



School Newsletter

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER	
Tuesday 15th	Winter Walk
Wednesday 16th	Christmas lunch
Thursday 17th	Community carols Virtual pantomime Carol Service
Friday 18th	Animal lady End of term
JANUARY	
Wednesday 6th	Term starts

VALUE OF THE MONTH - COURAGE

Joshua 1:9

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"

Chosen by Mrs Symonds

A Message from the Headteacher

What a couple of weeks we have had! I just wanted to say a huge thank you to Ms George and all the staff at school for everything they have done in order to get children back to school safely. This year is certainly testing our resilience but throughout everyone has remained positive and focused on what is important. Thank you for the way you have all supported the school and your children in what I know are very trying times for everyone. Home schooling, whilst trying to do your own jobs, is hard work and requires so much patience, organisation and strength. I admire all of you for coping so well.

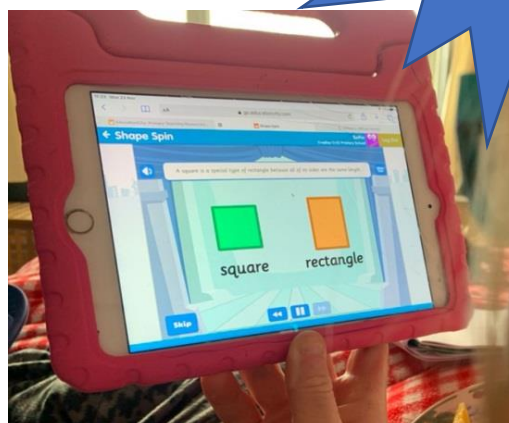
I will return to school very soon and remain in touch with everyone on a daily basis and they are doing a great job. In the meantime I will plan for Christmas at Cradley, which will be a little different this year, and I will let you know the details next week. As always we must be guided by national restrictions, the local authority and Public Health Herefordshire. God Bless you all.

Mrs Jones



Lots of great home learning last week, well done everyone!

Don't forget to use Easy Fundraising when doing your on-line Christmas shopping – especially as today is Black Friday!! Just download their app and search for Friends of Cradley School, it really is so easy!!



Mrs Huckerby's Retirement

When someone leaves a community such as ours they leave a big space in our lives but also a big part of themselves here too. Today we have met together to say a huge goodbye and thank you to Mrs Huckerby who has been a part of Cradley School for over 15 years. She joined the school as a parent when her own girls were small and has worked as a teaching assistant, one to one support, swimming teacher, PE teacher, Forest School leader and lunchtime supervisor. Mrs Huckerby has worked across all ages in school and has shared her love of everything physical with us from circuits to netball coaching and choreography.



Mrs Huckerby will be remembered for her enthusiasm, her patience and her Cradley team spirit. Mrs Huckerby has accompanied so many teams to fixtures, bell boating, been on residential, taught dances for the end of year play, led aerobics sessions, as well as supporting children to learn to read, write and with their Maths.

Mrs Huckerby is one of the most patient people I know. I have observed her trying to teach a concept to a child who just didn't get it and talk a child with special needs out of a frenzy and stopped them running away from school.

We are all going to miss her very much and although she is officially retiring I am sure it won't be long before she is exploring new adventures. Thank you, Mrs Huckerby, for everything you have done for all the children at Cradley School over the years. We wish you well and hope you have a long and fun filled retirement.

Love from Mrs Jones and all of the staff and children at Cradley School



Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Harvest Foodbank appeal. We have a box outside the main door for regular donations plus any items you can kindly donate to their Christmas Appeal. Thank you for your support.

Hereford Food Bank

Christmas Wish List

Fray Bentos small pies & Puddings



Gift Vouchers for supermarkets so that we can buy perishable goods

Porridge Pots



Chocolate coins & Stocking Fillers for ALL ages (Unwrapped)



Assorted Nuts



Jams, preserves & spreads



Household Cleaning Products



Boxes of Biscuits



Fruit Juice



Easy Cook Rice



Pet Food



Condensed Milk



Toiletries for Men Women & Children



Cash Donations allow us to buy Extra Fresh Food

Christmas Food Hampers are to be distributed from **16th December** and the latest date for Christmas Food donations is **Mon 14th December**

Please see our Facebook page for location details for donations and our opening times

Thank You

Attendance

Well done to Class 5 who have had 90.46% 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 – 82.14% Whole school – 90.46%

Class 2 – 87.8%

Class 3 – 92.08%

Class 4 – 93.55%

Class 5 – 96.94%





Important notice

Reception admissions for 2021-2022

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?

If so you will need to apply for a school place by **15 January 2021** (to commence September 2021)

Applications can be completed from 14 September 2020 online at:
www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not guarantee a place at the associated primary school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk






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★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

- Nursery -** Billy, Haydn, Isaac, James, Joshua and Lottie for being superstars and completing their home learning activities
- Class 1 –** Hugo & Austin for amazing effort with their home learning on Seesaw and their great effort in their Zoom phonics lessons
- Class 2 -** Evie for thoughtful answers in RE
Elijah for creating a beautiful Menorah in RE
- Class 3 –** Isla-Mai & Jack Y for always having a positive attitude and working hard
- Class 4 –** Van & Ruby for persistence in a forest school scavenger hunt
- Class 5 -** Everyone for excellent work during home learning





Toy Bank

If you are struggling to buy gifts for children this year due to lost income, low income or just because you are short please let me know. I can get you access to a local toy bank which is full of good quality secondly hand toys which have been donated and are free to you. All I have to do is send an email and let them know you are going to visit.

Please get in touch on my email head@cradley.hereford.sch.uk and I can arrange it for you.



Friends of Cradley School

NEWS

Hopefully everyone should have received their Christmas card orders this week, thank you again for all of your orders. You can still place additional orders online at www.classfundraising.co.uk and school will receive 10% commission on these.

The last few bottles of apple juice are still for sale in reception at £2 a bottle and are also available to purchase at Cradley butchers.

Please remember to use Easy Fundraising whenever you do any on-line shopping, especially with today being Black Friday!!! Please see details below and search for Friends of Cradley School in the list of causes.

Also if you need any name labels for your child/ren then don't forget to order through Stikins® using our fundraising number 5163 at www.stikins.co.uk. FOCS will receive a small donation for every order received.

Thank you for your continued support!

Message from Herefordshire Council

Herefordshire Council is developing a Physical Activity Strategy to develop a clear approach to physical activity within the county. This will be informed by local priorities and developed in partnership with key stakeholders. As part of this process, we would like to hear from local residents to understand their habits in relation to physical activity, exercise and sport. We would really appreciate it if you could fill in the survey found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HerefordresPA>