children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be bringing home books to share with you at home. The children will have the opportunity to change their books on Wednesday afternoon, so they will need to bring in their books on that day if they want to change them. Sophie F has been doing a great job as our librarian and we are also grateful to Miss Ovenden for her time and help with the library. The children have enjoyed scanning out their books...



The Reception children will be using the library in school time and will be bringing home books soon.

Thank you to everyone for working so hard this week,

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



Upcoming Events

- 8th November- PFA meeting at 7.30pm, in the Green Dragon
- 10th November – Remembrance Service in the Church at 10.15am
- 13th November – Anti Bullying Week
- 17th November – Children in Need Day
- 20th November – Road Safety Week



Attendance

Attendance in school the week before half term was 95.3%. Well done to **Cherry Blossom** class who had 98.7%



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

Reception – Renwick MacPhee for concentrating so hard and working so well on a range of recording activities

Year 1 – Isobella Malcolm for her great ideas when writing a bonfire poem

Year 2 – Max Cosgrove for showing a positive attitude towards his work and setting a good example with his mature behaviour

Year 3 – Oliver Eyre for his attitude towards writing. He is trying so hard !

Year 4 – Charlie Bridgehouse for making a fantastic effort with his handwriting

Year 5

and 6 – To everyone in Years 5 and 6 for great teamwork at Norfolk Lakes



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Congratulations to Isabelle for achieving her Level 7 proficiency award for gymnastics.



WILLOW CLASS

It has been lovely to be back! The children have enjoyed sharing all the exciting things that they did in the holiday and are now settled and happy at school. We have started our new unit of work, '**Houses and Homes**', by creating some exciting play areas in our classroom. In place of our café, we now have a palace, and we have lots of exciting plans already. Outside we have had a visit from Wendy and her friends from the 'Room on a Broom' story. We have been talking about friendship, and the children have done lots of role play activities already.



We have continued to work hard in maths, and have been improving our counting and adding skills. In phonics, we are doing so well at sounding out small words and we have seen such an improvement in everyone's reading and writing.

We are learning a number of red words, too, which are always useful to practise when reading and writing at home...

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What a great start to the new term- well done everybody!

MAPLE CLASS

The children have been such hard-workers this week! In their writing, they have been working hard to use a range of descriptive language to make their work more interesting and exciting. They have been describing artefacts and have tried to use adjectives, alliteration and similes in their work. We have finished the week with some bonfire poetry, in preparation for Bonfire Night this Sunday.

In Maths, the children have been working on a range of measurement activities, and they have been estimating, comparing and measuring lengths using a range of mathematical equipment.

In Science, we have started a unit of work on 'Materials and their Properties', with a range of investigative and practical activities. The children worked really well in their mixed-age groups this week, and impressed the adults with their knowledge and understanding. They also continued their work on the natural world and the seasons, and drew some careful pictures of the bird-life that we could see. Cass drew a beautiful picture of a blue tit...

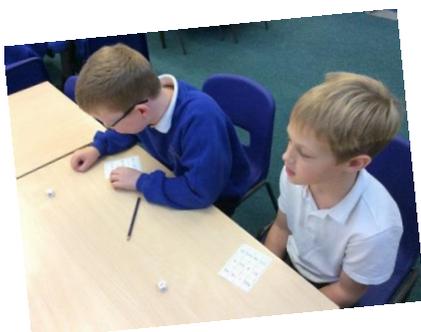


What a lovely week we have had- well done everybody!

CHERRY BLOSSOM

Welcome back- one of my favourite terms with the lead up to Christmas. We have been very busy this week.

In Maths, Year 3 have been looking at the 4 X table and learning different ways to remember each fact. They have also played games that help them to recall the facts quicker. Year 4 have been looking and square numbers and solving problems that involve them.



In Literacy, we started the week with a cold write of a Fantasy story. Then, in light of it being Bonfire night at the weekend, we have written our own poems. We started off by thinking about our senses and what we can see, hear, smell or taste on Bonfire night. They then turned their sentences into a poem. The finished ones look fabulous!



OAK CLASS

Year 5 and 6 have had a fantastic residential. They have been learning lots of new sports and skills whilst applying many skills they already have. The children have had fun sailing, climbing, building shelters, making rafts, rifle shooting and so much more. A lot of the activities required the children to work as a team. All of the children support and encourage each other. A big thank you to Mrs Hill, Ms Kirby and Mrs Bull for taking the children away.

