



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 4th October 2019



Welcome

This week we welcomed Gabriel to Year 5. We hope he has a happy time with us and we are looking forward to getting to know him and his family over the next few weeks.

Important dates

REMEMBER: School will close at 12.30pm on Friday 11th October (after the children have had lunch) for staff training. We will bring the children up to the Meet & Greet area at 12.30pm.

There is still space in afterschool club, which will run from 12.30-3.30pm. Please book as usual on school money.

Breakfast Club

Donna Jackson has asked me to thank all the children for their warm welcome. She is really enjoying her new role.

Harvest Festival

This will take place at the church on Thursday (10th October). Please bring your child to the church at 8.45am. The service will last about an hour and will begin at 9am. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to stay. At the end of the service, children will be walked back to school once parents have left and moved cars away.

The school Council have asked if harvest gifts can be sent to church on Thursday morning for a new food bank opening in Bosbury.



FOCS News

The school disco will take place on Friday 11th October at school from 6-8pm. There will be hot snacks, a tuck shop and a bar for parents to enjoy a quiet drink while the children boogie away with their friends. Tickets are just £2 per child; please complete the letter slip to buy your tickets.

The next Rags 2 Riches Collection takes place on Tuesday 22nd October. Please start having a clear out at home of

any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, bedding, curtains or soft toys. Bags will be sent home next week.

Apple Juicing

We are pleased to announce the winners of our apple juice label competition. It was a difficult job again this year and we were very impressed with all the entries but in the end the following winners were selected: Bella (Year 6), Lexi (Year 5), Dan (Year 4), Isla-Mai (Year 3), Sophia (Year 2), Frankie (Year 1), Evie (Year R) and Haydn (Nursery). Well done to all the winners. Everyone's work will be returned home next week and unlabelled bottles are available for purchase if you would like to use your own designs. An initial order of up to 5 bottles per family can be made using the order form which you should have received. The juice is also available to buy at £2.00 per bottle from Cradley Butchers. Many thanks to Pete and Lyn for supporting our project.



Tapestry

You will shortly receive an email about how to log in and set up an account on Tapestry. We will send a letter at the end of the week giving you full details. We will be able to share activities in class, good examples of work and use it as a more effective way to communicate with your child's class teacher.

Parking

Please do not park on the pavements by the entrance to the staff car park and do not park outside the Meet & Greet area. This is for the safety of the children. We appreciate your co-operation.

Now that most children are settled in the mornings, please can you drop off your children into the playground and then leave the site as quickly as possible. This will help to relieve some congestion in the morning.

Schools Recycling Scheme

Unfortunately, there has a bit of a delay in launching this scheme in school. The bins for collections have been applied for and we will let you know as soon as they arrive. Meanwhile, if you could keep collecting, that would be great!



Volunteers

We are delighted that FOCS have given us £2000 to spend on books, as many of our reading books are a little tatty and old fashioned. Before we put new books on the shelves we need to have a bit of a cull of what is already there. If you have half-an-hour to spare to sift through the reading books, please have a word with Paula in the office. Any old books will be sent away or recycled.

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. So far this term, we already have a collection of 65 unnamed jumpers waiting to be claimed!

Nursery

Our story of the week has been 'The Three Little Pigs', so on Monday in our P.E session we've been having a go at building our own little pigs houses, using Lego blocks and foam sticks. We have been exploring our new interactive board this week and have enjoyed playing some matching card and counting games on there. Carol and Katrina have helped us all to tell the story of The Three Little Pigs using some straw, stick and a hair dryer to re-enact the story. This week it's started to get colder and we have decided that Autumn is finally here, we have enjoyed collecting different coloured leaves and collecting them into piles ready for the hedgehogs. To finish off our week we have all taken it in turns to go down to forest school in little groups to explore the area.

School Council

After receiving a petition from some of the children from school, the School Council had an extraordinary meeting in order to discuss its request. The petition requested that we as a school should somehow support Oscar, the child from Worcester with Leukaemia. His parents are desperately hoping to raise money to enable him to go to Singapore, where he can receive treatment which will hopefully save his life. The Councillors have decided to have a jar for loose change; all those annoying pennies and two pence pieces could add up to quite a lot if we all tidied up a bit...please help if you feel you can.

Value of the Month - FREEDOM

The Worship Leaders led Collective Worship for Class 1 and 2 today. They introduced the new value, Freedom, and told the story of the colourless tiger who only got his colours back when he was set free into the wild. Being free made him happy. They finished with this lovely prayer.

*Freedom is the colour of bright blue skies,
It smells like a fresh cake,
It tastes like ice-cream on a Summer's day,
It sounds like the excited cheering of a happy crowd,
It feels like the last day of school in July,
It looks like walls tumbling down,
It lives in the heart of every human being,
Thank you God that I am free,
Amen.*



FREEDOM

"In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." Ephesians 3:12

Chosen by Miss Evans

Attendance

Well done to Class 5 who've had 99.44% attendance since last week. They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear all next week.

Class 1 - 93.68%
Class 2 - 97.5%
Class 3 - 99.13%
Class 4 - 97.92%
Class 5 - 99.44%
Whole School - 97.81%

Head Teacher Award

Sofia Ashton for the wonderful way that she has embraced her role as a buddy
TJ Malloy for his enthusiasm while singing in collective worship

Stars of the week

Nursery

Jack & James Horsfield for a brilliant start in Nursery

Reception

Dexter Wyatt for being so positive in class
Charlie Wilson for persistence in phonics

Year 1

Genevieve Stevens for her positive attitude in Maths

Becky Dunnett for her positive attitude in class

Year 2

TJ Malloy for being independent when rehearsing for our Harvest performance

Leo White for being persistent when writing independently in Topic

Year 3

Jay Kenwrick for working positively in Maths and for taking a risk

Jacob Mifflin for his positive attitude in class

Year 4

Daisy Green for being positive and taking pride in her work

Ben Griffiths for working co-operatively with a group during role play

Year 5

Gabriel De Mattia for settling in to Cradley School so well

Lexi Edwards for independent writing in English

Year 6

Leah Gray-Hitchings for persistence with her Maths

Meryl Phillips for taking pride in producing great writing

Dates for the Future

OCTOBER

Tuesday 8th

Quick Sticks hockey

Wednesday 9th

Year 6 Young Shakespeare

Thursday 10th

9am Harvest Festival at Church

Friday 11th

Half-day closing; 12.30pm pick up

FOCS Disco

Monday 14th

No swimming

Lacrosse Year 5/6 girls

Tuesday 15th

Parents evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 16th

Parents evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 17th

Individual and sibling photos

Tuesday 22nd

Rags 2 Riches collection

Wednesday 23rd

Class 5 Collective Worship

Thursday 24th

ASC film night - 'Mary and The Witches Flower'

Friday 25th

Last day of half term

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th

New term begins

Science week

Tuesday 5th

Phonics evening

Wednesday 6th

Class 4 Welcome Wednesday

Tuesday 12th November

Phonics evening

Tuesday 19th

Year 3/4 team tennis

Wednesday 20th

Class 3 Collective Worship

Wednesday 27th

ASC Film night - 'Lego Movie 2'

DECEMBER

Monday 2nd

Last swimming session

Last week for clubs

Thursday 5th

Flu immunisation

Tuesday 10th

Nativity 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th

Nativity 1.30pm

Friday 13th

FOCS Christmas Fair 3pm

Monday 16th

ASC Film night - 'The Grinch'

Tuesday 17th

Whole school Winter walk.

ASC Party

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