



# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018



## Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Harvest Festival on Tuesday. It was wonderful to be able to share our water-themed service with you. Thank you for your generous donations to WaterAid; Rev Robert will let us know how much we have raised.



## A New Addition to the Cradley Family

We would all like to say a massive congratulations to Yasmin from Nursery on the safe arrival of her beautiful baby girl on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, weighing 6lb and 4oz. Yasmin and her partner Phil have named her Martha Edith. We all wish Yasmin and her family the very best and can't wait to meet the new addition.

## School Photos

School photos will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. If you have a child who is not in Nursery/School that you wish to include in any sibling photo these will be done first at 8:30am in the hall.

## Parents Evenings

The allocated slots for Parents' Evenings have been sent out and you should all have received your 10-minute slot. We look forward to seeing you on the nights.

## Apple Juice

This week, we have started the process of labelling the bottles of apple juice with the six chosen label designs. You should all have received a letter and form with information about how to order some bottles.

## Environment Week

Monday saw the start of Environment Week. Each class has been finding out about a different animal, the difficulties they face and how people help them. We will all present the information to the rest of the school in assembly next Friday. Over half term we would like everyone to have a go at designing a garden for the Malvern Spring Festival and we hope that Environment Week will give everyone lots of ideas to include. This year's Show Garden will focus on the impact of Blue



Planet II and will portray a family watching David Attenborough on TV with their garden on display through a window. More information will be sent out soon. During Environment Week we have also been litter picking and will be recording how much we have collected over the week.

### **Football Matches**

The first football matches of the year saw a largely new team travel to Bosbury for the first fixtures in the Winter League. Our first fixture was against a strong Ashperton side, resulting in a 2-0 loss. Then the team faced Colwall and really started to find their passing and shooting boots. Goals from Will Mo, Frazer and Kyle saw Cradley run out comfortable 3-1 winners - a good start for this inexperienced team. Well done to Oliver, Will Ma, Oscar, Will Mo, Emil, Fin, Kyle, Frazer and Freddie.

### **School Car Park**

The school car park is not for the use of parents at any time, this includes during After School Club. Please respect this rule as it is there for the children's safety.

### **After School Club**

While we allow children to bring in electronic devices into After School Club, it is a requirement that these devices are not connected to the internet. Please can you ensure that if your child brings in a device that its internet capability is turned off.

### **Black Pepper Lunches**

A further, more detailed, letter has followed including the details of how you will need to register your child and log-on to order lunches. I am delighted to say that Mark and David from Black Pepper will be on hand at both Parents' Evenings to answer any further questions that you might have about the lunches, ordering or dietary requirements. There might even be some free samples!

### **Clubs**

There will be no clubs on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October due to Parents' Evening.

### **Student Teachers**

We are delighted to welcome Miss Conner and Mr Lowndes in Class 1 and Class 4 respectively. They will be working with us in both the Autumn and Summer terms.



### **FOCS - Friends of Cradley School.**

Christmas Cards for sale! What fabulous Christmas cards the children have created! Thank you to Lucy Burton for all her hard work in facilitating these. Thanks too to all those parents and teaching staff who helped out. Please remember to put your Christmas order forms in by Monday (15<sup>th</sup> October).

Apple Juice for sale! We have produced 488 bottles of apple juice which is currently being labelled, and is ready to purchase. Please return your apple juice order forms by Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup> October).

We have received confirmation that last term's Rags to Riches collection raised £38.05 for FOCS, so thank you all. Please keep collecting items of clothing that are no longer needed, as we have our next Rags to Riches collection on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Thank you to all those who came along to the FOCS AGM on Monday. Grace Lyndon was re-elected as Chair, and Scott Rocca was re-elected as Treasurer, so we are really grateful to both of them for their continuous commitment to FOCS. We are still looking for a Secretary, so if anyone would like further information or to help out please speak to Grace, Scott, or school. In the absence of a Secretary, Annie Meager has offered to help out with newsletter communications in the interim (so please let me know if you have any FOCS news!). The minutes are currently being typed up by Scott and we will share these with you as soon as they are available.

Future events were discussed and confirmed dates for the diary include:

Wine Tasting - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Cradley Village Christmas Fair - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10.30 to 3pm.

School Christmas Fair - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm.

School Carol Concert (wine & mince pies) - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm.

School Disco - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

We really need volunteers to help ensure these events happen! Please let FOCS or the school know if you can help out.

The next meeting will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 9am, at Blue-ginger Gallery, A4103 Cradley. Please let Grace or Scott know if you can attend.



### Small Art for Acorns

Sue Lim at Blue Ginger gallery, Cradley, would like to thank all those who took part in the auction of art on Sunday. Whether you bid on something, made a donation, or contributed a piece of art, thank you! The auction was great fun and raised a fantastic £2,700 for Acorns Children's Hospice in Worcester.

### Red Lion Pub Quiz

Viki and Steve invite you to their next pub quiz this Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup>) at 8pm which will be raising funds for Cradley Royal British Legion and 100 years since the end of World War 1.

### Open the Book

Isabella and Daisy from Class 3 helped to retell the story of the Prophet Jeremiah in the well.



### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair last week. We now have £92 to spend on books for the school reading library as a result.

### Nursery

Nursery started off our week with some brilliant fine motor skill games in P.E with Lauren. We played dough disco and then squeezed water out of rubber gloves, pretending to be farmers milking cows. We joined the school on Tuesday at the church for the Harvest Festival service and all of the children thoroughly enjoyed our morning at church. A big thank you goes to Class 4 and Class 5 for accompanying us on our walk back to nursery. On Friday we had great fun on our welly walk searching for leaves to make our own hedgehog pictures using the leaves and sticks we found.



### Class 1

We hope all our parents enjoyed Class 1's performance at the Harvest Festival Service on Tuesday. We enjoyed our walk back to school with our buddies in the sunshine just in time for break. This week in English we have been looking at the power of pictures in a story book and how, without pictures, our imagination can paint a different picture of what is happening. In maths and PE we have used our story *Rosie's Walk* to look at positional language and how we might change the way we go for a walk, depending on what animal we are. On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Porter came to do some computer programming with us and we learned how to create an algorithm and debug a programme using our bee-bots and the bee-bots app on the iPads. On Thursday, we designed aeroplanes and thought of names for our own airlines, whilst learning all about how planes actually stay up in the air! On Friday, we continued with our coordination unit in REAL PE, throwing and catching different types of balls. We welcomed Miss Conner, our student teacher, to Class 1 and look forward to working with her for the rest of this term.

### Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been finding out all about hedgehogs for Environment Week. We learned what kind of animal they are, the problems they face and how people help them. We then had a go at designing hedgehog-friendly gardens. We also enjoyed our litter picking around the school garden and along the path at the front of the school. We have been working with a Dance in Motion teacher over the last few weeks on Wednesday afternoons and this week we showed off all our street dance moves to each other and had fun playing a musical statues game.

### Class 3

Having thoroughly enjoyed our Harvest preparations and service, we moved on to Environment Week, examining how we can help butterflies by encouraging them to our gardens. The children loved making Butterfly Bars! Our maths has been interesting as we try to get to grips with 3D shapes. In English we have started a new unit on Myths and Legends, looking at the Anglo-Saxon story of



Beowulf. Scary stuff! As well as thinking about Beowulf, in topic we have also studied how our weekdays are named after some Anglo-Saxon gods. Do you know why Tew only had one hand? Or why Woden only had one eye?

#### Class 4

This week Class 4 have been learning about column subtraction in Maths, planning and writing a fantasy story in English and also starting to think about what we would like to do for our Class assembly. In the afternoons, we have learned about Mexico, creating a mood board of the colours we have and painting landscapes based on the key biomes of Mexico using the colour palette we chose from our mood boards. We have also learned about different birds in our environment. Last but not least, we have welcomed Mr Lowndes - a PGCE student teacher - into our classroom. Mr Lowndes will be with us until Christmas.

#### Class 5

This week Class 5 have been working with Sara-Jane Arbury to complete their WW1 centenary poems. We are looking forward to working with Mark Sanderson on the second stage of the project next week when we will be filming the narrating of the poems on location in the village. In maths we have been working on division skills. As this has been Environment Week, we have been researching the leatherback turtle, now critically endangered in some locations around the world, in large part due to plastics pollution in the oceans. In topic we completed our shadow puppets which look very effective when projected onto a screen.



#### Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Dexter Wyatt for taking a risk  
Thomas Blewett for being independent
- Class 1** Leo White for his performance at the Harvest Festival  
Harvey Rankin for great listening in lessons
- Class 2** Thomas Exton for being reflective in lessons  
Freddie Lane for taking pride in his work
- Class 3** Adam Jones for great instructional writing  
Seb Seldon for independent writing

**Class 4** Henry Jackson for persistence in subtraction  
Cleo Baynham for working hard with a positive attitude in English

**Class 5** Oliver Burton & Ceri Smith for taking such pride in their own versions of a WW1 poem

#### Value of the Month

#### COMPASSION

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Chosen by Mrs Gleaves (Children's Champion).

#### Dates for the Future

#### OCTOBER

#### Compassion

- 16<sup>th</sup> Panto for all children  
Parents Evening 15:30-17:30  
Netball @ Ashperton
- 17<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
- 18<sup>th</sup> School photos
- 19<sup>th</sup> School Council elections
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 3/4 trip to Book festival event  
Royal British Legion talking in Collective Worship
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Key Stage One trip to Book festival event  
Football Matches @ Ledbury
- 24<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Collective Worship: Parents welcome  
Quicksticks hockey tournament @ JMHS 9-11
- 25<sup>th</sup> Digital Leaders Conference
- 26<sup>th</sup> Break up  
Library Van visiting

#### NOVEMBER

#### Courage

- 5<sup>th</sup> Return to school
- 8<sup>th</sup> Phonics Evening for Parents in Class 1 6:30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Remembrance event in school
- 10<sup>th</sup> FOCS Wine Tasting Event
- 13<sup>th</sup> Flu immunisations Yr R-Yr5
- 14<sup>th</sup> Netball tournament @ JMHS 9-11
- 20<sup>th</sup> Basketball @ Ashperton 1.30-3pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Class 3 Collective Worship: Parents welcome
- 26<sup>th</sup> Rock-it-ball @ JMHS
- 27<sup>th</sup> FOCS - Rags to riches  
Netball matches @ Ashperton

#### DECEMBER

#### Peace

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cradley Village Christmas Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup> Football matches @ Ledbury 3:45pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Girl's Football Tournament @JMHS 3:45pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nativity play to KS2 children
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm  
Netball matches @ Ashperton 3:45pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> FOCS Christmas Fair
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 9-11am  
Christmas Lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> Carol Service 6pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Break up

