



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 23rd November 2018



Class 3 Collective Worship

Class 3 have spent hours practicing to show their parents and the rest of the school what they've learned about Anglo Saxons. Today they did a fabulous job linking the subject with our Value of the Month - Courage. It took a lot of courage to perform in front of everyone and the whole class did a great job.

After the assembly parents got to spend time in the classroom with their children and were all impressed by the children's enthusiasm for the subject and the quality of the work they had all created. Well done, Class 3!



Open the Book

On Thursday we were joined by the Open the Book team. Class 5 joined them to tell us the biblical story of 'The Helpful Servant'.



Inset Day

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



Christmas Lunch

School will be having its Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 19th December. You will need to have booked your lunch via Black Pepper by the 13th December. They will not be able to take any bookings after that time.

Christmas Community Concert

On Thursday 20th December we will be hosting our annual Community Concert at 10am. We invite older members of the community, including the Leys and Evergreen Club to join us for festive cheer, minced pies and mulled wine. If you know of any people who would like to join us then please come and let us know.



Last Week of Clubs

All clubs finish by Friday 30th November with the exception of Choir.

After School Club Film Night

After School Club will be hosting its next Film Night on Tuesday 27th November. The film is 'Tad the Lost Explorer and the Secret of King Midas'



Water Bottles

Please can you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. Remember that they should only be filled with water; squash is not allowed.

Road Closure

Yesterday, I received this correspondence from Herefordshire Council.

I am writing to inform you that work to replace the bridge deck of Storesbrook Bridge, situated on the B4214 between Staplow and Ledbury (Bromyard Road) has **been postponed until the beginning of January 2019.**

You will recall from earlier emails that Storesbrook Bridge was scheduled to close on Wednesday, 28 November 2018 and reopen in February 2019. However, the new replacement bridge deck, which is being constructed off-site, will arrive later than originally anticipated.

This means that the bridge will now remain open over the Christmas and New Year period and close in early January 2019.

While preparatory works could progress prior to the bridge's arrival, there is no benefit to users in closing the structure for longer than absolutely essential. It is therefore necessary to push the entire work programme back to maintain the minimum 13-week closure period necessary.

The bridge will continue to be inspected on a regular basis to ensure it remains safe to use but, assuming that it does not have to be closed early on safety grounds, it will now close in early January and reopen in early April 2019.

Apologies for any inconvenience the change in closure plan may cause you. I will be writing to update you on new closure dates and other arrangements during December.

FOCS - Friends of Cradley School

Rags to Riches. We hope you have seen the Rags to Riches banner outside the school, and have received a Rags to Riches flier and bag to put your unwanted clothes etc in. Please remember to collect bags from friends and neighbours on Monday night, and bring all your donations to school by **9am this Tuesday (27th November)**.

Cradley Village Hall Christmas Fair. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help out with our FOCS stall on **Saturday 1st December, 10.30 - 3pm** whether it is with provisions, prizes, creating the games, or the offer of an hour or so on the stall. We are outside under a shelter so do wrap up warm if you're planning on visiting our stall (we hope you are!). If you can help, we'd welcome more volunteers as it lightens the load for us all. Annie Meager and Lucy Burton have arranged some fun Christmas games which are easy to explain, and are currently putting together a rota based on availability. We will contact volunteers directly to share details so that we all know what we're doing on the day.

Christmas! We'll be asking for a number of donations such as mince pies, bottles, giftables, etc for Christmas events over the next few weeks. We know this may seem a lot to ask, but we really want this to be special for all the school children, as well as help raise funds for the extras while they're at school.

Non-uniform Day. School have kindly accommodated a non-uniform day to support FOCS next Friday (30th November). In exchange for choosing the clothes you wear to school that day, we are asking for a nice bottle of something, for our tombola stall.

School Christmas Fair - Friday 14th December, 3pm.

Preparations are in progress and thank you all those who have already volunteered to help out! We would still welcome any contributions and offers of help before, during and after the event. Please let Grace Lyndon know or leave your contact details via Home Liaison books.

A reminder about **Santa's Secret Gift Shop.** Are you clearing out your cupboards in preparation for Christmas? Any unwanted gifts or items you could donate to Santa's Secret Gift Shop would be hugely welcome, plus any remnants of wrapping paper, etc. There will be a box in the foyer w/c 4th December to put your contributions in, such as small gifts for parents, siblings, grandparents etc. Any questions please contact Daff Tambling (Rudi Class 3 and Clem class 1) or Zoe Price (Stanley Class 3 and Tilly Class 5), or via school.

Thank you to Sally Clarke (of apple-juicing fame!) and her team of helpers who are going to be helping collect, store, and ticket the bottles from the non-school uniform day, ready for running our Tombola stall at the fair. And thank you to families in FOCS who have been in touch with a certain Christmassy person to arrange a visit to our fair. They have had to be good all year!!

FOCS Vacancy. FOCS are still looking for a Secretary, if anyone has time to help out it would be greatly appreciated. Please let school know.

Please remember to use our Easyfundraising link when you are making purchases on line. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-ofcradleyschool/> FOCS will receive a percentage of your costs at no extra cost to you.

Cradley Scout Group

We will be saying goodbye to Gian Fazey-Koven at the end of this term. She has been an excellent Assistant Leader with our Cubs section and we will miss her. We are looking for a new assistant leader to join our Cubs team. The Scouts section is also looking for helpers and Leaders. It's a great opportunity to pass on your skills, learn some new ones and have great fun. There's plenty of training provided so if you're interested please get in touch via our Facebook page or via school to James or Lucy Burton.

We'll be running some fun games at Cradley Village Christmas Fair so come and join us for some festive fun. James Burton, Cub Leader



Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been looking at the story The Little Red Hen. The children have really enjoyed listening to the story and have brought the story into their play. We've been in P.E on Monday with Carol acting out the story using bean bags for our seeds and at the end of making our bread we all enjoyed some toast together. Nursery have loved joining in with Nativity song practise this week and the songs have become a huge hit with everyone, including the staff! We've also explored technology further this week and what better way to explore it than to order the ingredients for biscuits with Lauren. Flour! Flour has decorated nursery this week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed mixing different coloured powder paints into the flour. On Wednesday we turned the flour red for our 'Little Red Hen' and with lots of different measuring equipment we have measured out the flour to make bread. On Friday, Carol and Charlie made cheesy scones with the children to finish off our fantastic week



Class 1

What a busy week. Before stepping into rehearsals on the stage next week, we have been meeting up with Class 2 and Nursery at the end of each afternoon to run through the songs. In Reception phonics we have been learning to read and write sentences this week. We are really proud of the progress the children have made to be able to get to this point. In maths we have been looking at number sentences and ways of making five. We enjoyed a bit of Bollywood dancing in PE this week and practising our agility skills in REAL PE. Class 3's assembly was brilliant this week and we enjoyed watching some older siblings perform. Next week we are looking forward to meeting and working with our Spring Term Student from Worcester University and working in collaboration with the University Mentors.



Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have enjoyed some Active Maths. We went onto the playground and found clues. Once we had solved the problem the answer led us to the next question! As well as practising our maths skills we also had the chance to do some exercise and have fun. We are hoping to fit in some Active Maths every Friday from now on. We are working hard on our Nativity play and have been very impressed by how well some of the children have been learning their lines! Next week we will be practising on the stage.

Class 3

What a lovely week for Class Three. We spent lots of time preparing for our Collective Worship, which involved acting, singing, musical instruments and dressing up (what's not to like?). Then we began a Run Around Maths lesson on the playground to kick off our fractions unit. This just happened to be as it started snowing, which only made it even more exciting! In topic we have studied the artefacts found at Sutton Hoo and have begun to find out how the Anglo-Saxons made everyday objects, such as pots and clothes. In Science, Year Three have been finding out about famous scientists and the Year Fours have been conducting experiments on electrical circuits.

Class 4

This week, in Maths, Class 4 have been identifying properties of 2d shapes, for example if they have perpendicular lines, parallel lines and equal angles. In English we have been writing our final poems about the war, we have planned them, drafted them and then written them on to tracing paper which we have stuck on to an oil pastel picture we have created to develop the imagery of remembrance. In the afternoons we have learned about deforestation in the Amazon Basin, looking at a report and some of us even analysed the data of deforestation, we then wrote arguments for and against. We developed this further in a philosophy session where we watched the short film, *There's a Ran-Tan in my bedroom*, asked big questions which developed from it and then debated these as a class.



Class 5

This week we have been learning how to write an engaging explanation text for children about an endangered animal using extended noun phrases, question tags and 'the power of 3'. We have also begun a unit of work based upon 'Genie in the Bottle'. The book is all about the impact of global warming and we will be writing our own cautionary tales later this half term. In maths we have continued work with fractions including a fun 'fraction relay' on the playground. In topic we learned how similar the human eye is to the camera.



Stars of the Week

Nursery Dexter Wyatt for being persistent
Sophie Caren for being persistent

Class 1 Lois Mackay for independence in class
Mya Oseman for persistence in learning her lines for the Nativity

Class 2 Jacob Mifflin for persistence in learning his lines for the Nativity
Eddie Price for using lots of expression and taking pride in his role in the Nativity

Class 3 Jack Wilson for always trying his best during Maths lessons
Riley Conlon for delivering his lines so clearly during the Collective Worship

Class 4 Darcey Rocca for her persistence and positive attitude in Maths
Eddie Wilson for being determined to make a swing in Forest School

Class 5 Tilly BP for persistence and focus in Maths
Chloe Norris for reflective writing in English

Value of the Month

COURAGE

For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

Isaiah 41:13

Chosen by Gary Barker (Maintenance Man)

Dates for the Future

NOVEMBER

Courage

- 26th Rock-it-ball @ JMHS
- 27th FOCs - Rags to riches
Netball matches @ Ashperton
ASC Film Night
- 29th Choir @ Hereford Cathedral Advent Service
- 30th Non-Uniform Day for FOCs

DECEMBER

Peace

- 1st Cradley Village Christmas Fair
- 3rd Last Swimming session for Yr 5/6
- 4th Football matches @ Ledbury 3:45pm
- 5th Girl's Football Tournament @JMHS 3:45pm
- 7th Nativity play to KS2 children
- 10th Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm
- 11th Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm
Netball matches @ Ashperton 3:45pm
- 14th FOCs Christmas Fair
- 17th ASC Christmas Party
- 18th Nursery trip to the Safari Park
- 19th Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 9-11am
Christmas Lunch
- 20th Community Concert 10am
Carol Service 6pm
- 21st Break up
Animal Lady in

