



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

It has been another busy few weeks here at school. The children very much enjoyed their Diwali Day last week with classes doing everything from making diva lamps, to creating rangoli patterns, to making traditional Indian sweets. Some classes even did some Diwali dancing! It was a great way to learn about, understand and experience a different culture.



Last week we also had a special assembly in which we learned about the importance of Remembrance Day. The pupils in Years 1-6 then observed the two minutes silence on Friday and were able to take time out of the hectic school day to reflect on the assembly and their personal understanding of the significance of the day. We were exceptionally proud of the maturity that was shown. A special well done also goes to our Year 5 team and their classes who produced a fantastic piece of art work in aid of Remembrance Day, where they created poppies using the bottoms of old, plastic bottles.



This week we had Parents' Evening and were delighted to see so many Parents and Carers coming along. It is always great to share the successes that your children have had and to be able to discuss your child's progress with you. Thank you to everyone who came.

We are now approaching the Christmas season and have lots of exciting events happening in school which parents will be able to attend. Please read the 'Christmas Dates' and 'Dates for your Diary' sections carefully to ensure that you don't miss out on anything! I look forward to seeing many of you joining us at these events.

Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

Applying for a place in Reception next year

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 are due to start Reception in September 2019.

Don't forget that the window for applying for a place in Reception opens on 14th November. If your child is 4 this school year (Sept 18 to August 19) then you need to apply for a place soon! If you would like to come for a visit or know anybody who does then just make an appointment at the school office.

Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and cold spells forecast we would like to ensure that all Parents/Carers are aware of the way in which we would notify you should we have to close school. We would never take this decision lightly and would only close the school should we assess the situation and realise that staff or pupils would be in danger should we open. Notification of any closure would be by local radio, word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and most importantly the school website.

Governors Vacancy

We are currently seeking to appoint a new Parent Governor. If you would like to put your name forward then please pick up a letter from the school office. Mr Heathcote would be delighted to meet with anybody who would like to discuss the role – just book an appointment by calling the office.

Reception

The Reception children have been reading *The Gruffalo* as part of their topic 'A walk in the woods'. Here are some excellent playdough models of the Gruffalo which they used to help with creating descriptions.



Christmas Dates:

Thursday 6th December – after school

Cake Sale run by the 'Lionesses' to raise money for school. This will take place in the studio.

Thursday 6th December - afternoon

Foundation Stage Nativity – will begin at 2:15 (or once we have got our costumes on!)

Friday 7th December - morning

Foundation Stage Nativity – will begin at 9:30 (or once we have got our costumes on!)

Monday 10th December – morning

Years 3-6 Christmas Show – will begin at 9:30

Monday 10th December – afternoon

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Show – will begin at 2:00

Tuesday 11th December - morning

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Show – will begin at 9.30

Tuesday 11th December –afternoon

Years 3-6 Christmas Show – will begin at 2:00

Wednesday 12th December – afternoon

Violin Concert – invites will be sent to Parents/Carers of pupils who are participating

Thursday 13th December – afternoon

Ukulele and 'Oliver' Concert– invites will be sent to Parents/Carers of pupils who are participating

Advice ASAP

Today, all the children in the school have been given a slip which tells parents about an app and a website which they can use to help them decide where to go, should anyone in their family be ill or sustain an injury. 'Advice ASAP' is a quick way to make the right choices and to find out how to treat illness or injury. You can use the 'search by condition' function to do this on either the app or the website.



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting Children in Need this year. We raised a huge £370! The children enjoyed getting spotty and dressing up for the day- well done to all involved.



Football Success

I've had the pleasure of being able to take a couple of hours out of school over the last couple of weeks to watch our children compete in the local football tournaments. I was exceptionally proud of all our teams, both in how they behaved during the competitions and also how they performed on the pitch! Our girls team came joint 3rd (picking up a bronze medal), our 'A' team finished 2nd (picking up a silver medal) and our 'B' team finished 4th (narrowly losing in the third place play off in the last few minutes). A huge thank you to Mrs Atter and Laura for managing the teams and also to all parents who came along for support- I hope I didn't get too carried away on the sideline!



Dates For Your Diary:

6 th Dec	Reception Nativity: 2.15pm
6 th Dec	Mark's Magic Kingdom
7 th Dec	Reception Nativity: 9.30am
	Christmas Shows
10 th Dec	Years 3-6: 9.30am Years 1-2: 2.00pm
	Christmas Shows
11 th Dec	Years 1-2: 9.30pm Years 3-6: 2.00pm
12 th Dec	Violin Concert (Invitation Only)
13 th Dec	Year 4 Ukulele and Year 6 'Oliver!' Concert (Invitation Only)
20 th Dec	Class Christmas Party Afternoon (details will follow for each class)
	Last day of term
21 st Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (for 'Save the Children' charity)