



**SPRING TERM**  
**4 February 2022**

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# School Newsletter

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY	
Tues 8	Special Collective Worship (certificates and awards from out of school activities to be brought in please)
Tues 8	KS2 Boys Football @ JMHS
Fri 11	'Dress to Express' Day
Tues 15	Parents Evening
Wed 16	Parents Evening
Fri 18	3pm Marshmallow Friday
Fri 18	3pm Half-Term
Mon 28	Back to School
MARCH	
Thurs 3	World Book Day
Thurs 3	R & Y6 Height/Weight Measurements

## VALUE OF THE MONTH LOVE

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.*

**Matthew 22**

## Message from Mrs Jones

Dear Parents,

Each week brings it's own challenges in schools across the country. Covid feels as if it has taken over our very being but this is actually not the case here at Cradley. So many positive things are happening and we have so much to look forward to. This week we have managed some sporting activities with Years 3/4 girls playing in a football tournament and Years 5/6 having the opportunity to attend a Hockey Skills Workshop and Tournament at MSJ.

This weekend marks the 70th anniversary of the death of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth's ascension to the throne. With this in mind we are beginning preparations for a bumper Summer of Royal and Commonwealth Activities. We have been asked to form an integral part of the Village Celebrations on June 4th and are making plans and discussing ideas about how we can get involved.

Next week is Childrens Mental Health Week and we will be taking part in some activities around the theme Growing Together. Please see the information further on in this newsletter.

It was lovely to welcome parents into school to share Class 2's Collective Worship and for children to share their books. We will be holding face to face Parents Evening appointments week beginning 14th February and we will send a link to book an appointment on Monday.

We have some exciting opportunities for you or anyone you know to join our team. If you are interested in SEN Support, Teaching Assistant, After-school Club Assistant or Lunchtime Superintendent please look at the school website for further information. We are very sad to let you know that Mrs Smith will be leaving us after half term as she has secured a position at a School in Malvern that suits the needs of her family and was too good an opportunity to turn down. We will be very sad to see her go and are also advertising for a School Business Manager to replace her.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone,

God Bless

Mrs Jones

## Attendance



Well done to Class 4 who have had 96.48% 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 – 86.3%      Whole school – 89.01%**

**Class 2 – 94.59%**

**Class 3 – 83.0%**

**Class 4 – 96.48%**

**Class 5 – 79.41%**



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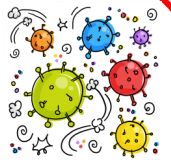
# We are recruiting!

Would you like to join the team here at Cradley?  
Due to an increase in pupil numbers, we are currently recruiting for the following roles within our lovely school:

- Children's Superintendent
- Teaching Assistant SEN Level 2 (15 hours a week)
- Teaching Assistant SEN Level 2 (25 hours a week)
- School Business Manager
- After-school Club Assistant

Please see [www.cradleyschool.org/vacancies](http://www.cradleyschool.org/vacancies) for all of the details.

## COVID Update



As you are all aware COVID is still very much with us. With this in mind please remain vigilant and if your child has any of the following symptoms please keep them at home and arrange a PCR test for them:

A new continuous cough, a high temperature, a change or loss of smell/taste, headache, cold symptoms, tummy ache, runny nose, vomiting or diarrhoea.

If anyone in your household tests positive then your child can come to school as long as they have a negative LFT each morning.

To help us all stay safe, please could all adults in the home carry out Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly.

We send our well wishes to those who are at home, and look forward to seeing everyone back in school soon.

Thanks for your support.



## Jubilee Bank Holiday

This year we have an extra bank holiday on Monday 2 June to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. As this is in half term it has been agreed that we are taking it on Friday 22nd July. This means the **last day of term will be Wednesday 20th July** (Thursday 21st July is an INSET day).



Friends of Cradley School

## NEWS

While we are waiting for the current covid situation to subside, we are thinking about making plans for future events.

If you have any unwanted or duplicate Christmas gifts that you're probably never going to use, and you'd like to donate, please do bring them in to the school office. Many thanks to a couple of families who have already had a good sort out.

We're really pleased to let you know that Marshmallow Friday, postponed from last term, is going to be on Friday 18th February at 3pm. If anyone would like to help with this event; setting up, serving up, making treats etc please let school or a member of FOCS know.

We are also planning to hold a FOCS meeting, on zoom, very shortly. If you are interested in what goes on, please do come along. Everyone is welcome, mums, dads, grandparents, carers, and we are always very happy to see new volunteers. This really helps share the load, and we are a friendly bunch! Please let school or FOCS know if you are interested.

In the meantime, please support us with our ongoing fundraisers, via easyfundraising, and school lottery. If family or friends would like to make a financial donation, we can arrange that for you - cash, cheque or bank transfer accepted.

Really looking forward to being able to hold some fun fundraising events very soon!

Warm regards,

Kitty, Emma and Annie and all members of FoCS

Please take part in Easyfundraising - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcradleyschool>

And School Lottery <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/cradley-ce-primary-school>



## 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.



## Clubs

A reminder of the clubs timetable for this term.



Club	Day/Time	Years	Member of Staff
<b>Cross Country</b>	Monday Lunchtime	Yrs 4-6	Ms George
<b>Book Club</b>	Monday 3-4pm	Yrs 4-6	Miss Guy
<b>Little Fishes: Bible Based Stories and Craft</b>	Monday 3-4pm	Reception	Mrs Jones
<b>KS1 Football</b>	Monday 3-4pm	Yrs 1-2	Ms Gleaves
<b>KS2 Boys Football</b>	Tuesday 3-4pm	Yrs 3-6 (max 30)	Kyle (Coach) & Miss Evans
<b>Gardening</b>	Tuesday 3-4pm (SECOND HALF-TERM ONLY)	Yrs 3-6	Ms George
<b>Languages</b>	Tuesday 3-4pm	Yrs 1-2	Miss Grizzell
<b>Digital Leaders</b>	Wednesday Lunchtime	Yrs 1-2	Miss Guy
<b>Netball</b>	Wednesday 3-4pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Creek
<b>Board Games</b>	Wednesday 3-4pm	Yrs 4-6 (max 12)	Mr Hurley
<b>Choir</b>	Thursday Lunchtime	Yrs 3-6	Miss Tuckwood
<b>KS2 Girls Football</b>	Thursday 3-4pm	Yrs 3-6	Miss Creek





# STARS OF THE WEEK



<b>NURSERY</b>	Penny for a brilliant first week in Nursery. John-Paul for a brilliant first week in Nursery.
<b>CLASS 1</b>	Felix for working really hard in science. Haydn for his positive attitude in maths.
<b>CLASS 2</b>	Evie for stepping in so beautifully to take someone's place at the last minute during our Collective Worship. Hugo for persistence with his reading fluency.
<b>CLASS 3</b>	Kiarra for always having her hand up and getting involved in lessons. Patrick for persisting with his handwriting.
<b>CLASS 4</b>	Jay for always trying to impress with his work and behaviour in class. Joseph for his positive attitude to learning and even doing extra at home!
<b>CLASS 5</b>	Tommy for attention to detail and persistence in art. Skyla for taking pride in her sketching homework.
<b>HEADTEACHER'S AWARD</b>	Toby R for noticing litter on the way to Nursery and asking to collect it up. Naomi for organising a cake sale to raise money for a Save The Rainforest charity.





# NURSERY NEWS



We started our week with PE in the hall with Lauren. The children were all penguins and had lots of fun waddling around the hall! There were 'icebergs' in the hall and every time the music stopped, the children had to find an iceberg. However, each iceberg could only fit three penguins on it! They worked really hard to problem solve and showed a great understanding of one more and one less.

Tuesday was Chinese New Year and the children welcomed their friends from Class One to celebrate. The children enjoyed some Chinese food and got creative with some Chinese crafts.

On Wednesday the children did a science experiment with Kelley. They created their own wind by using straws and a hairdryer. They experimented to see which toys were the easiest to blow over.

On Thursday the children made some bird feeders with Lauren. They enjoyed going outside to find the perfect spot to place their bird feeder. We're looking forward to watching out for new birds in our garden over the coming days.

We finished our week by decorating biscuits with Katrina. The children picked their own coloured icing and toppings.

# Hockey Skills On Show at MSJ



Our Years 5 & 6 Hockey Team spent a very enjoyable afternoon at Malvern St James school this week.

They took part in a Hockey Skills Workshop.

They then took part in a Tournament with the other primary schools who were participating.

Well done to all of the players - you were amazing!

Thanks to Miss Evans too for accompanying the team.



# Great Teamwork Shown by our Talented Girl Footballers



What a great tournament of football on Thursday at Hereford FA. All of the girls played brilliantly. We lost our first two games but we won our third game—it was sealed with a lovely goal from Beth and then Charlotte saving a penalty!

Well done girls!

And a big 'Thank You' to Ms Creek for accompanying and coaching the team there.

# GROWING TOGETHER

Children's Mental Health Week  
7 - 13 February 2022



This year's 'Mental Health Week' theme is 'Growing Together'. As always, we'll be highlighting the importance of promoting good mental health and wellbeing with all our children. Through a series of activities over the week, we'll also be raising awareness of the ways the children can support each other as we learn and grow together.

It's important that the children share their successes and achievements with those around them so that they feel appreciated and supported by their peers. If children have any certificates or awards from activities they do out of school please bring them in to share in a special Collective Worship on Tuesday morning.



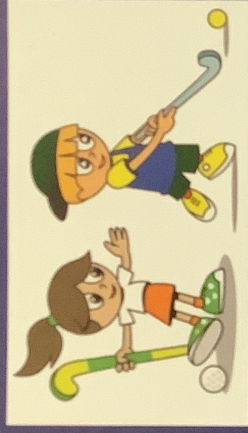
We will be doing a range of activities throughout the week including wake and shake, planting seeds, mindfulness colouring and activities to help children know who they can go to for support.



At the end of the week, they will be able to take part in a 'Dress to Express Day'. On Friday 11th February they will be able to wear what they like to express themselves or their feelings! This could be a favourite colour, their comfiest pyjamas, a football strip, or even a fancy dress costume! As long as they're comfortable, they can express themselves

# Malvern Junior Hockey Academy

Every Sunday\* from 1.30-2.30pm @ MSJ Sports & Fitness Centre Astro-Turf, 33 Barnards Green Road, WR14 3LH.



Providing boys and girls aged 5-11 with an opportunity to get active, develop their hockey skills and enjoy the game.

We strive to develop skilful and creative hockey players, develop decision-making and game understanding.

£20.00 Annual  
Registration Fee  
£5.50 per player  
per session

Throughout  
January and  
February 2019  
training sessions  
take place in the  
indoor Sportshall  
at MSJ.

Shin pads and a gum shield are essential, sticks can be borrowed.

## Session Timetable

Group	Age	Time
Colts	5-8	1.30-2.30pm
Juniors	8-11	1.30-2.30pm

\* Every Sunday (Excluding School Holidays)

For more information contact Ben Robertshaw  
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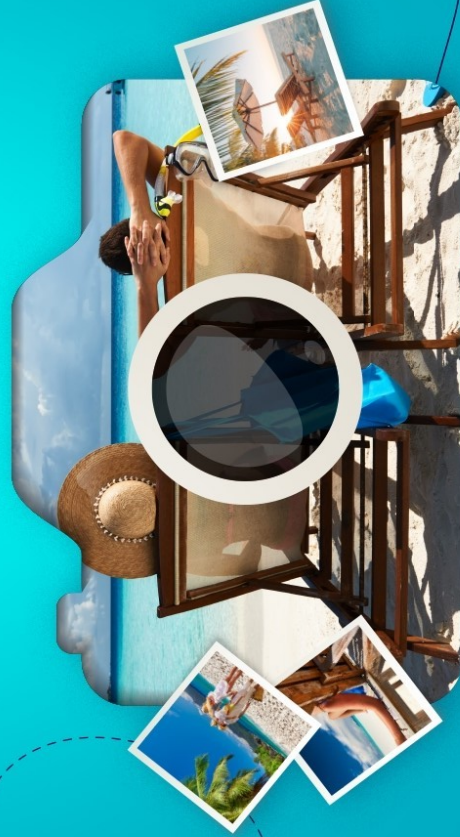


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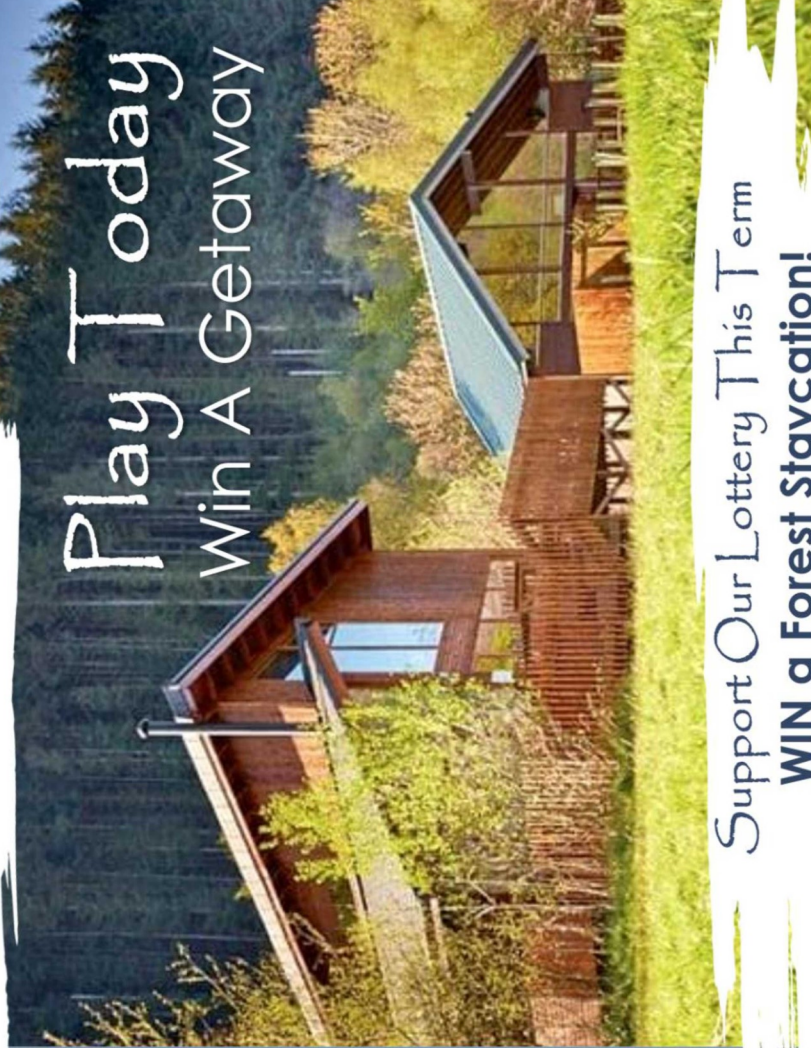
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