



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 8th February 2019



Letter from DFE

We were delighted to receive a letter this week from the Department for Education. I enclose the full text for you:

Dear Mr Greaves,

We would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the mathematics KS2 assessments last year.

Your school results, as published on 13th December, show that 100% of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in mathematics. Your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England.

We want to equip every child with the fluency in mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this to all pupils.

Thank you for producing such high standards through your hard work and professionalism, and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon Damien Hinds MP

Secretary of State for Education

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

Minister of State for School Standards

It is always lovely to receive such high praise from central government, acknowledging the outstanding effort and achievement of the children at Cradley. Thank you to everyone in the school community who supports us in our endeavours.



Cradley Clock Tower

"Have you a Penny for the clock, Sir?"

The Clock in Cradley Parish Church tower is a War Memorial, to those who served and died in the 1914-1918 War. The cost of the Clock was covered by public subscription, although we have no record as to how this was achieved. The current Parish Council, who are responsible for the Clock as it is a War Memorial, are in the process of applying for a £3,500 grant to cover the cost of renovation.

"Look up and Remember" is now by the Church tower and it's Clock.

Easter Service

We have been informed by the PCC that major building works will be carried out to the church from March onwards - including repairs to the north aisle and the choir area. This means that we will not be able to hold an Easter Service this year. We apologise for this disruption.

FOCS

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the disco last Friday. It was wonderful to see all the children having so much fun with their friends. We managed to raise over £736 in profit, which is a fantastic result.

We couldn't have had the disco without the help of all the fantastic mums and dads who helped - including planning, shopping, sausage cooking, manning stalls and Hoovering after everyone had gone home.

The next Rags to Riches collection is on Monday 4 March. Bags are being sent home in HL books today.

The next FOCS meeting is on Tuesday February 12th @ 19.30 Royal Oak, Leigh Sinton. Please come along and help us organise the next few events!

Nut Products

Please can we remind all parents that there should be no nut products in school. This includes packed lunches, snacks and any after school club teas.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to everyone who came to Parents Evening this week. These sessions are an invaluable tool in supporting the achievement, progress and wellbeing of your children.

Show Garden

Make sure you have a look at the Vlog created in December by our Digital Leaders. It is a great update of the progress we have made so far in preparing for the garden and is available on our Facebook page. We need to collect objects washed up on beaches for our show



garden art projects, so if you do have a chance to go beachcombing, please bring in anything which we could use before Easter.

Sickness Bugs

It is that time of year again when all the local schools are seeing an increase in children going down with sickness bugs. Please can we remind parents that after any sickness incident children should be kept away from school and not return for 48hrs after their last vomiting episode.

Job Vacancy

On behalf of the governors of Cradley CE Primary School, Hoople is seeking to appoint a lunchtime supervisor.

The applicant will be seeking to join a friendly and hardworking team that strives for excellence in supporting our children during this important part of the day.

This position will include serving food, supervising children and clearing up and putting away dining tables at the end of the lunch break.

Applicants will have a first-aid qualification and food-hygiene certificate, or be willing to undertake training as part of their duties.

Cradley C.E. Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All vacancies that involve working with children or vulnerable adults are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check at Enhanced Level.

Please note this is a Hoople post and Hoople conditions of service apply.

Application forms and further details are available from the School Office by telephone on 01886 880315 or email: admin@cradley.hereford.sch.uk. We welcome informal visits to the school by prior arrangement.

Grade: HPO2 - £2,320.72 - £2,372.50 per annum

1.25 hours per day, Monday to Friday, term-time only

Residential Meetings

The meetings for next year's residentials will take place on Wednesday 27th February. The meeting for current Year 2/3 pupils will take place at 6pm, followed by a meeting for current Year 4/5 children at 6:30pm.

Nursery

We started our week in Nursery by celebrating Chinese New Year. On Monday we all enjoyed helping Lauren to feed the shark in P.E and danced around the hall to *Baby Shark*. For Chinese New year we have been learning all about their celebrations and we even tried some Chinese food: Carol cooked us all some delicious noodles and we all had a go at using chopsticks as well. On Tuesday we opened up our doors again for stay-and-play - it's great to see lots of new faces in Nursery and we all thoroughly enjoyed meeting you all. On Wednesday, Katrina has been helping us to match our under-the-sea animals to the

correct numeral on plates. We have finished our week off with a short day on Friday and we all enjoyed playing outside with the new maths fish toys.



Class 1

It's been a busy week talking to all our parents at Parents Evening this week. We are really proud of the progress all the children in Class 1 have made so far since joining us, and we hope this continues over the next term-and-a-half. In Topic this week we have been discovering how a river is formed and we have made some spectacular river art. In English we've had a giggle over the book *Who is in the Loo?* (and used the opportunity to revisit our NSPCC Pants rules), and we have all read two non-fiction books about rivers. In Maths we have been learning number bonds to 10 and looking at how we can turn an addition number sentence around and still get the same answer. In PE we are almost there with playing a mini game of football; we will miss working with Jim from PACEs next term, as we need to share him with the other classes after half-term.

Class 2

This week in Class 2, we tried Kendal Mint Cake, dried mango, dried apricot and crackers to decide which one we would prefer to take on a trip up a mountain. We then made a pictogram to show the results. Most of us loved the Kendal Mint Cake with crackers being a close second; we were not so keen on the dried fruit! We have also been writing our own stories in English and practising multiplication in Maths. We have also looked at why eating lots of healthy food is important, and designed our own healthy plate of fruit and veg. At Forest School we made boats and tested different materials to see if they would float. After that we had fun on the rope swing.

Class 3

In Class 3 this week we have returned to the subject of fractions, adding them, subtracting them and working out what it means when they are equivalent. We have been using 'show don't tell' methods of writing in English to make our descriptions of the rainforest even more powerful and interesting. In computers we have begun to work out how to make stop-frame animations - it was



great fun watching a rubber and a glue stick do a magic dance across the desk! It was lovely to meet all the parents on either Tuesday and Wednesday; we hope you enjoyed looking through the children's books.

Class 4

This week, in English, Class 4 have been developing our diary-writing skills by looking at diary entries and identifying features, doing a class diary writing workshop and writing our own diary entries. In Maths we have been developing our multiplication knowledge through looking at factors and multiples, then thinking about how using these known facts can help us to answer more complex problems. In the afternoons, we have done an extreme workout in PE, researched Stonehenge in Topic and developed our e-safety, creating a graffiti-wall style artwork to encourage people to support each other online.

Class 5

This week we 'read' to the end of *The Arrival*, which tells the story - using only pictures - of an immigrant finding his own way in a strange land, and finished our versions of the story of *The Little Chimney Girl*, one of the characters in the book who helps him along the way. In Maths, we have been working with decimals and fractions. We also hugely enjoyed a session with Mr Copp in which we made use of some complicated maths principles to create scale drawings of our show garden plan: a turtle constructed with elliptical shapes. In Science we had messy fun modelling the digestive system using Weetabix, bananas, plastic bags, tights and food colouring! In our digital citizenship lesson we learned the importance of keeping our personal profiles private online.



Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Cherish Evans for being positive
Kai Oseman for taking a risk
- Class 1** Harry Purser-Wall & Leo White both for their reading this week
- Class 2** Isla-Mai Robertson for being independent and working hard in Maths
Jay Kenrick for being persistent and focused in Maths & English
- Class 3** Adam Jones for great independent fraction work
William Porter for a great attempt in his English work this week
- Class 4** Sofia Ashton for her positive attitude and independent work in Maths
Frazer Tilsley-Eaton for his perseverance in all his work
- Class 5** Emil Meager for persistence and focus with extended writing this week
Annabel Plant for demonstrating more self-confidence in all her work

Value of the Month LOVE

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Lamentations 3:22-23.

Chosen by Mrs Booth (Secretary).

Dates for the Future

- | FEBRUARY | Love |
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| 15 th | Break up |
| 25 th | Return to School |
| 27 th | Residential Meetings 6pm and 6:30pm |
| 28 th | Net and Wall Extravaganza 11-1pm |
| | Pyramid Prom @ JMHS |
| | Class 4 trip to Bishops Wood |
| | JMHS in to see Yr5/6s |



MARCH

Humility

- 4th Big Write Week
- FOCs Rags to Riches
- 7th World Book Day
- 11th Height and Weight measurement Yrs R & 6
- Dental Talk KS1
- 13th Class 5 Collective Worship, Parents Welcome
- 8:55am
- Science Eggstravaganza @ RGS
- 21st Yr1/2 Football Tournament @JMHS 4pm
- 25th Healthy School's Week
- Class 4 trip to Iron Age Hill Fort
- 26th Mix up Day
- 27th Yr 3/4 Mixed Football Tournament @JMHS
- Choir @ Hereford Cathedral
- Digital Leaders Conference @ Hampton Dene
- 29th Class 5 - Young Shakespeare @ Hellens

APRIL

Trust

- 5th TAG Rugby Extravaganza @ Bosbury
- 12th Break Up
- 29th Term Starts

