



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 28th February 2020



Choir Rehearsal

The Choir visited Hereford Cathedral School along with other local schools on Monday for a master class rehearsal of Karl Jenkins' Cantata Memoria as part of the music outreach programme. This commemorates those who died in the Aberfan disaster in 1966. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part.



Welcome Wednesday

This week it was Class 1's turn to welcome their families into class on Wednesday. We spent the first part of the morning showing books, celebrating our work to date, reading stories in our new reading tent and chatting. Photos on the board from September showed just how much we've already changed and our work showed just how far we have come in such a short space of time. Thank you very much to our Year 6 buddies and to Eryl Copp, our chair of governors who came to support the morning.



Coronavirus

We are receiving regular updates from the Local Authority with regards to the Coronavirus and are closely monitoring the situation.

If you have any concerns please see the latest advice on the Coronavirus as from Public Health England updated on 25th February;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Healthy Snacks

This half-term we are trialling the children bringing in their own healthy snacks to eat at break time. These can be healthy snacks such as nut free cereal bars, hot cross buns, cheese & crackers etc. The snacks should be sugar free and provided in a small pot to minimise plastic waste. Please do not send your child in with chocolate bars, crisps or any snacks for break time which contain sugar. This will be monitored closely. KS1 children will continue to be provided with a free piece of fruit at break time.

Children should also have a water bottle in school every day. Juice drinks should only be drunk as part of lunch.

Please be aware that chocolate spreads, such as Nutella and some cereal bars should not be sent in packed lunches as we have children and staff in school with nut allergies.

Big Write Week

Monday is the launch of our big write week and we would like children in Year 1, 3 & 5 to wear blue clothing and children in Year R, 2, 4 & 6 to wear red clothing. This can be their own clothes. Please DO NOT go out and buy anything new. If you can share with a friend even better. This activity is a link to our whole school book which we will launch on Monday.

Then on March 5th we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children will be able to dress up as one of their favourite book characters. Please can they bring in a book to read as a whole school in assembly that day.

Food Bank

We will continue to collect for the food bank this term. Tins, packets and toiletries will be very gratefully received. All donations can be placed in the box in the foyer.

Class 4 Collective Worship

The Class 4 Collective Worship will be held on Wednesday 11th March; parents are invited to come along from 8.50am.

FOCS News

We raised £93.15 with your clothes donations for Rags 2 Riches before half term, so a very big thank you from all of us. The next collection date is 6th May.

The next FOCS meeting will take place on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm at Hollings Hill Farm (Faye's).

Please feel free to attend and help organise this term's fundraising events!

Nursery

Welcome back to Nursery! This term we are exploring our new theme 'Space' and we are excited to learn all about space, planets and rockets. We just wanted to say thank you to Liz Blewett and her Mum for kindly transforming Nursery into a magical galaxy. This week our story of the week has been 'Aliens Love Underpants'. On Monday Carol helped us to decorate our own paper underpants using glitter and lots of craft materials. Tuesday was our first space themed P.E lesson and Lauren helped us explore Craters and Volcanoes using a cone game, we felt like we were on the moon! On Wednesday we made our own Moons using grey glitter play dough; we looked at the moon cycle and how the moon changes shape. On Thursday Katrina helped us to make our own space stars, using glitter and silver paper to decorate them. We have finished off our first week back with cooking on Friday with Carol where we made space scones.

Attendance

Well done to Class 4 who've had 99.11% attendance this week. They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next week. Please can we remind parents that late arrivals after the registers close at 8.55am count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.

Class 1 - 87.92%

Class 2 - 97.62%

Class 3 - 98.33%

Class 4 - 99.11%

Class 5 - 95.83%

Whole School - 95.62%

Teeny Tots

We are a friendly local toddler group that meets in Storridge Village Hall and occasionally at Cradley Nursery. We welcome little ones from 0-5, accompanied and supervised by their parents/carers, to stay and play. Please join us on Thursdays from 10:30-12, during term time, for a charge of £2 per family, which includes a craft activity, game, songs, snacks and drinks. Please come and join us!

Value of the Month - Respect

Be kind and honest and you will live a long life; others will respect you and treat you fairly (Proverbs 21:21).

Chosen by Mrs Kirkwood

Head Teacher Award

Beth Richards for showing compassion for others by having her hair cut and donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust to be made into a wig for a child who has lost their hair through cancer.

Stars of the week

Nursery

Isaac Barrett for his excellent start at Nursery

Poppy Duncan for being confident in reading and writing

Reception

Isla Blakeman for taking pride in everything

Elijah Gowen for being so positive and persistent

Year 1

Clem Tambling for taking a risk in Maths

Alex Evans for being independent

Year 2

Thomas Exton for taking pride in his handwriting

TJ Malloy for being co-operative when working with other children

Year 3

Daniel Jeffries for being persistent and positive in Maths

Freddie Lane for working so hard on editing and improving his story

Year 4

Leyla Vine for always being ready to learn

Minnie Stevens for always working co-operatively

Year 5

Jack Wilson for persistent good Maths this week

Kyle Plant for taking pride in keeping Class 4 tidy

Year 6

Harley Loader for a positive, cheerful attitude towards all his learning this week

Finn Belgard for persistence this week to achieve some lovely characterisation in his writing

Dates for the Future**MARCH****Value of the Month - Forgiveness****Monday 2nd**

Big Write Week

Tuesday 3rd

KS1 girl's football @ JMHS 4-5pm

Residential Meeting @ 6pm

Thursday 5th

World Book Day

Friday 6th

Choir Festival

Tuesday 10th

Eggstravaganza @ RGS for Year 5

Wednesday 11th

Class 4 Collective Worship

Thursday 12th

Net & Wall KS2 @ JMHS 9-11am

Monday 16th

Big Sing Yr 5/6

Tuesday 17th

Hi Five Netball @ JMHS 9.15-11am

Wednesday 18th

Class 3 Welcome Wednesday

Friday 20th

Digital Leaders Conference

Monday 23rd March

Class 4 trip to Recycling Centre

Yr 1/2 trip to Cathedral

Tuesday 24th

Last swim for Yr3/4

Wednesday 25th

Class 5 Welcome Wednesday

Yr 3/4 mixed football @ JMHS 4-5pm

Thursday 26th

ASC Film Night - 'The Secret Life of Pets 2'

Friday 27th

Whole School walk

Monday 30th

Bike Ability Yr 6

Tuesday 31st

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APRIL**Value of the Month - Responsibility****Wednesday 1st**

Bike Ability Yr 6

Thursday 2nd

Easter Service

Last day of term

Monday 20th

Back to school

Friday 24th

KS2 Tennis @ JMHS

Wednesday 29th

MSJ Lacrosse Festival Yr 5/6 girls

MAY**Value of the Month - Co-operation****Wednesday 6th**

Rags 2 Riches Collection

Tuesday 19th

KS2 Janden @ JMHS