



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 14th September 2018



KS2 SATs results

Although results are not yet published, we are delighted to say we have achieved our best-ever SATs results this year. 93% of children achieved the required standard in all three areas, against a national average of 64%.

Meeting the standard	School %	National Average %
Reading	93%	75%
SPAG	86%	78%
Writing	93%	78%
Maths	100%	76%

We are also thrilled to say that 86% of the children achieved the Greater Depth standard in reading, against a national average of about 28%. A fantastic achievement! Well done to all concerned; we are very proud of the children and the Cradley team that helps them to achieve so brilliantly.

We received a letter from Chris Baird, the Director of Children's Wellbeing at Herefordshire Council, which I am sharing with you:

Dear Mr Greaves

Herefordshire Council is committed to keeping children and young people safe and to give them a great start in life. Our ambition for children in Herefordshire is that they achieve the best possible outcomes which place our county in the top 25% of all local authority areas.

I am writing to congratulate you and your team for all your hard work over the last academic year. This has resulted in outcomes at Cradley CE Primary that are above the national average in reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 2. Cradley CE Primary has also exceeded the FFT 20 target set by Herefordshire Council in the Autumn term 2017. This is a fantastic achievement - well done!

We look forward to working with you on another successful year in September.

Yours sincerely

Chris Baird

KS2 Residential to Condover Hall

Starting with a serious stomp through steep Rectory Woods, our 2018 Condover Residential was a brilliant experience from start to finish. There were highs (over 9m high - that's around 30ft - which sounds more impressive!) and lows (through those dark scary tunnels); there were wets (kayaking) and there were fights ('en garde!'). There really was something for everyone. I declare that blindfolding children in the wild woods to be very satisfying! Many thanks to the staff who willingly gave up their time, to the Condover professionals who

were so expert and yet full of fun, and to the children, who were a delight!





Sportsmark Award

We are also delighted to have been awarded the Sportsmark Gold award for the fourth successive year. This is a prestigious award and few schools in Herefordshire achieve this standard. Congratulations to Miss Guy and our Sports Leaders.



Welcome

Welcome to all our new children and parents who have joined us in Class 1. Plus a warm welcome to Maisie in Year 3, and Lexi and Elena in Years 4 and 2 respectively.

School Lunches

Over the Summer term we have been investigating alternative lunch providers and are delighted to say that after October half term we will be moving to Black Pepper school lunch providers. The first day will be Monday 5th November. We will be sending leaflets out very shortly that will provide further details. We are excited by the change and will be holding a drop-in event to let parents find out a little more about the providers and what they offer. There will be changes to what and how you can order lunches; we will keep you fully informed as we move forwards.

EYFS Area Development

As part of the school development we have spent the Summer revamping the outdoor areas for both Nursery and Class 1. Over £15,000 has been spent on new materials and surfacing. While we still have a couple more bits to complete, we are very happy with the results so far and I know the children love their new areas. Many thanks to Mark Jones for making a wonderful train and to the EYFS staff for working through the summer to ensure that the areas sparkled by September.





Spellings

This term we have adopted a new spelling scheme across the school through which we hope to improve children's application of spelling rules in their writing. This involves children learning a new spelling rule on Monday morning. The children will then practise the spellings throughout the week through a range of activities involving recall and - more importantly - application. The children will then be tested on them at the end of the week. We will not be sending spellings home at the beginning of the week, however we will send them home each Friday so that parents have a record of the spelling rules and children can keep practising them. They will be tested on them at the end of each half term. We have seen this approach working in other schools in the county with great success.

Apple Juicing

Our apple juicing will be going ahead on the playground on the afternoon of Thursday 27th September. But it won't happen without apple donations! Please bring bags of - mainly dessert - apples to school from Monday 24th September to make into delicious juice. The pasteurised juice will then be available for purchase, with all profits going to FOCS.

FOCS

We'd like to welcome you all to FOCS, the school's PTA fundraisers!

All parents and guardians at the school automatically become a 'friend', so a warm welcome to all our newcomers - we look forward to meeting you soon.

At FOCS we organise fun events for the children - and some for the grown-ups too! At the same time we aim to raise funds for the school to help towards the 'extras' that enrich the children's time at Cradley. We raised a fantastic £1700 at the school summer fete, and this year have contributed towards the ever-increasing transport costs of coaches for school trips and parties for individual classes.

We'd like to say a big Thank You to all those involved in helping FOCS over the last year - especially to our Vice Chair, Caroline Brevitt, and Leah Heard (Secretary) who are stepping down. We will be holding our AGM soon and are looking to recruit willing volunteers - from raffle-

ticket folders, tuck sellers, class representatives, to event's organisers and FOCS leaders! If you can help in any way - big or small - please let the school office know. Please support our Autumn events: come along to FOCS apple juicing or our wine-tasting evening (that's one for the grown-ups!). Christmas cards created by the children will be available for you to purchase in October.

Cradley Village Community & Heritage Day.

Some of the children from the Cradley Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) will be attending Cradley Village Community & Heritage Day on Saturday 22nd September 2018 (11am - 3pm) to provide information about their activities and achievements. The event will be held at Cradley Church and Village Hall, Rectory Lane to which you are all welcome.

Forms sent home

We have sent home data forms for you to check and return so that we can make sure we have the appropriate contact and medical information for your child. It is very important that these are returned. We have also sent home this week a consent form and a clubs letter for the Autumn term.

Changes in Nursery

With Yaz on maternity leave, we would like to say congratulations to Carol on her maternity cover promotion to Deputy Manager. We would also like to welcome aboard Katrina who will be working in Nursery for the next year. We also have Samantha joining us on placement for her early years degree.



Nursery

What an exciting first couple of weeks back we've had! And what a fun-filled term and run up to Christmas we have planned with our new theme of 'Farm Yard'. All of the children have been very excited to explore our amazing new toys that have arrived. Our outside area looks fabulous, with a new water wall, sandpit, playhouse and a marvellous new mud kitchen. On Monday we all pretended to be tractor drivers, and Lauren showed us different actions. We even got stuck in the mud! We've all had a brilliant time getting messy in the tuff spot with Carol's homemade mud bath for the farm animals. All the children were able to bath the animals in mud and



then give them a good scrub in soapy water. All of the children enjoyed ending our exciting week with an adventure on our welly walk, where we looked at how forest school has changed since we last visited

Class 1

Well done to all the Reception children who have survived their first two weeks at school. The transition has been seamless for all involved, so well done Nursery and parents for helping them to be school ready. We are really proud of them all, especially the new children who have joined us without knowing us very well. We spent last week settling in, getting used to the school day routine and getting to know each other. This week, our Year 1s have been getting busy with their English and Maths which they have with their peers in Class 2. Reception have started the Read, Write, Inc phonics program and have been reading *The Gruffalo* and trying to remember the description of the Gruffalo off by heart with our Talk 4 Writing program in English. In Maths we have been doing lots of activities to see what we know already and how we can build on this knowledge next week. Our topic for this half term is The First Flight and our PE activities have been based on how planes fly. We have been reading the myth of Daedalus and Icarus and making wings for our new display board. We have particularly enjoyed the Show-and-Tell sessions as they have helped us all get to know each other as the children take turns to be the VIP for the day. Next week we are looking forward to thinking about our Harvest theme for the Harvest Festival service in October.



Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been reading *Rosie Revere, Engineer* and designing our own gadgets and gizmos. In topic we have been finding out about the Wright Brothers' first flight and how aeroplanes have changed over the years. In our science lessons we have begun our topic on different animals. We learned about the features of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and invertebrates.

Class 3

Class 3 have really bitten the bullet and settled down to work this week. In maths we have been working out quarter, half and three-quarters of 100, 1000 and 10,000 in order to accurately place numbers on number lines. We have been looking at the importance of the zero in our number system and remembering to include it when writing out sums of money. In English we have begun the magical story of *Leon and the Place Between*, using alliteration and simile to make our own descriptive phrases. In topic, after examining the school's time line, we have begun studying the Anglo-Saxons - checking out on maps where they came from. The children have also thought about class rules and discussed how to keep safe when using the internet. I think we are ready for another holiday, please!

Class 4

What a fantastic start for Class 4. We have watched short films in English and read fantasy stories, then taken this inspiration to write our own stories. In Maths we have been revising place value, using reasoning skills and looking at numbers up to one million. In the afternoons we have got really stuck into our topic, Comparing People and Places by looking at a map of the world and identifying different countries and the continents they are in. We have also studied the local area on an OS map, measuring how far away different places are and working out how far away that is using the scale provided. We have developed our fitness and ball passing skills in PE and we have started our Pop Art topic by continuing drawings from Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

Class 5

Class 5 have settled down really well in the mobile - our new 'home' - this week, enjoying the increasing independence of Year 6. We have begun reading *Private Peaceful* in English, a text we are going to really enjoy. In topic we considered how film-making has progressed over the last century and had great fun watching extracts from Charlie Chaplin's silent film *The Kid*. In science we made mould and cast fossils which we will 'excavate' next week! In maths we have been getting to grips with place value.

Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Cherish Evans - for being positive
Sophie Caren - for being positive
- Class 1** Jack Churchill for his positive attitude
TJ Malloy for being co-operative
- Class 2** Isla-Mai Robertson for persistence
Elena Edwards for taking pride in her work
- Class 3** Maisie Gelling for a positive attitude
Lucas Rankin for a positive attitude
- Class 4** Isabella Lyndon for her persistence
Lexi Edwards for settling in so well
- Class 5** Ray Hughes for a positive attitude
Bo Brett for her reflective learning



Value of the Month **PATIENCE**

Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.

Proverbs 16:32

Chosen by Mrs Robb Class 1 teacher

Dates for the Future

SEPTEMBER Patience

- 20th Nursery visit to Newbridge Farm Park
- 24th Swimming starts for Yr5/6
- 27th Book Fair arrives in school
- Apple Juicing Event

OCTOBER Compassion

- 4th Book fair collected
- 9th Harvest Festival 9am @church
- 16th Panto for all children
- Parents Evening 15:30-17:30
- 17th Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
- 18th School photos
- 19th School Council elections
- 24th Class 4 Collective Worship: Parents welcome
- 26th Break up

NOVEMBER Courage

- 5th Return to school
- 9th Remembrance event in school
- 13th Flu immunisations Yr R-Yr5
- 21st Class 3 Collective Worship: Parents welcome

