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Newsletter for WE 20th September

Dear Parents,

Autumn is here and life is well and truly underway at school. The children have made a fabulous start, showing motivation in their learning, and caring for each other at break times. At the end of the last term, I thought the Year 5's would be great role models, and this is turning out to be very true. Equally the three new families to our school have settled in well and have made new friends. Our older Key Stage One children are taking our new reception cohort under their wings and showing our school values like friendship and family, love and respect. Miss Marbrow, in the office, has settled in really well and is already putting her stamp on this newsletter, and future ones too!

We continue to invite parents into school for our celebration Collective Worships, now taking place on Wednesday at 3pm. In reading, we are embracing the Little Wandle reading scheme. Also, a really big thank you to parents for making comments in the Home/School books. This is proving to be a very effective two-way communication tool. Also, if you haven't bought the new school uniform yet, it is factory fresh and looks very smart.

I visited the Newcastle Village Show earlier this month and was impressed by the lovely traditional feel and the local pride. It was great to see so many friendly faces from the school. The entries from the children in each category were fantastic. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

Please come and support the Macmillan Coffee afternoon on Thursday 26th September from 3pm to 5pm at school. This year our Year 5's are organizing the event. If you could donate a cake or a raffle prize, it would be fabulous. The Year 5's will be putting up posters around the village, and hopefully we can equal or even top last year's total. I hope many members of the community will pop in. I have asked the Shropshire Star if they can feature the event in the news. I have also sent off a photo of our new children, so hopefully our school will appear in the press over the coming days.

This week we welcomed Revd. Lois Beynon to the school, and she has already met the children. We have set up some dates for future Collective Worships with her. On Fridays, we now have Moira Frankel, from the Shropshire Music Service, teaching our children how to play the ukulele and offering some specialist music teaching.

Parents Consultation Afternoons will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday October 9th. Appointment letters will go out next week.

That is all for now. Well, done and thank you to the parents and community for continuing to support our school and the children's learning. There are many events happening this year that we can look forward to as the year progresses.

Kind Regards,

Chris Richards

In **Oak Class**, we have been learning about Floella Benjamin's journey to England from Trinidad as part of the Windrush Generation. This has included descriptive and diary writing. In maths, we have been learning about number, up to and including 6/7 digit numbers. Our topic of Crime and Punishment has been engaging and interesting, looking at timelines and Roman punishments. The Roman Legacy is all around us in many different ways. In science, we have been looking at inheritance and evolution, including looking at family photos and recognising similarities. Thank you for all the wonderful family photos we have received."

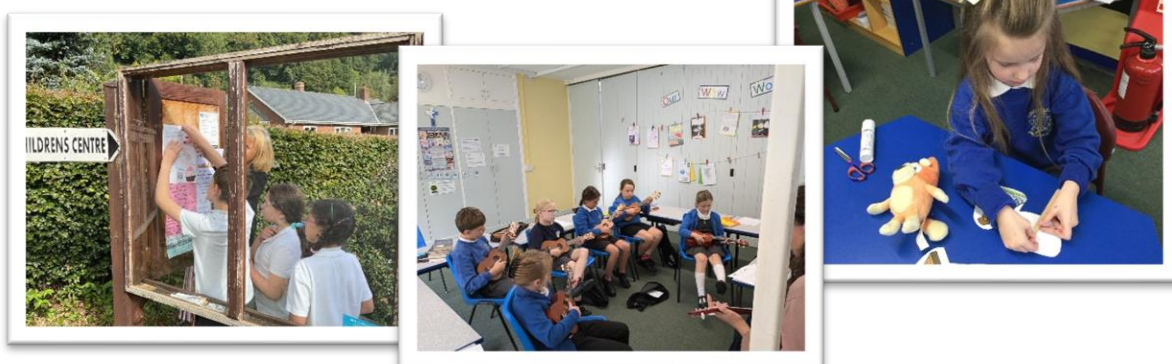
In the **Acorn class**, the children have been working incredibly hard! Our English work has looked at a book called 'Meesha Makes Friends' and has looked at diary entries, verbs and expanding our sentences. The maths work has looked at place value including 'one more, one less' and 'partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and ones' we have used place value counters, base 10, ten frames and part wholes to support our learning with this. Science has started with looking at survival and this week we have looked at what we need to survive. Timelines has been a focus for our Topic work this week and in particular we looked at Florence Nightingale and plotted some key dates on a timeline.

Office News

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the very kind and sincere welcome I have received from everyone since beginning my position here. There has been so much to learn and remember, however I am thoroughly enjoying the challenge!

On Tuesday 24th September at 10:30, the school photographer is coming in to take individual photos. If you would like non-school siblings to be included, please do bring them in at this time to be included.

Photos of the Week



Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 24th September: Flu Vaccinations and School Photos

Thursday 26th September: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (3pm to 5pm)

Friday 27th September: Harvest Festival at Church (6:15 for children to arrive- 6:30 start)