



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 11th January 2019



Welcome Back

Happy New Year. Welcome back to what promises to be an action-packed Spring term. We hope that you've had an excellent Christmas. We also say welcome to Oliver (Year 1), Toby (Year 1), Molly-Mae (Year 3) and Albert (Year 4). We hope you make the most of your time with us.

School Admissions

If you're applying for a **primary school place**, you can apply **online** at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/primaryschooladmissions. The process is for applications to all primary school reception classes across Herefordshire for children who turn five between September 2019 and August 2020 (those born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015). Please note that you must **still** apply for a reception class place, even if you already have a place in the nursery associated with your preferred school.

The closing date for all primary school reception class applications is midnight on **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. For parents or carers who are unable to apply online, a paper application form can be requested from the council's school admissions team on 01432 260925 / 260926 or email schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

Please note that late applications could result in **not** being offered a place in a preferred school.

Please remind anyone that needs to do this. We have done an unprecedented number of 'show rounds' this year for September 2019. We would hate for anyone to miss out on a place at their preferred school.

New School Website

We are currently in the final stages of building our new school website which will launch in the next couple of weeks. The old one has now been taken offline. We are very excited about the new layout and we hope that you will all like it too. We do need a couple of beta testers who can have a look at the website and cast an eye over it for us. If you are interested in supporting the school with this, please see Mr Greaves.

Welcome to Mrs Anderson

A special welcome to the team to Mrs Susie Anderson who joins us as an SEN TA working in Ms George's class. We look forward to working with her.



Clubs Letter

You should all have received a Clubs Letter this week concerning the clubs that we will be offering this term. Please ensure that you return these promptly as places are limited for some clubs.

Show Garden

Make sure you have a look at the Vlog created in December by our Digital Leaders. It is a great update of the progress we have made so far in preparing for the garden and is available on our Facebook page. We need to collect objects washed up on beaches for our show garden art projects so if you have a chance to go beachcombing please bring in anything which we could use before Easter.

Black Pepper Lunches Spring Booking

Please remember to book lunches using the Black Pepper website during a holiday period. We were left in a difficult situation on Wednesday when 17 children turned up on the first day of term not having booked lunch or having a packed lunch with them.

Curriculum Newsletters

You should have received your new Curriculum Newsletter for this term today.

Inset Day

A date for your 2019 diary: school will be closing on Friday 8th February from 12pm. Four local schools are joining together to allow all our staff to undertake training from an international expert in attachment disorders. We hope that this gives you enough notice to make alternative arrangements for that afternoon.



Nursery

Happy new year everyone! It's great to welcome everyone back to Nursery and we hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas break. We've started our new theme this week and we're now beginning to explore under the sea! On Wednesday we've been making playdough to look like the sea and we even added some blue powder paint. We've enjoyed colouring in different sea creatures this week and cutting out different coloured shapes to add to our sea creature pictures. To end off our week we made shark biscuits with Carol on Friday in our cooking session.



Class One

Despite being a short week back we have managed to cram lots in. On Wednesday we had our first PACEs session for PE. We played lots of games which practised our speeding up and slowing down and showed great listening skills by following the rules of the game. In music we have been experimenting with tuned and untuned instruments and we have started to learn how to read music and how to find the notes on a keyboard. In maths we have been counting and ordering numbers and in phonics we have started putting our set 1 speed sounds to the test with our partner work in reading. Next week we look forward to working with Miss Filby, from Worcester University who will be co-teaching in Class 1 for her final teaching placement. We will be starting our new topic 'We are Britain' where we will be learning all about mountains, rivers and canals.

Class Two

This week in Class 2 we have been revising our knowledge of place value in maths and starting to work on rewriting a traditional story in English. We have been thinking about special book in RE in preparation for our topic 'How can we learn from sacred books?' In PE we have been enjoying multiskills activities and in science we are learning about materials.

Class Three

A big Cradley welcome to Albert and Molly Mae, who joined us this week. We are so proud with the way the class have looked after them and with the way they have settled in so quickly.

We have kick started our new topic, 'Rainforests,' with some tricky geographical vocabulary and some wonderful floral art work inspired by Georgia O'Keefe. In PE we have begun to hone our attacking and defending skills, in maths we have been getting to grips with rounding and in English we have been thinking about what makes for an exciting piece of description.

Class Four

In this shorter week, Class 4 have still packed in a lot of learning. We have started our topic for the term, Stone Age to Iron Age Britain by looking at the history of the world, creating timelines for the Stone Age and looking at life in the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. We have also started our dance sessions with a coach from Dance in Motion and begun to think about how we keep ourselves safe online. In English we have been focusing on reading, recommending books to each other, finding new books we would like to read and reviewing books that we have already read. In Maths we have developed our mental multiplication and division skills, with some of us developing our prime and square number knowledge.

Class Five

During our short first week we have started to 'read' our new class text, 'The Arrival', a beautifully illustrated and moving story told in pictures - with no words! We have enjoyed creating our own word banks in preparation for writing sections of the story. In maths we have been working on our arithmetic skills, and in science we began a unit of work on the heart, learning how the blood circulates around the body. We also began our new topic, 'The Struggle for England up to 1066', by looking at evidence telling us where the Anglo Saxons settled. Finally, we were thrilled to receive a Christmas gift from Mrs Baynham who worked with us for a short time last term. Linked to the work in English she did with us, Mrs Baynham 'adopted' an Amur Leopard for us, and we received this cute little fellow as a 'thankyou' from WWF. We have named him 'Philip!' Thank you so much, Mrs B., from all of us! We will look forward to receiving updates three times a year on the work of the WWF adoption programme.



Value of the Month **HOPE**

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future."

Chose by Donna and Dale, After School Club supervisors

Dates for the Future

JANUARY

Hope

- 15th Year 3/4 Swimming starts
- 18th Young Voices Concert
- 22nd Justin Hughes, Archaeologist visiting Class 4
- 23rd JMHS Open Morning
- 30th Class 1 Collective Worship, Parents Welcome
8:55am
Cluster Trudge 9-11am @ JMHS

FEBRUARY

Love

- 1st FOCs Disco
- 5th Book Fair Arrives
Parents Evening 15:30-17:30
- 6th JMHS visiting Yr 5/6
Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
- 8th School closes at 12:00
- 12th Hockey Extravaganza
- 15th Break up
- 25th Return to School
- 28th Net and Wall Extravaganza 11-1pm
Pyramid Prom @ JMHS

MARCH

Humility

- 4th Big Write Week
FOCs Rags to Riches
- 7th World Book Day
- 13th Class 5 Collective Worship, Parents Welcome
8:55am
- 21st Yr1/2 Football Tournament @JMHS 4pm
- 25th Healthy School's Week
- 27th Yr 3/4 Mixed Football Tournament @JMHS
- 28th Choir @ Hereford Cathedral
- 29th Class 5 - Young Shakespeare @ Hellens

APRIL

Trust

- 5th TAG Rugby Extravaganza @ Bosbury
- 11th Easter Service @ Cradley Church 9am
- 12th Break Up
- 29th Term Starts

