



Blue Hills
Federation

ST MARY'S BUCKNELL NEWSLETTER

Collective Worship theme:

"Despite the forecast, live like it's spring!"



Friday 15th September



Open the book

We continued to act out the story of Joseph in Egypt.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Ariya and Juniper for receiving their Bronze award.



Diary Dates

New Term

As ever, we have a busy term ahead. Please see below for key dates. New dates will be added as events are confirmed.

- 19th September— **After school Phonics and Reading meeting with FS & KS1 parents 3.15pm**
This is the most important date in the school year, as we will explain our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle and explain how you can support your child to learn to read and become a life long reader. Everyone is welcome, please bring your children as there will be a creche.
- 16th October— Author visit to class 2 & 3
- 18th October—Nasal Flu spray offered consent forms will be sent out. Please return completed forms to school
- 20th October—Harvest Festival at the church 2pm followed by a Macmillan coffee afternoon
(more details to follow)
- 25th October—Pearl of Africa workshop
- 26th October—LAST DAY OF TERM
- 6th November—return to school
- 20th December -Last day of term

Class News.

Nursery

Jesse and Jemima, our new children, have each settled really well in pre-school. In our cooking session this week we made gingerbread biscuits. The children have really enjoyed starting "Talkboost again". They listened to a story about Tizzy the Tiger, they caught bubbles and they each caught a beanbag when their name was called.



Class 1



Here are Class One at the end of Wednesday afternoon's Forest School session. We had a great time, thanks to Mrs Beddoes and Mrs Stead. We played in the mud kitchen, investigated the wormery, looked at the stone creatures and had a brilliant time playing and learning outside.



Class News

Class 2

Class 2 are going to be making woolly mammoths next Friday as part of our English lesson. Please can you send in any 2L plastic milk containers for our models.

We are thinking about the story, "How to wash a Woolly Mammoth". So we scrubbed, scoured and rubbed and wiped some of our toys to practise our use of imperative verbs and adverbs.

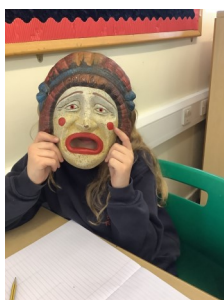


Class 3

Well done to the year 6s who were commended for their mature and sensible attitude to road safety during their two days of bikeability this week. They were taught the rules of the road and enjoyed a cycle around the village to practice their skills.

Class 3 have begun their new topic, *Go Greece Lightning*, in which they will learn about life during *Ancient Greece*. As an introduction to the topic, they enjoyed handling a selection of Greek artefacts to search for clues about this historical era.

Spelling and times tables tests will be held every Friday. Please ensure that your child reads regularly at home and that reading is recorded in the diaries provided. Year 6 have additional homework which is due each Friday.



Parent Information



After school clubs beginning Monday 11th September.

Monday— Art club
Tuesday—Reading club
Thursday—Sports club
Friday—Lego club

Breakfast club must be prebooked a week in advance.

Clubs (including breakfast club), need to be prebooked and paid for in advance at the start of each half term. Without payment your child can't take part in the clubs. A booking form will be sent out with your child.

We do support pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium. If you believe you may be entitled to this support please see Mrs Ray and she can help you with this. Children in receipt of Pupil Premium are able to access 3 clubs per week with no charge.

Children in Reception and KS1 who are entitled to free school meals are also able to claim for Pupil Premium if eligible.

Please can we ask that absences from school or pre school due to any reason are reported to Mrs Ray via telephone call, email using the teachers 2parents app, before 9.15am. The school email address is adminbuckell@bhf.shropshire.sch.uk. If you are planning to take your child out of school in term time for a holiday, you must fill in a absence form 5 days prior to the absence.

Preschool can also notify Mrs Janet Hartin. If you do not notify us your child may not receive a school dinner and be recorded inaccurately on the school register.



WELL DONE

As part of working towards his Silver Award, Yu-Heng organised a litter pick along the riverbank near his home.