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Newsletter

Monday 27th September 2021

It has been a busy but fantastic two weeks in school. Class 4 have now had their Viking Wow Day and Class 3 have had their Stone Age Wow Day. It was great to see the exciting learning taking place in class, and we hope your children came home full of excitement to tell you all about their learning experiences!





Harvest

We will be celebrating our Christian festival of Harvest on *Wednesday 6th October*. This year, our EYFS (Class 1) will be collecting long-life food items for their class charity, which is the Food Bank to support our local community. If you would like to donate any long-life items, such as tins, packets, and other non-perishable goods, please bring them into school. Thank you!

















Class Charities

Class 1 (EYFS) *Local Charity* – Food Bank

Class 2 *National Charity* – Children in Need

Class 3 Christian Charity - Samaritan's Purse

Class 4 International Charity - Cancer Research

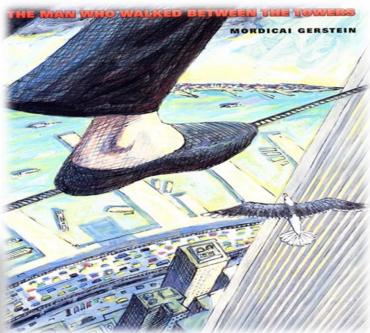
Remembering 9/11

Every class in school remembered 9/11 and reflected and prayed for the victims of that tragic day. Our pupils produced wonderful work to commemorate that day. The children took part in a range of art-based activities and in English they studied the text: 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' which was based on a man called Philippe Petit, who walked a tight rope between the towers in the 1970s. The children had the opportunity to write a diary entry from the perspective of Philippe Petit. Some of the work our pupils produced is now on display in school. Well done to all our pupils!



Flu Vaccines

You should have received your child's flu vaccine form. If you have not received one, please collect one from Mrs Earnshaw in the school office. We would encourage all children and families who are eligible to have the flu vaccine and covid-19 vaccine. Please can we ask that you to return your child's flu vaccine form to school as soon as possible. The nurses will be in school to administer the vaccines on *Thursday 6th October*. Thank you.



School Photographs

Tempest, our school photographer will be in school on *Tuesday 12th October* in the morning to take individual photographs. More details to follow if you would like photographs of siblings together.

Learning Logs

Your child should have received their new Homework Learning Log. If you are wondering how you can support your child with their new homework, there are instructions on the school website, under the parent section, to explain how you can support your child.













Parent Parking

We have received a complaint from our neighbours and local residents about parking at the start and end of the school day.

Please can we ask parents to avoid parking on the resident's car park at the end of the street as this is reserved for residents only. Please can we also ask parents to avoid driving up and parking outside the school gates, as this creating a serious safety concern for our children. If we could ask you to park at the end of the street and walk up to the school, that would be really helpful and much safer for our children. Please can we ask you to avoid parking in our disabled parking bay unless you are a blue badge holder. Thank you very much for your cooperation in making our school safer.

Parents' Evening

We are hoping to hold face to face parents evenings this term. We will continue to monitor the national situation and will review this near the time and keep you updated. Parents' evening will take place on *Wednesday 20th October* and *Thursday 21st October*.

Appointments will be 10 minutes long to ensure you have enough time with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's learning and progress. You will be able to book your appointment through our online booking system and we will inform you with instructions when the appointments go live for you to book your slot. Later appointments to **7.30pm** will be available on the **Wednesday** for parents who finish work later.



Guitar Lessons

Our pupils in Key Stage 2 have responded really well to their Ukulele lessons and we are delighted with the uptake of guitar lessons. Thank you to all our parents who have supported our pupils to learn this new skill. Learning to play a musical instrument positively impacts on mental wellbeing and impacts academically also.





Holidays

We break up for half term on *Friday 22nd October*. School reopens on *Tuesday 2nd November*. School is closed on *Monday 1st November* for INSET.

Student Teachers

We are delighted to welcome Mr Lofthouse and Miss Nisar, our student teachers, who will be working with Class 4 and Class 3 this term. Good luck with your training.











