



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY NEXT WEEK**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 3.15pm**

**Travers class Assembly** – Do come and join us for this very special occasion

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm**

**Rowling Class Assembly**- Do come and join us for this very special occasion

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October pm**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION** – further details next Friday

### **ADVANCED NOTICE**

**Parent Consultation Evenings will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October between 4pm and 7.30pm.**

**Please keep one of those dates free to meet your child's class teacher**

### **First of all a word from me:**

Thank you so much to all of the parents who donated cakes for our Macmillan coffee morning / Jeans for Genes day. The children loved being able to buy cakes at break time too and we have a really good discussion together as part of our 'Meet the Principal' opportunity. Thank you so much to all those who attended, bought cakes, and came for the discussion.

### **Nursery next week**

In Nursery this week.

We are now dividing the children for group time. This means every child will have a key

worker. Look out for the letter about this next week.

We have started our new self-selecting snack which has been a great success, encouraging children to be independent, make choices and try different food.

### **Reception News**

This week the children have been working on their phonics sounds and we have been playing a lot of 'Fred talk' games. We have been working on building up the children's hand strength through play dough gym.

Next week in Literacy we will be introducing the story of, 'The Shopping Basket.' Please encourage your children to talk about all the food that you buy on your shopping trips. We are really encouraging the children to talk in full sentences. If you could do this with your child at home this would enhance their learning.

### **Year 1 News**

As you know Year One have been learning about 'All about me'. Next week we are going to be doing some art that will be about self-portraits. Can we ask that children bring in a baby picture of themselves please? Can we have these by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Nightingale class will be going to the library on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - if any parents would like to come to help, please see Miss Hart.

### **Year 2 News**

The children have had another fantastic week in Year 2! Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. They should now all have a reading book to bring home and share with you. Remember to try and read with your child 3 times per week. Our PE days are MONDAY and TUESDAY. Please make sure your child has full PE kit in school on Monday

including a pair of tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls or trainers for outdoor PE. Next week, we are going to be starting a new unit of literacy work, where the children will be learning to write facts about kings. In maths, they will be working on addition and subtraction using number bonds. We will be focussing on science next week and the children will be making catapults for their castles.

### Year 3 News

In year 3 this week we have really enjoyed participating in science experiments involving light. Next week, we will begin our new Literacy unit, writing a set of instructions based on our new class text 'How to wash a woolly mammoth'. In Maths we will continue to learn place value and number operations. In topic we will be continuing our learning about Skara Brae and how Neanderthals lived.

### Year 4 News

Next week in Numeracy children will be working on their subtraction skills, learning and improving their knowledge of different methods that they have been shown. In Literacy the children will be learning how to mummify themselves and writing instructions on how to do so.

They will be continuing with their topic work on Ancient Egyptians and creating their final piece of art on the River Nile.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Year 5 News

In literacy next week, Year 5 will be beginning a new unit based on Charlie and the Chocolate factory. We have been reading the story in class and will now be re-telling the story. We will be looking at different grammatical structures and descriptive language to explain the events in the story from a range of different viewpoints.

In maths, we will be continuing our work on Roman numerals and we will be learning to add and subtract numbers written this way.

Our topic work will continue to focus on Aztec society. Please begin to save newspapers as we will be needing them soon to create paper Mache Aztec masks.

Reminder: Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child's kit is in school. They may wear plain black/grey jogging bottoms for outdoor PE when the weather is cold.

### Year 6 News

Wow! We are so impressed with the children's writing this week. Their journalism skills have really improved and finally we are getting to the truth about the wolf and the three pigs! Everyone in the year group has been assessed in reading and books are now being selected accordingly. Thank you to all of you who read regularly with your children and complete the reading log. It is still vitally important that our pupils read to an adult at home regularly for a good amount of time each week (approximately 20 minutes 5 times a week). Your continuing support to help our children thrive is much appreciated. The ability to read well is just about the best gift we can ever give our children.

Have a lovely weekend



Miss J.Waelend  
Executive Principal