



# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019



## Warm Weather

Please remember to send your child to school with a **labelled** sun hat and water bottle. They will not be allowed to run around in the sun without a hat.

## Staffing

We are now in a position to secure staffing for September. We will update you once interviews have been carried out and the new appointments completed.

## A message from School Council

*From Tilly W and the School Council*

We would like to raise money for a Buddy Bench, which would be for children who need a friend at break and lunchtime. If someone is upset or on their own, they would be able to go to the Buddy Bench to find someone to play with or just have a chat. Hopefully this idea will encourage students to develop positive friendships.

## Parents Survey

At the beginning of May, we wrote about the feedback we had received from the Parents Survey which many of you completed. We have been working hard to develop the areas which were highlighted as needing improvement. Here are the actions which we have taken so far:

### Governors

We will be setting up sessions where you can drop in to have tea and cake with the Governors. In the meantime, you can find out more information about them on our website.

### Behaviour

We have made some changes to our expectations of children's behaviour as they move around school, with a very successful, "whisper while you walk" approach. We have also changed the way children come in after break and lunchtimes, ensuring they are more focused and ready to learn when they arrive in class. In addition to this, Mrs Gleaves and Miss Guy have qualified as Thrive Practitioners and we are rewriting our behaviour policy in line with Thrive's positive and inclusive ethos. We are in the process of consulting the whole staffing team ready for its implementation in September.

### Clubs

Having a small staff means that we rely on teachers and helpers to give up their own time to run clubs, and for this we are very grateful. This term we have added a Forest School club into our timetable. Having consulted some children, we are looking at a variety of clubs for next year.

### Break times

Mrs Jones and Miss Guy will soon be visiting a school which has introduced an active playtime approach to support their children's wellbeing at break and lunchtime

to see what we can implement at Cradley. The School Council will be raising money for a Buddy Bench (see above) and we will introduce 'Playground Pals': KS2 children, who will volunteer to take on a caring role around the playground, supporting those who need it. We are looking into providing more areas for quiet reflection and we have set up Young Leaders - Year 6 children who will run activities to keep children active when playing. Finally, we have bought additional resources to encourage engagement during time on the playground.

## Afterschool Club

So far, we have invested in resources to engage children in different activities.

As always, please do come and speak to Mrs Jones, Miss Guy, or your class teacher if you would like to discuss anything.

## School grounds

We have become increasingly aware of children using the school grounds out of school hours and inappropriately using equipment on site. Please be aware, due to insurance reasons, we cannot allow children on our school grounds out of school hours. The grounds can only be used by pre-booked groups or parties.

## Camping Weekend

**We still have places left for the FOCS Camping on 29th/30th June. Please sign up to this awesome outdoor extravaganza! If you need another copy of the letter, ask Grace/Sarah J or Reception for another copy.**

This event is always really popular; the kids have some brilliant outdoor fun and it's a chance for parents to relax and meet up socially.

Book your lovely canvas tent space (which will have been pitched for you). Airbeds are also available if required.

There will be an evening barbecue, kids pizza-making, games, fire pit, marshmallow tasting and a 'midnight' guided walk (at 9pm). The cost includes the setting up, so campers are able to avoid the struggle of putting up an unfamiliar tent!

Pitches cost £20 (includes BBQ and a bacon roll for breakfast, plus tea and coffee). Large tents are available for an additional £10 or £15, which includes comfy airbeds. Toilet and first-aid facilities on site, but unfortunately no dogs allowed, sorry.

Location: Moseley family field, opposite Storridge Church.

**Bookings and payment needed by Friday 21st June.**

### Rags to Riches

We will have a Rags to Riches collection of old clothes again next week. This is a really easy way for the school to raise money. If you have any unwanted clothes, towels, belts, handbags, bedding, soft toys or shoes, pop them in the bags you received this week in your children's home liaison books and return to school by 19th June. Bags need to be brought in before 9am.

### Summer Fair message from FOCS

We are currently trying to organise the Summer Fair. If you could offer a raffle prize please let Sarah Wilson or Reception know. Anything like pamper sessions, gift packs, glamping vouchers, haircuts, massages, and so on would be amazing.

We also need volunteers to help organise in advance, as well as help on the day of the Summer Fair with setting up, running a stall and packing everything away.

### Morgan Factory

On Monday, Class 4 started the week by going to the Morgan Motor Company for a factory tour. This visit helped us develop our understanding of local history and supported our DT project, as we discovered lots about designing and creating cars. We also avoided the rain and had a great picnic in Victoria Park.



### Lacrosse

On Monday, a coach from Malvern St James Girls' School came to teach lacrosse to Class 4. We learned the basic skills of holding the lacrosse stick, throwing and catching the balls. This was a great success and many children have requested lacrosse as a sport in school for next year.



### KS1 Synagogue trip

On Tuesday we went to Cheltenham to visit the Synagogue. We were shown lots of interesting features such as the Ark, the Bimah and the Prayer Plaques. Mrs Silverstone told us a story all about an apple tree and everyone helped act it out with props and sound effects. Next we thought of something we were thankful for and some people shared their ideas with the group. We also looked at the Yad which is used for reading the Torah and one of the children tried on a Tallit (prayer shawl). All in all, it was a very interesting visit and we are very grateful to Mrs Silverstone for taking the time to speak to us. We had hoped to visit Pittville Park for a picnic and to play on the equipment but unfortunately we had to come straight back to school due to the cold, wet weather. Well done to the children who were all very attentive and enthusiastic during the visit.



### Nursery

We started the week in Nursery with a visit from Millie from 'Pyjama Drama' who took our P.E. lesson and helped us do some great acting and singing all about our lovely new shoes! On Tuesday, we welcomed our younger friends to our stay-and-play session and our pre-schoolers went into Class 1 for a story as part of their transition. On Wednesday, Katrina helped the children to measure themselves and make growth charts as part of our 'Growing' topic. On Thursday, we used the interactive whiteboard and Lauren helped the children to do some

Crickweb activities all about baby and adult animals. We finished off the week with a rather damp visit to Forest School where Carol helped us to learn all about our senses and we used blindfolds to help us realise how much we rely on our eyes.



### Class 1

This week Reception have been busy preparing for their Big Write, whilst Year 1 have been concentrating on phonics in preparation for their Phonics Screening Checks. In Reception Maths we have been looking at time and 3D shapes, identifying solids with square faces. In Year 1 we have been bridging 10, a tricky concept, but we're getting there! In Science it was Year 1s turn to go down to Forest School to look for habitats and how animals camouflage and adapt to their habits. We found a newt which we took back to the pond. Year 1s enjoyed their Synagogue trip to Cheltenham on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we all braved the cold, miserable weather to play tennis with John, focussing on the need to be agile and change direction quickly - and always remembering to keep our eye on the ball! We have been busy making cards and writing messages ready for Sunday!

### Class 2

This week we have been practising for our Class Assembly which will take place next Wednesday. Please can everyone make sure they know their lines so we can rehearse without our scripts next week. We are looking forward to seeing parents for the performance and everyone is invited to come into class afterwards to look at children's books. We visited the Synagogue on Tuesday and were given a talk by Mrs Silverstone. The children all behaved very well and were a credit to the school.

### Class 3

Because of the almost constant rain this week, we decided to postpone Forest School and work on our art skills instead, looking at perspective and shading. There were some great sketches of railway lines disappearing away into the distance. The railway theme was revisited again in our diary writing, as the children imagined the events and feelings of WW2 evacuees. In Maths we have been studying time and the 24 hour clock system. Maths also crept into our topic work, as we studied the work of WW2 code breakers at Bletchley Park and tried cracking a few of our own!

#### Class 4

This week in Maths we have been comparing and ordering fractions with related denominators and investigating multiples and factors. In English, we have been planning the build-up for our own warning tales which will be based on the writing style of The Grimm Tales. In the afternoons we have researched our favourite world records for our 'Cool Stuff' topic and we will use these in the coming weeks to make our own Class 4 record book. In DT we have evaluated our car prototypes and redesigned our cars ready to make them next week. Finally, in Computing we have continued with our games project and designed our own chase games using Scratch.

#### Class 5

After our visit to the British Museum last Thursday, we have been writing feature articles this week, imagining ourselves as reporters interviewing British archaeologist Leonard Woolley after he excavated the royal tombs of Ur. In addition, we have begun our D&T project, also linked to one of the ancient artefacts unearthed by Woolley. We have kept our Maths skills ticking over as well with some brain teasing involving large numbers. All this whilst rehearsing hard for the play!

#### Stars of the Week

**Nursery** Jenson Fowles for showing an interest in the natural world  
James Mowbray for being independent in Nursery

**Class 1** Johnny Duncan for being proud and reflective in all areas of learning  
Jack Churchill for being reflective when thinking about Pentecost

**Class 2** Nelson Meager for being positive all week  
Chloe Bagnall for working independently in lessons

**Class 3** Preston Loader and Amber Thompson for being independent and responsible when organising the laptops

**Class 4** Sian Smith and Elsie Jackson for being independent and working co-operatively in their new class jobs  
William Malloy for being a super star in the Yr6 play rehearsals with a positive attitude

**Class 5** Chloe Norris for taking a risk and being courageous enough to sing so well into a microphone  
Oliver Burton for persistence and positivity in learning lines and choreography for the play

**Headteacher's Award** Stanley Bentley-Price for showing all learning behaviours and for never complaining

**Value of the Month** Honesty

"How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver." Proverbs 16:16

Chosen by Miss Guy

#### Dates for the Future

**JUNE** Wisdom

**Tuesday**  
18<sup>th</sup> Bellboating Class 4/5

**Wednesday**  
19<sup>th</sup> Class 2 Collective Worship  
8:55am Parents Welcome

19<sup>th</sup> Rounders Tournament

**Thursday**  
20<sup>th</sup> JMHS Yr 6 Information Evening 6:30-8:00pm

**Friday**  
21<sup>st</sup> Girls Cricket @ Ledbury Primary

**Tuesday**  
25<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 Crucial Crew  
Class 2 trip to Clive's Fruit Farm

**Wednesday**  
26<sup>th</sup> KS2 Lifepath

**Thursday**  
27<sup>th</sup> KS2 Bellboating Regatta

**Friday**  
28<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Taster Day @ JMHS  
ASC Film Night - Diary of a Wimpy Kid 4

**Saturday**  
29<sup>th</sup> FOCS Family Camping Weekend

**Sunday**  
30<sup>th</sup> FOCS Family Camping Weekend

#### **JULY** Creation

**Wednesday**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Herefordshire School Games

**Friday**  
5<sup>th</sup> Clubs finish  
Dress Rehearsal

**Monday**  
8<sup>th</sup> KS2 Play to School

**Tuesday**  
9<sup>th</sup> KS2 Play 6pm

**Wednesday**  
10<sup>th</sup> Janden Sports Trophy @ JMHS  
KS2 Play 6pm

**Thursday**  
11<sup>th</sup> Nursery Leavers' Service  
Year 6 Fun Day

**Friday**  
12<sup>th</sup> School Summer Fair

**Tuesday**  
16<sup>th</sup> Whole School Walk

**Wednesday**  
17<sup>th</sup> Leavers Rounders and BBQ

**Thursday**  
18<sup>th</sup> Term Ends

**Friday**  
19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day