



SPRING TERM

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School Newsletter

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH	
Wed 8	Class 2 Welcome Wednesday
Wed 8	Yr 5 Maths Challenge @ Lucton School
Thurs 9	Girls Football Tournament @ HFA
Thurs 9	Y4 Maths Challenge @ Lucton School
Fri 10	Classes 3 & 4 to Malvern Hills - pick up at British Camp @ 3.30pm please.
Mon 13	Y5 to Dysons for Music Workshop
Wed 15	Class 4 Welcome Wednesday
Thurs 16	Football @ Ledbury Primary 3.30pm
Wed 22	Class 5 Welcome Wednesday
Thurs 23	County Boys Football @ HFA
Tues 28	Easter Service 9am
Thurs 30	Netball @ Ashperton 3.30pm
Fri 31	Term Ends School Closes 1pm.
APRIL	
Tues 18	Back to School

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing first week back we have had. Big Write Week started on Monday with a lot of very wet books and some very strange animals around school. We have been set reading challenges and listened to bedtime stories. We have shared our favourite books, read with a buddy and dropped everything and read at the sound of the old school bell. Thank you to Gary and Mr Robertson who came to be good male role models reading to children. This week we have all been working on the same book for our English and look forward to seeing some of the finished writing projects later today. Today Key Stage 2 have been to a Michael Rosen workshop in Malvern. We were lucky to secure tickets as they put on an extra performance for us to attend. On Wednesday I had the pleasure of accompanying 11 children to the Moving Targets Dance Festival. They were amazing and showed such courage dancing on the main stage at the Courtyard Theatre.

Our School Motto is Enriching Lives! This week we have taken children on a literary and creative journey, giving them some wonderful experiences and opportunities. This really does take us some way to fulfilling our vision to allow children to be amazing and to shine in all the things God created them to do and be.

Have a great weekend everyone.

God bless,

Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

HUMILITY

'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.'

Ephesians 4:2

Attendance



Well done to Class 3 who have had 95.77% attendance this week! They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next week. Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.45am are counted as late and arrivals after 8.55am once registers close count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.**

Class 1 – 86.67% Whole school – 91.31%

Class 2 – 90.0%

Class 3 – 95.77%

Class 4 – 87.06%

Class 5 – 94.76%



Teeny Tots Toddler Group



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



Please come and join us, we'd love to see you!



Easter Service - Change of Date

The Easter Service will now be held on Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 9.00am at Cradley Church. Rectory Lane is being resurfaced later in the week.

Panto Success



Well done to Naomi, Ebony, Ava, Ruby, Sophia and Mya for their amazing performances in the Beauty and the Beast pantomime.



STARS OF THE WEEK



NURSERY	Charlie for being a superstar and growing in independence this week. Harriet for her excellent phonics work during circle time.
CLASS 1	John-Paul for persevering with his zip, which he can now do independently. Ben for constantly putting his hand up in class when wanting to talk about the subject, and being so helpful.
CLASS 2	James for wonderful independent writing about Florence Nightingale. Kenny for working so hard on his time problems.
CLASS 3	Johnny for his conscientious attitude towards learning. Rowan for always being friendly and growing in confidence.
CLASS 4	Ruby for showing great independence and giving it a go before asking for help. Mya for working co-operatively and taking the lead in PE.
CLASS 5	Ebony for great effort, enthusiasm and contribution in Maths. Delilah for shining like a star in the dance festival.
HEAD TEACHER AWARD	Artem for being such a good friend to others in Holiday Club, showing kindness and care. Ava, Ebony, Ruby, Naomi, Sophia and Mya for being such super stars in the Pantomime, doing themselves and the school proud.





NURSERY NEWS



Welcome back to the second half of our Spring Term, we are looking forward to the nice weather that is hopefully approaching and being able to spend more time playing outside. We have started our topic of around the world, in Europe this week, as well as celebrating St David's Day.

On Monday, the children celebrated Pancake day in PE with Lauren and they all took part in some pancake style races based upon the story, 'The Runaway Pancake.' The children all enjoyed a scotch pancake with their own choice of topping for their mid-morning snack. Outside, some of the children have been busy planting flowers with Brooke in our raised flower bed - we look forward to taking care of them and watching them grow.

This week, as part of World Book Day, nursery have joined school in looking at the book 'The Bookshop Cat' and on Tuesday, Katrina started to create a display with the children that was shared in an assembly today. All of the children have been involved throughout the week, in cutting, sticking and gluing the different coloured pieces into place.

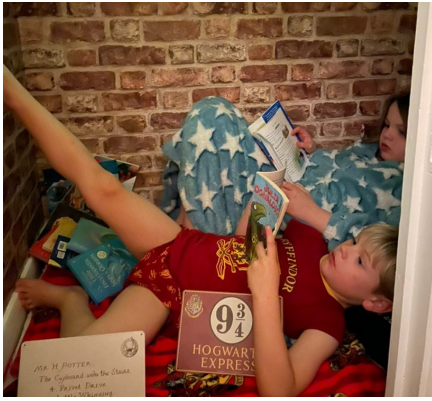
Wednesday, we celebrated St David's Day by learning how to say 'Good Morning' in Welsh, building dragons using red building blocks and had an enjoyable morning snack of Welsh Cakes. Kelley also looked closely at daffodils with the children, talking about the flower, petals and the stem, before giving them the opportunity to have a go at painting their very own daffodil.

On Thursday, Lauren continued with the theme of daffodils and the children all got to plant a daffodil bulb. Whilst planting, they talked about the things a bulb would need to grow and how it changes into a flower. Whilst outside, the other children were using coloured shapes to create their own flowers and had great fun looking at the differences between wet and dry sand, as they attempted to build sandcastles.

Friday is still our 'Friday Funtime snack' with Donna and today the children have been sampling some European delights....it is also our cooking day and Katrina has 'visited' Italy, where the children have helped to make their very own spaghetti bolognese.....'Ciao Bella'.

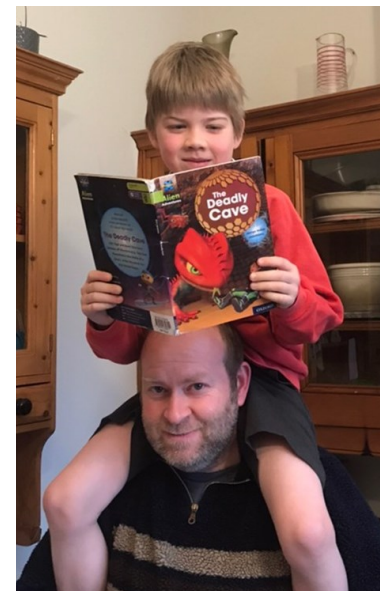


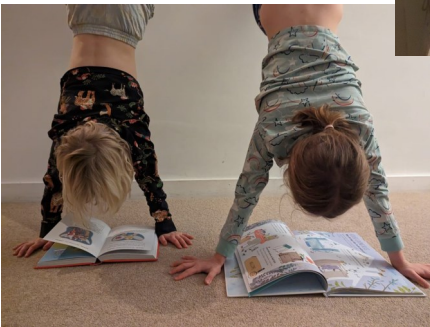
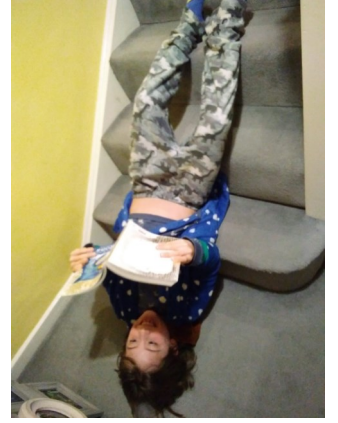
World Book Week



This World Book Week started with a strange washing line across the playground with books hanging from it and children dressed as animals. Through the week the whole school read, "The Bookshop Cat" by Cindy Wume. Each class created a piece of work and shared their work in Collective Worship this morning. We have been sharing our love of reading with different challenges for at home.

We also had some volunteers come in and read with the children. We have read in our house groups and "dropped everything and read" when we heard a bell in school. We have finished off each day with a bedtime story read by a different teacher each time - we hope you have enjoyed them.







KS2 had a fantastic trip this morning to Malvern Cube to see Michael Rosen - he is so talented, the children all really enjoyed it.



Forest School with Class 4

Class 4 had a fantastic time in Forest School with Mrs Gleaves this week. The challenge was to build a den which would keep them dry if it rained (or if Mrs. Gleaves threw a bucket of water over them!). We are happy to report that all groups were successful!



Moving Targets Dance Festival

Well done to our amazing dancers who took part in the Moving Targets Dance Festival at The Courtyard Theatre in Hereford yesterday. They were all so brave and absolutely smashed it!



Friends of Cradley School

NEWS

SECRETARY - Annie is leaving! After more years involved with primary school than she'd like to admit, Annie's youngest graduates to high school this year.

So far myself, Lucy and Liz have been doing a soft takeover. But we need someone to officially be Secretary from September.

We do not expect this person to jump in at the deep end - dip your toes in, take on one responsibility at a time. Perhaps a team?

It's not a huge job. It probably sounds worse than it is if you don't know what to expect. Any queries... please ask!

Thank you to all those who attended the FoCS meeting last night. Following that meeting we can confirm there will be the usual easter colouring competition coming home soon and sweets in a jar too.

Thank you for all of your support,

Kirstie, Lucy and all of the FoCS Team

GET INVOLVED - VOLUNTEER!



LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE???

1st Cradley Scout Group is a thriving group with Beaver and Cubs sections running for boys and girls aged 6-10 from the village of Cradley and the surrounding areas.

We need leaders urgently to enable our Cub Group to continue running.

Volunteering with children is fun and high rewarding. As a leader you will help to facilitate an exciting program of activities.

You will be offered free training, at your own convenience, alongside the support of the current leaders and volunteers.

If you're interested, then please contact our Facebook page or email katypitt@outlook.com for further information

Opportunities include....

- Making new friends and meeting new people
- Trying new things and challenging yourself
- Getting outdoors and getting stuck in
- Positively impacting your local community
- Creating vital opportunities for young people
- Having FUN!

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