## AUTUMN TERM

SCHOOL CALENDAR

| NOVEMBER |  |
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| Mon 13 | Odd Sock Day for Anti- <br> bullying Week |
| Fri 17 | Children In Need-wear <br> spots |
| Mon 20 | Y3,4 \& 5 to Bishop's <br> Wood |
| Wed 22 | Class 1 Welcome <br> Wednesday |
| Wed 22 | Phonics Evening for Class <br> 1 Parents |
| Thu 23 | Y3 \& 4 Big Sing MSJ pm |
| DECEMBER | Class 4 welcome <br> Wednesday |
| Wed 6 | Nativity |
| Tue 12 - Wed |  |
| 13 | Christmas Lunch |
| Tue 19 | Nursery to Santa Safari |
| Wed 20 | Whole school to Hereford <br> Panto |
| Wed 20 |  |

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

 COURAGE
## Message from the Head Teacher

## Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you all had a restful half-term and enjoyed time with family or a trip away. We have begun a very busy half-term for which we have planned some amazing experiences for our children.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and we will be focusing on making a noise to stand up against bullying. We will begin on Monday with an Odd Socks Day. Children will wear school uniform but can wear any odd socks, the brighter the better. This is to remind us that we are all different and unique and have different needs and qualities.

On Friday we will join in with the BBC Children In Need fundraising event by wearing something spotty and the School Council have chosen to bring a bear to school. There is a $£ 1$ donation for this day.

The Year 6 children have completed their Bikeability training this week which means they all know how to be safer when riding bikes on the road. Well done to everyone for your achievements this week.

Have a lovely weekend,
God bless,
Mrs Jones

## NEWS

Friends of Cradley School
FoCS has lots of wonderful events planned this term! We'll have dates out soon (via the newsletter and on the notice board outside school). We have The Village Fair, hot drinks and mince pies at the Carol Concert, The Famous Cradley Pop Up Shop (the children get the chance to buy their grown ups Christmas presents), a Father Christmas visit at the Christmas lunch and The Christmas Hamper Raffle! We're busy little elves behind the scenes and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation, kindness and support with all of these events! Watch this space for confirmation of dates for your diary...

Early festive wishes
Lucy, Kirstie, Cass and the rest of The FoCS team.

## Phonics Evening

On Wednesday 22nd November there will be a Phonics Evening for the parents with children in Class 1. This will begin at 6 pm and last for no more than 45 minutes. While parents attend the phonics evening there will be Story Time evening for all of the Class 1 children. They can wear their pyjamas and dressing gowns and bring a teddy. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided and stories read. We really hope you will be joining us. Please send a message on Tapestry to confirm your attendance.

Thank you,
Miss Grizzell

## Attendance

Well done to Class 4 who have had $98.99 \%$ attendance this week! They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next week. Please can we
 remind parents that arrivals after 8.45 am are counted as late and arrivals after 8.55 am once registers close count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.

Class 1 - 84.05\% Whole school - 88.92\%
Class 2 - 87.00\%
Class 3-89.50\%
Class 4-98.99\%
Class 5 -83.59\%

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Every school day counts!
There are 175 NON school days every year!
Perfect for family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments!


We'll be wearing odd socks with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their patrons, Andy and the Odd Socks, on Monday $13^{\text {th }}$ November for Odd Socks Day. Will you?
\#AntiBullyingWeek \#OddSocksDay


## Children In Need

Children In Need is on Friday 17th November.

We will be fundraising by wearing spots and bringing a teddy bear in to school.

Suggested donation is $£ 1$.
Thanks for your support!

## Parking

Reminder to Parents and Carers:
Please do not park in the staff car park or entrance at any time of the day. Children should not be allowed to play in the car park or walk across it-it is unsafe.

Thank you for your help in keeping your children safe.


# STORRIDGE, CRADLEY \& MATHON TEENY TOTS PLAY GROUP 



Teeny tots stay and play group are looking for a volunteer!

Would you like to volunteer in your local community?

Do you like working with young children?

We are looking for someone to help us make tea and toast during our sessions on a flexible rota system, from 10:30-12 every other Thursday, during school term time (approximately 20 sessions a year).

We are a well-established toddler group and have been running for many years. We've recently moved to the Scout Hut in the heart of Cradley.

If you are free and keen to volunteer yourself, please contact Rachel on 07790890183.

## WEEKLY AWARDS

## NURSERY

Friendship Award
Stars of the Week

Harrison
Charlie for his brilliant listening skills at circle time and being a role model to others.

Leo for joining in and helping to count his friends at circle time.

| CLASS 1 |
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| Friendship Award |
| Stars of the Week |

## CLASS 2

Friendship Award Stars of the Week

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| CLASS 3 |
| Friendship Award |
| Stars of the Week |

CLASS 4

Friendship Award Stars of the Week

## Summer

Neve for excellent history work.
Zach for fantastic diary writing.

CLASS 5
Friendship Award Stars of the Week

Ruby

Bethany
Elena for a beautiful reflective poem in English.
Jenson for use of great vocabulary in English.

Mya for taking a risk and being courageous in Bikeability.
Toby for always being polite to all.

## HEAD TEACHER

 AWARDHarry Me for showing courage and resilience during Bikeability training.

Lottie
Hugo for trying his best in Maths and recognising coins whilst looking at money.

Isaac for exceptional subject knowledge about the Great Fire Of London.

Jens for use of great vocablary in English. Skyla for being so brave and showing resilience while dealing with some medical issues.

## NURSERY NEWS



Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term, where the nursery children will be looking at 'marvelous machines' in the run up to the Christmas season. We started the week off with a Bonfire night themed PE session with Lauren. The children got to dance around the darkened hall with colorful ribbons and streamers, making circles and shapes with their bodies as they recreated the actions of the firework displays that were playing on the large screen.

On Tuesday, Lauren took the children up into the kitchen to look at some of the 'marvelous machines' that we can use to help us cook and keep food warm. Whilst in the kitchen, the children got to experience the cooker and the microwave in action, as they helped Lauren cook some sausages for their morning snack. Back in nursery, the children were all very excited to taste the yummy hot dogs they had just helped to make and spent snack time chatting about what they could cook next.
'What can we use to take a photograph?' was the question Katrina asked the children on Wednesday. After a circle time chat about the different ways we can take a picture and the different things we can use, the children got to have a go themselves. Using the IPads, each of the children were supported to take their own photographs in and around nursery, before sharing them with their friends. Our story this week has been 'The Gruffalo' and on Thursday, Kelley looked at how well the children could remember the story. Using pictures from the book, the children worked together to tell me what happened at the start, middle and end of the story. They also did a great job of filling in the words that had been purposefully left out.
During this half term, the nursery children will be spending their Friday morning's 'cooking.' Today, Lauren has been helping the children to create a poppy style biscuit, using red and black icing. They have also watched a video clip about 'Remembrance Day' and talked about what it means.

## Class 3 Welcome Wednesday

What a brilliant Collective Worship we had this week by Class 3 - well done to all of you! And thank you parents and grandparents for coming in to share it with us. We hope you enjoyed it.


## Class 3 Forest School



The Anglo-Saxon flapjacks were quite a success, with around half the children asking for seconds! Did you know, the Anglo-Saxons had no sugar, so they used honey to sweeten their food?
The children also had lots of fun in the mud and up trees!



