

24th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I thought it would be a good time to give you all an update of all the wonderful things that have been taking place in school this half term;



Nursery have been learning about Autumn and the changes that are taking place in the local environment. They have done this through a variety of stories especially those involving harvest, for example 'Little Red Hen' and 'Stone Soup'. They have also welcomed new friends, helping them to settle in and have fun in our learning environment.

Reception have enjoyed settling into school life and learning all about our class routines. They have been thinking lots about their topic; Autumn. They have looked closely at the changes in weather and how Autumn is different to the other seasons particularly Summer. Reception will continue to look closely at the seasonal changes as they happen in the coming weeks.



Y1 have enjoyed learning about their topic 'Memory Box'. They started the year off by bringing in some of their summer holiday memories and showed them to the class. Then they had a family picnic and wrote a recount of it using their sentence must haves. In their science work, they have learnt all about the five senses and they really enjoyed the taste investigation. In their maths work, they have been learning to add and subtract numbers to 10.

Y2 have been finding out about the different materials that you get in muck, mess and mixtures! They read about solids and liquids and what they are. They used what they had learnt to make some different mixtures and mixed solids with solids to make apple crumble, solids with liquids to make bread, liquids with liquids to make fruit punch and even had a go at mixing liquids that do not mix to make salad dressing! They even had a go at changing solids into liquids and vice versa when they melted chocolate and made fruit pops. The results were delicious!



Y3 have been learning all about prehistory. They have learnt about the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age. During their topic, they have learnt what life was like and even hunted woolly mammoths and made camp fires. They have learnt a Stone Age dance and made Iron Age roundhouses. They used drills and saws to do this.

Y4 have been enjoying learning about the digestive system. They went on a trip to Whirlow Farm where they found out about the digestive systems of cows and chickens. They learnt a lot and also had fun! They have finished reading 'The Demon Dentist' by David Walliams which was funny and scary in places! In English, they published information texts all about teeth and the dentist.



Y5 have been learning all about Ancient Egypt! They have learnt about the pharaohs, gods and their beliefs in the afterlife as well as study the River Nile and why it was so important for the Egyptians. They have really enjoyed their half term and have celebrated all of their learning with their Egyptian-themed day. Both classes looked incredible in their costumes!

Y6 have visited Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet for their Victorian topic. They saw how poor and wealthy Victorians lived, they played with Victorian toys and saw how steel was made in the very place where crucible steel was invented! They took part in a wash day - Victorian style - using carbolic soap and a mangle!



Well done everyone!



SCHOOL MEMBER





Have you returned your child's **data collection sheet**? If not, could you please complete this and return it to school as soon as possible? It is important that we have sufficient information about the medical condition of any child with long term medical needs. Please inform your son/daughter's Class Teacher and the School Office of any such need or of any changes to their medical needs, we can then arrange for you to meet with Mrs Morton - Business Support Manager, to create a Health Care Plan.



10 October
WORLD
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We had a very successful **World Mental Health Day** recently and raised the lovely sum of **£292.12** from the children and staff wearing non-uniform for the day. This amount will be donated to the Young Minds charity. Thank you!

We would like to give a **huge thank you to Friends of Woodseats** for all the events they have organised this half term. They organised a **Disney Card Swap, a Bake Sale, a coffee morning** to welcome all our new Nursery and Reception parents and today's **disco**. FOW raised £66.84 from the recent Bake Sale and all the events went really well - especially the coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. We know all the children are very much looking forward to tonight's disco!



As you know, for Harvest Festival this year, we decided to support our local food bank, **Grace Food Bank Sheffield** which is a community group covering Sheffield 8: Lowedges, Norton, Batemoor, Jordanthorpe and the surrounding areas. They provide food parcels to families and individuals who find themselves in short term financial crisis. **Thank you to everyone for your donations of tinned fruits and vegetables** which we will be delivering to Grace Food Bank shortly.

We will have a **new winter menu after the half term break**. The new menu has been sent home this week and is on our website. We will start on week 1 of the menu when we return, but there will be a couple of changes; on **Monday 4th November, the red and green meals will be cheese and tomato pizza** and on **Tuesday 5th November, there will be a special Bonfire lunch** which will be sausage and chips or Quorn sausage and chips. The jacket potato and sandwich options will also be available.



We will be **welcoming Mrs Firth back to school** after the half term. She has been on maternity leave and will be returning to job share with Mrs Evans in Y2FE.

Please check **lost property** if your child loses anything in school. We try to re-unite items with their owner if it is named. Please write your child's name on all their belongings.



Please may we remind all parents/carers that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with any food items that contain nuts as we have children in school who have severe nut allergies. Thank you for helping us to keep all our children safe.

School Holiday Dates:

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| Teacher Training Day | Friday 25 th October 2019 |
| Autumn Half Term | Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2019 |
| Christmas | Monday 23 rd December 2019 to Friday 3 rd January 2020 |
| Teacher Training Day | Friday 14 th February 2020 |
| February Half Term | Monday 17 th February 2020 to Friday 21 st February 2020 |



More dates for your diary and lots more information can be found on the school website:

www.woodseatsprimaryschool.org.uk



The **next newsletter is due on Friday 22nd November 2019**. This will be put onto the school website and emailed to all parents as we no longer send paper copies home. If you would still like a paper copy, please collect one from the School Office.

Finally...

Our last day at school is today, Thursday 24th October as tomorrow is a teacher training day. We look forward to seeing you all when **school re-opens on Monday 4th November 2019**. Also, don't forget that the clocks go back one hour at 2am on Sunday 27th October.

We would like to wish you all a restful half term break.

Sinead Fox
Headteacher

