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Week 1 Newsletter

We cannot believe it has already been a week since we welcomed the children back to school! There has been such a buzz and excitement around the school and we couldn't be prouder of how the children have returned. We have been blessed with the lovely weather and therefore all classes have had picnics on the field for majority of this week.

This week, as you know, the classes have been doing lots of activities to get to know their teachers, start to rebuild some of the learning skills they may not have used for a while and give opportunities for them to reengage with their peers. We wanted to share some of the things the children have been doing this week.

As a staff, we wanted to thank you for all your support and cooperation this week. We've adapted and improved routines as the week has gone on but you have really helped us with ensuring that they run as smoothly as possible so thank you!

Oak Class

Oak Class have had a wonderful start to their first term at Buxted, making lots of new friends and trying out a variety of activities and games. We have been so impressed with how mature they have been coming into school in the mornings. During their first week in Oak Class the children have been exploring their new learning environments, both



inside and outside; making potions, riding bikes, creating beautiful artwork, playing with the farm, exploring the ice sea life tray and sharing lots of stories and conversations. The children have all settled in well and have enjoyed their time in the classroom. It has been a very successful and smooth transition for the Reception Class children. Thank you to all of the parents/carers for supporting this.



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Apple Class



Apple Class have been using a book called The Colour Monster to talk about their feelings and how they felt returning to school. They have made colour monster puppets to represent different feelings and made their own play using these.



In addition, they have also been completing some problem-solving activities using different resources that required them to work as a team. Through these activities they discussed how they can help others too.

Cherry Class

Cherry Class have been looking at the different ways they can make each other happy as a class. We had some lovely ideas like: being respectful, being kind to each other, caring for one another.



They have also discussed what the qualities of a good friend are and were excellent at being able to identify them, thinking about sharing things with them and helping each other.



They have been reading a new class book, played games outside and set goals for the new school year.

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch Class have been working as a team to complete lots of different activities this week. They firstly had to work together to stack the cups using only a rubber band and string.



Secondly, the children were given materials to make a boat that could hold the most paper clips. They built it and then tested it.



They have also already created their first display in the classroom that tells Miss Ward all about themselves.

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Copper Beech Class

This week Copper Beech Class have created some collaborative art pieces based on their learning journey. They are fantastic! They played some getting to know you games, which I was lucky enough to get involved in as I visited each class. I was pleased so many children agreed with my choice of books Harry Potter! They played some maths games, emotions charades in RSHE and they wrote their own prayers for a class prayer book, which I will be using in our assemblies.



Willow Class

Willow Class all worked together to produce this collaborative portrait of Nelson Mandela. They each took a square and decorated it, ensuring they focussed on the dark and light aspects of his face.



They also, as a team, were given an egg to look after. At the end of break, the egg was to be dropped from the year 2's stairs. They were given the task of ensuring it's safety! A tray full of materials was given to them and they had to design and make something that would save their egg.



Yew Tree Class

This week, Yew Tree Class enjoyed working together to make towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows. There was some great collaborative work going on although by the time I went in to see them we had many sticky hands in room!



The children made zoetropes as a link to their new learning journey this term as well as starting their new dance inspired by Charlie Chaplin.

The class also had their first music lesson this term outside with Mr Broad.

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Next week

We will begin to introduce more formal lessons that the children recognise next week. These will start with 30 minute lessons with 'brain breaks' in between. As the class become more used to being in lessons again then these lesson times will start to increase. We recognise that some classes will do this quicker than others and their age will also be a significant factor. The teachers will move at the pace the class needs.

All other timings for the day will remain the same. If the weather stays like it has this week, which we think it might, then we will be on the field for lunch like we have for most of this week. Once the weather begins to change then we will revert back to being in the hall. All classes have an eating slot of a minimum of 25 minutes in the hall. If after 25 minutes there are children who haven't finished, we have allocated tables in the hall for them to move to so the tables can be cleaned for the next sitting.

As always, if there are any changes to report based on guidance we will let you know.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

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