



SPRING TERM

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School Newsletter

SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY	
Tues 14	3.30pm Parents Evening
Wed 15	5.30pm Parents Evening
Fri 17	3pm Cake Sale
Fri 17	Half-term Break
Mon 27	Back to School
Mon 27	Clubs Start
MARCH	
Wed 1	Class 4 Welcome Wednesday
Wed 8	Class 2 Collective Worship
Mon 13	Y5 to Dysons for Music Workshop
Wed 22	Class 5 Welcome Wednesday
Thurs 30	Easter Service
Fri 31	Term Ends School Closes 1pm.

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

This week we took part in Children's Mental Health Week. We dressed to express on Monday. We talked about how kindness can colour our world, by sharing acts of kindness in our day and the importance of connecting with others in Collective Worship. We danced in the sunshine at lunchtime and played on the field. All of these things help us to think about the importance of our mental health and well-being.

Parking at pick up continues to be a problem and we are very concerned about the safety of our children. We have been in touch with the local member of parliament about this issue who is going to look into this for us. In the meantime, we will be carrying out a feasibility study to see what can be done. This will be a very costly project and we don't have the amount of money we suspect will be needed in the school budget. So, we urge you to park safely and when moving around in the area of the school gate you are extra vigilant of children, turning vehicles and cars coming in and out of the staff carpark.

Tonight is the FoCS disco. We have some very excited children! Thank you to Lucy, Kirsty and the team for organising this, providing a social gathering for all school families and hopefully to make some money to be spent directly on your children.

Have a great weekend,

God bless,

Mrs Jones

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

Attendance



Well done to Classes 2 and 3 who have had 99.23% 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 – 88.1% Whole school – 95.78%

Class 2 – 99.23%

Class 3 – 99.23%

Class 4 – 93.53%

Class 5 – 98.57%



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!



Clubs

Next week is the last week of the current clubs. We hope your children have enjoyed them.

A new programme for after half-term will be available to book - details will follow next week.

School Council News

On Friday 17th February we will be holding a Cake Sale and Chocolate Tombola at 3pm on the playground in aid of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

All donations are very welcome!

Please can chocolate donations be in by Wednesday, and cake donations on the day of the sale.



Thank you!



STARS OF THE WEEK



NURSERY	Ariya for settling in to nursery like a superstar. Billy-Joe for being amazing during Katrina's activity. Stanley for showing us his brilliant rhyming skills during circle time.
CLASS 1	Nazar for independent writing in literacy and using phonics knowledge well. Billy for working independently in maths activities and helping others.
CLASS 2	Joel for independent super factual writing about barn owls. Dominic for really expressive reading.
CLASS 3	Sophie for taking pride in her sketching. Jake for taking pride in his English work.
CLASS 4	Naomi for helping and supporting others in a different environment. Charlotte for showing determination and overcoming challenges.
CLASS 5	Amber for pushing herself in swimming Delilah for always being enthusiastic in lessons and sharing her cultures and experience from other parts of the world.
HEAD TEACHER AWARD	Stan for his kindness and inclusiveness at after-school club. Keerah for her helpfulness and kindness at lunchtime.





NURSERY NEWS



The start of the week was very cold and icy and the nursery children kept warm with an under the sea PE session. Using ribbons, they curled, stretched and danced around to 'Baby Shark before forming a line and marching along to 'Yellow Submarine.' In the afternoon, we all went outside, where some of the children set up a pretend picnic, whilst the others made a building site with wooden blocks and diggers.

On Tuesday, Kelley looked at jellyfish with the children. Together we chatted about what they looked like, how they moved and how they were different to other fish. They then used their new knowledge to help them create a paper plate jellyfish, with tentacles! After lunch, we all headed off to Birmingham, for a virtual visit to the Sealife Centre. We saw starfish, rays, sharks and even some very funny penguins. Then before returning to nursery, we pretended to visit the gift shop to buy a sea life toy. Lauren shared pictures of sea life creatures with the children and got them thinking about comparing, estimating and using words such as more and less - skills that become very useful when learning more about maths.

Katrina played a pirate matching game with the children on Thursday. Using their very own telescopes, they had to look and search for the matching pairs, in order to win some treasure....Then in the afternoon, they took their telescopes out onto the playground to see what they could see.

Today, Donna has made Baby Sharks with the children for their Friday Fun Snack and Kelley has been busy making fish fingers in the kitchen with small groups, during cooking.



Class 3 Welcome Wednesday



Thank you so much to all of the Class 3 Parents and Grandparents who came in to the classroom for Welcome Wednesday. The children loved sharing their work with you!



Class 3



Class 3 have been experimenting with different gradients of pencils to refine their sketching skills in Art this week. They all did so well and their finished pieces looked very professional!



Climbing for Confidence

These children had a fantastic trip to Green Spider Climbing in Hereford yesterday to take part in a Climbing for Confidence Session - they all pushed themselves and we are very proud of them!




We have some exciting Easter events planned - more details to follow.

We are in need of a Secretary to assist us at FoCS - it's not a lot of work but if you are able to spare some time to help we'd really appreciate it! Please contact the school office or speak to a member of FoCS if you'd like more information.

If you shop online, we'd really appreciate your help at no extra cost to you...

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


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Lucy, Kirsty and all of the FoCS Team

Breakfast Club Bookings

Please ensure you book the day before by 7.00pm if you require Breakfast Club the following morning - we can not guarantee that we will have space for your child if you don't as staffing numbers are finalised the day before.



Holiday Club Bookings

If you require Holiday Club at half-term please book asap so that we can confirm numbers and staffing.

Thank you.

Half-term
20-22 February 2023

Holiday Club

At Cradley CE Primary School
WR13 5NG

Booking is
now open!

Session Times & Costs

9am - 1pm	£16
9am - 3pm	£23
8am - 5pm	£28

Under The Sea

- * Crafts
- * Cooking
- * Science Experiments
- * PE Activities
- * Village Walks
- * Gardening

Breakfast (8am-5pm session) and healthy snacks are provided.

Children must bring their own packed lunch.

For more information please email
admin@cradley.hereford.sch.uk
FAO Lauren

To book, log on to School Money - <https://eduspot.co.uk>

Booking and payment must be made in advance

A FAMILY PANTOMIME



Tale as Old
as Time

Beauty and the Beast

by Brian Luff

Thursday, Friday 23 & 24 at 7.30 pm
and Saturday 25 February at 2.30 pm
at Cradley School Hall

TICKETS

Adult: £8 Child U12 £4

from The Village Stores, Bosbury Road, Cradley
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Beauty and the Beast

by Brian Luff

It's five years since our last big production but The Cradley Village Players are back with a Family Pantomime suitable for all ages!

We have a contingent of fairies and moles from Cradley School who are all busy learning dance steps and songs. We have a Dame with the most outrageous costumes who has a sheep for a friend. The ugly sisters too (yes, I know wrong panto) and their boyfriends also appear. No panto is complete without a Wicked Fairy and a Good Fairy who slug it out for the causes of Good and Evil. Despite all this, our heroine, Beauty and our hero, the Beast can't help falling in love.

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Tale as Old as Time

Beauty and the Beast is at Cradley School from Thursday 23rd to Saturday 25th February 2023 and we think it will be a cracker.

Written by Brian Luff - an award-winning author and film-maker who co-wrote the cult Channel 4 comedy series Pets - the show is directed by CVP newcomer Jane MacFarlane. Born in Hereford, Jane has moved to Cradley after a varied career as a singer and actor and as a director of professional and amateur shows with an emphasis on music.

We're excited to be staging Beauty and the Beast in partnership with Cradley School as six talented children join new and familiar faces on stage as a contingent of fairies and moles.

Lucy Harding is the heroine Beauty and Jane MacFarlane the Beast (aka Leopold the prince). Tom Van Vuren plays Dame Peekaboo - a cook with outrageous costumes and a sheep (Pam Moss) for a friend.

Jill Salmons and Cressida Dunnett are Beauty's ugly(ish) sisters and every panto needs wicked and good fairies (Judi Creed-Newton and Poppy Stanley) to slug it out in the cause of good and evil. Beauty's father Tom Goodenough is played by James Sommerville; hapless aristocrats Bertie Piddle-Hinton and Aubrey Huffington are Russ Shalofsky and David Creed-Newton while Meg Monk plays Bernard, the Beast's Butler, Sandra Dudley is Mrs Pickles, his servant, and Gracie Creed-Newton his housekeeper Chives.

With expert support from music director Wynne Harries, the cast are rehearsing lots of familiar songs including Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, You Can't Stop the Beat, I am a Mole and I live in a Hole, Bring me Sunshine and It's a Kind of Magic.

Beauty and the Beast is at Cradley CE Primary School [WR13 5LL] on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th February 2013 at 7.30 pm with a matinee performance especially for younger families at 2.30 pm on Saturday 25th February.

Adult tickets cost £8.00 and those for children aged 12 and under £4.00 and can be bought from Cradley Village Stores on the Bosbury Road using cash or cheques or online from Cradleyvillageplayers.com.

The Cradley Panto is back: oh yes it is!

David Robertson

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