



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 13th September 2019



New faces

Joe Cross will be working with all children in PE and at break times. He will also run football and basketball clubs after school. Miss Holly Featherstone will work in Class 1, teach dance in Class 2 (she is a trained dance teacher) and run Mini-movers after school.

We have also welcomed three PGCE students from UCW, who will be observing and assisting in different classes for two weeks.



Important dates

School will close at 12.30pm on Friday 11th October for an INSET, as the teachers will be training with other staff from our cluster schools. Children will have lunch in school as normal this day. ASC will run from 12.30pm - 3.30pm and should be booked in the usual way.

Please be aware we have changed our INSET day from Tuesday 7th January to Friday 3rd April. This means children will return from the Christmas break on Tuesday 7th January and will break up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 2nd April. We have made this change so that we are able to take part in training happening across our cluster schools.

FOCS News

At the AGM on Tuesday evening, Mel Boniface was elected Chair with Faye Knowles as Vice Chair. Scott Rocca will remain as treasurer this year. Sarah Jeffries will continue as secretary along with Rhi Smith and Sarah Wilson sharing the role. Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you to Grace Rennocks (Lyndon) for her work as Chair last year.

Mel and the committee already have some ideas for events this year and any money raised will go towards replenishing the books in our reading library and supplementing the cost of school trips by paying for coaches.

All parents are members of FOCS and you will be made very welcome at the Red Lion on Tuesday 1st October at 7.30 pm

Nuts

Please do not send nuts or products containing nuts in packed lunches. This includes some cereal bars and chocolate spread. We have children and staff with nut allergies.

Year 3/4 Residential

What a super group of children to take to Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge in Shropshire. That, along with great weather, made the whole residential a wonderful experience. We started off with rock studies, tying in with the Science curriculum, discovering that there is a rock which actually floats! Then off to look for fossils at Much Wenlock; who knew there were so many just lying around?

Engenuity was great fun, making moving monsters with the use of pneumatics and the competition at the end was very tense. We were all amazed at the beauty and strength of the bridge at Ironbridge and spent a happy half hour sketching it with charcoal.

Our final day took us to the Victorian town of Blists Hill with so many activities from buying old fashioned sweets with old fashioned money, to seeing how candles were made and watching fires being stoked to work the lift down the pit shaft.

A rich and varied time, full of fun and education.



Year 5/6 Residential

Years 5 and 6 had a fantastic time in Conwy last week. We spent 3 days on residential in beautiful North Wales. We have spent some time this week thinking about how we showed our **learning behaviours** whilst we were away. First of all, many of us learned how to be a bit more **independent**. A few of us packed our own suitcases before we went, and all of us had to organise ourselves so that we were ready with the things we needed for each day.

We had to work **co-operatively** on our vlogs, deciding for ourselves what to photograph and planning short video clips at the places we visited. We also took care of each other in different ways, and helped each other prepare for room inspections!

Mrs Paton organised really fun activities for us. We were quite safe of course, but walking along the town walls on a windy evening, going underground into the ancient copper mines and walking into the mountains seemed a bit risky to some of us at first! At Conwy Castle, Laura **took a risk** dangling an iPad over the wall to take a photograph of the dungeon far below!

On the top of Conwy Mountain one beautiful evening we stopped for two minutes just to take in the spectacular views, to listen to the sound of the silence, and to **reflect** on the places we'd been to. We were certainly **persistent** in keeping going when climbing Conwy Mountain after having spent the day walking in Snowdonia!

We **took pride** in being well behaved and polite at the youth hostel where there were other people staying, and when we were interviewing members of the public at Llandudno. We also want our vlogs to be the best they could be!

Everyone was really **positive** about the residential to Conwy. We had fun with our friends and it was a great experience. We'd love to go back!

Year 6 would like to share with everybody the reflection they prepared for assembly this morning.

Let us pray:

Dear God

Thank you that we were able to spend time away with our friends last week. Thank you too for creating wonderful environments from high mountains to wonderful

coastlines for us to enjoy. Thank you for a wonderful residential, and even though it was sometimes difficult to be away from our family at home, you let us know that we were safe and loved.

Amen



Welcome Wednesdays

Each class will provide an opportunity to welcome parents and Grandparents into class so that the children can share their work. This will take place at 8.50am until 9.30 at the latest. When classroom visits follow Collective Worship, lessons will start at 9.45am.

Wednesday 25th September - Class 1 & Class 2

Wednesday 23rd October - Class 5 Collective Worship

Wednesday 6th November - Class 4

Wednesday 20th November - Class 3 Collective Worship

Cradley Church Flower Festival

This weekend the Church will be full of floral displays created by village organisations. The children have filled decorated jars with flowers. The decorations represent the school and some of the resources we might use. Mrs Copp, our Chair of Governors came to help. If you have chance, please pop in and see our arrangements insitu. Next week we will share a finished photograph.





Music

I am delighted that we have 42 children receiving instrumental lessons in school, including violin, drums, recorder, ukulele, piano, keyboard and guitar. This is amazing!

We have started working with Encore music on a wider options program. All children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to begin to learn to play a musical instrument. This term Year 3 and 4 will play the tin whistle.

This week Years 3 and 4 enjoyed their first music lesson led by Mrs West, which included saying each other's names whilst trying to keep to a beat, learning a new song and having a go with tin whistles. Super fun and great learning.



Schools Recycling Scheme

We have signed up to be part of the Herefordshire Schools Recycling Scheme, which recycles a whole range of items and raises money for local charities, such as the Born Sleeping Appeal at the County Hospital. To launch our involvement, we will be having a visit from William the Bull, who has been taken around the county over the summer collecting plastic bottle tops. William will be with us on Wednesday 25th September.

Please would you collect as many bottle tops as you can so that the children can fill him up with them when he arrives.

The school council will meet and choose what other items we will collect in school. Don't forget to keep collecting used batteries and bring them into school to be recycled.



Volunteers

Do you have an hour to spare? Could you help with practical activities or listen to children read? If so, please speak to Mrs Jones or one of the class teachers.

Personal items

Please ensure that all your children's belongings are named especially jumpers and water bottles. It is extremely difficult to return items to children if they are not labelled.

Apple Pressing

Please collect eating apples from your gardens, as we will be making our own apple juice again this year. Please ask friends and neighbours. Please bring them into school on Wednesday 25th or the morning of Thursday 26th September. If you know anyone who owns an orchard and is happy for you to pick some apples, maybe you could get some friends together and have a family apple picking session! We are hoping to increase the number of bottles produced last year. FOCS will be running a label design competition, please look out for details.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been exploring our story of the week, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. On Monday we started our adventure in the hall for P.E, where Lauren showed us how to escape from the three bears like Goldilocks and we jumped off the beams in the hall. Tuesday was our first stay and play session of the term and we all enjoyed playing outside and building our very own story houses out of different materials. Charlie has helped us make our own Bears this week using play dough. Outside this week we have been making our own dens for the three bears to live in and we have been looking after our new tomato plants. On Friday we took all of our new friends down to forest school to explore.

The Pillar of Friendship

Inspired by the sculpture at Coalbrookdale, "The Pillar of Friendship," Class 3 had a go at creating their own sculptures on this theme, which also happens to be our value of the month. Ideas such as loyalty, being protective, having fun and sharing food together were some of the things which the children thought were important to friendship.



SEPTEMBER

Value of the Month - FRIENDSHIP

"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his father is doing; but I have called you friends." John 15:15

Chosen by Mrs Jones

Attendance

Well done to Class 1 who have had 100% attendance since the beginning of term. They get to look after Alfie the attendance bear all next week.

Class 1 - 100%
Class 2 - 97.32%
Class 3 - 98.91%
Class 4 - 95.98%
Class 5 - 98.96%
Whole School - 97.82%

Head Teacher Award

Bryn Richards and Daniel Burton for their positive attitude on the residential last week

Stars of the week

Nursery

Lottie Mifflin and Haydn Wyatt for a brilliant start in Nursery

Reception

Poppy Weston and Sofia Vaughan for settling into Class1 so well

Year 1

Blake Loader for refusing to give up in English
Harvey Rankin for his positive attitude and persistence in Maths

Year 2

Ruby Cowell for being so positive and settling in so well at Cradley

Uriah Lyndon for working independently on all texts this week

Year 3

Elena Edwards for a positive attitude and for willing to take a risk in Maths

Ava Oseman for her positive attitude to learning and giving her very best

Year 4

Preston Loader for being a positive member of Year 4 and an enthusiastic member of the class

Molly-Mae Gibbons for taking a positive outlook to starting Year 4 and whilst away at the residential

Year 5

Sian Smith for taking pride in her Maths work and for trying to be the best she can be

Barney Dunnett & Eddie Wilson for working co-operatively to retell the legend of Cwm Idwal

Year 6

Sofia Ashton for showing the qualities of being a good friend this week

Toby Cooper for persistence in doing the best he can last week during the residential and this week in class

Dates for the Future

SEPTEMBER

Monday 16th

Year 5/6 swimming starts

Clubs start

Wednesday 25th

Recycling project launch

Thursday 26th

Apple pressing

Book Fair arrives in school

OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd

Last day of Book Fair

Tuesday 8th

Quick Sticks hockey

Thursday 10th

9am Harvest Festival at Church

Friday 11th

Half-day closing; 12.30pm pick up

FOCS Disco

Monday 14th

No swimming

Tuesday 15th

Parents evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 16th

Parents evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 17th

Individual and sibling photos

Wednesday 23rd

Class 5 Collective Worship

Friday 25th

Last day of half term

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th

New term begins

Science week

Wednesday 6th

Class 4 Welcome Wednesday

Tuesday 19th

Year 3/4 team tennis

Wednesday 20th

Class 3 Collective Worship

DECEMBER

Monday 2nd

Last Swimming session

Last week for clubs

Thursday 5th

Flu immunisation

Tuesday 10th

Nativity 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th

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Tuesday 17th

Whole school Winter walk.

Wednesday 18th

Christmas lunch

Thursday 19th

Carol Service, 6pm in Church

Friday 20th

Last day of term

JANUARY

Monday 6th

INSET Day

Tuesday 7th

Term starts