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Dear Parents,

As we head into December, our Christmas preparations begin in earnest! Many thanks to everyone who came in on Wednesday to participate in our Christmas craft afternoon. It was lovely to see so many people joining in the fun.

All classes are busy rehearsing for their Christmas concerts. Classes 1 and 2 will be treating us to the traditional nativity story on Wednesday 12th December and classes 3 and 4 will lead us in our Carol Concert on Tuesday 18th December.

Don't forget the PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 14th December - with lots of fun and games for everyone and of course Santa is visiting us and again on Thursday 20th December for breakfast.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

*Have a good weekend
Kind regards, Jo Blackburn*



Stay and Play in Class One

Class One have had two stay and play sessions that have proved extremely popular with parents and grandparents coming into class to support their children's learning.

Our first session included making crafts to commemorate Remembrance Day and our second was to make a spaghetti/ marshmallow tower!



The children and adults have really enjoyed the activities and we plan to include many more throughout the rest of the year and Class Two will be joining us in offering these sessions in the new year too.

Thank you to parents and grandparents for supporting these events. We are delighted with how well attended they have been; the children have loved having their adults in the classroom to join in the fun!



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We shall be continuing to focus on developing resilience over the coming year.

Office Updates and Reminders

You may have noticed a new face in the office in recent weeks. Mrs Sophie Wetton is providing support to Jinette on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Terry Durham is now back at school first thing in the morning and so back manning the gates then. This means that he will not be at the gate.

Please can we remind parents that children should not be dropped off and left unsupervised in the playground in the morning. Staff are not on duty and we are not responsible for children until 8.45am.

Many thanks to Vagilene Hubbard who recently donated a beautiful book, The Lost Words, in memory of her mother Nancy Brown who lived in the village and loved the countryside. We are sure the children will all enjoy this book.

Golden Book

The following children were all mentioned in the Golden Book for October



Class 1: Amalee, Gabrielle and Sophia

Class 2: Chester, Lani

Class 3: Aidan, Lola, Archie, Molly-May

Class 4: Imogen, Leo, Sam R, Joseph

Well done everyone - keep up the good work!

Class Assemblies

We have recently had a couple of class assemblies with both class 3 and class 4 sharing the work they have been doing in class recently with us.

Class 4 treated us to a very informative assembly about Ancient Egypt - we all enjoyed learning how they mummified people.

Class 3 shared lots of information about predators last week. They have clearly learned lots of information and we all enjoyed their rendition of 'baby shark'!

We hope parents found the information meetings afterwards useful.

The dates for next terms class assemblies are in the diary dates.

Attendance

Class attendance results last half term were:

Week beginning 22.10.18: Class 2 (98.8%)

Week beginning 29.10.18: Classes 1 and 2 (100%)

Week beginning 05.11.18: Class 1 (98.5%)

Week beginning 12.11.18: Class 2 (98.8%)

Whole school attendance to date is: 96.7% (our target is 97% for the year)

We have 44 children with 100% attendance to the 16.11.18

Well done to all of you - keep it up!

We shall continue this year to work with parents and professionals to improve attendance across the school.

Curriculum News and Updates

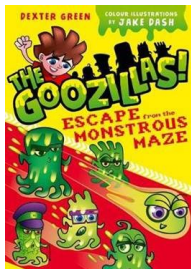
English Update

Spelling Shed

Spelling shed is now up and running. We have had a few technical hitches so apologies if your child has been unable to log on but this should now be resolved. Please encourage your child to complete any activities set by their teacher. Their efforts will be rewarded with house points and special mentions in assembly.

Upcoming Events

In the new year we are planning a Scholastic Book Fair. Further details for this will be sent out next term. We are also planning a Family Bedtime Story session for after Christmas.



Thinking of Christmas Presents?

The book trust have published their latest recommendation of current books for children to read and enjoy.

The list has been added to our website in the English section of Curriculum Information.

Please have a look for ideas.

Mrs Newman

Sporting News and Updates

Minigals

The Year 5/6 girls have been enjoying Zumba for the past few weeks as part of the Mini GALS programme. On Tuesday they travelled to Market Harborough Leisure Centre for the Mini GALS morning where they took part in 3 different sporting activities; martial arts, archery and clubbercise, having a great time and enjoying all the activities.



Cross Country

The last Prestwold Hall Cross Country event is this Saturday (1st December). Good luck to everyone who is taking part and, in particular, the year 4 boys who are currently in second place in the team event.

Year 3/4 Dodgeball Tournament. **(Just heard - this has been postponed!)**

We are entering 2 teams in next weeks (Tuesday 4th.Dec) Dodgeball event at Lutterworth College. We have been practising during our lunchtime club. This is a very popular event and should be really good fun.



Dates for your Diary

Some dates are still to be confirmed and all dates are subject to change
Please don't forget to check the calendar on the website for diary dates.



Regular Weekly Sessions

Swimming Lessons
Music lessons

Class 3 every Tuesday
Year 4/5 every Thursday

Autumn Term 2018

December

Saturday 1st December	Prestwold Hall Cross Country
Monday 3rd December	Year 6 Trip - Warning Zone
Monday 3rd December	year 5 - Playground leader training
Tuesday 4th December	Year 3/4 Dodgeball tournament - Lutterworth College
Wednesday 12th December	KS1 Class Christmas Play 10.00am/2.00pm
Friday 14th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 18th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 19th December	School nurse drop in for parents 8.30am
Thursday 20th December	PTA Breakfast with Santa
Friday 21st December	Pantomime at Loughborough
Friday 21st December	School closes for Christmas

Spring term 2019

January

Monday 7th January	School opens for the Spring term
Wednesday 16th January	Guitar Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 17th January	Year 5/6 dodgeball - Lutterworth College
Thursday 24th January	Class 4 Polar Experience Day (at Claybrooke)

February

Monday 4th - Friday 8th February	Bikeability for class 4
Tuesday 5th February	Year 5/6 Basketball
Thursday 7th February	Cross Country - Harborough Leisure Centre
Wednesday 13th February	Dance festival (Year 2/3) at Lutterworth College
Thursday 14th February	IPAT singing morning (Year 2) at Lutterworth College
Thursday 14th February	Class 4 assembly 9.15am
Friday 15th February	School closes for half term
Monday 25th February	School reopens after half term
Tuesday 26/Wednesday 27th February	Parents Evenings

March

Thursday 7th March	Class 2 Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 7th March	Cross Country - Harborough Leisure Centre
Tuesday 26th March	Year 3/4 Quicksticks - Lutterworth College
Thursday 28th March	Class 1 Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 28th March	Year 5/6 Quicksticks - Lutterworth College
Tuesday 2nd April	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby - Lutterworth High School
Tuesday 9th April	Class 3 production
Thursday 11th April	School closes for Easter holidays

**Following each class assembly there will be a short meeting for parents,
when class updates and curriculum information will be shared.**