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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th October 2018
 Newsletter No: 5

Attendance w/beg: 1st October 2018
 Whole School: 96.31%
 Class of the week: Squirrel - 100%

Hedgehog 92.4%	Squirrel 100.0%	Rabbit 93.2%
Deer 97.24%	Fox 98.62%	Owl 95.67%
Badger 94.18%	Otter 98.67%	

Assembly Theme of The Week
 Making Friends

Letters Home

Year 1 and 2 Visit to Natural History Museum

Week Beginning 8th October 2018

School Dinners

Week 3



Forest School
 Group B



Upcoming Diary Dates

October

5th 9-10am Year 1 Maths and English Workshop
 9th 9-11am Flying Start Workshop - Maths
 10th Year 1 and 2 Design & Technology Day
 12th Last day of term
 29th Children return to school
 30th Year 1 & 2 visit to Natural History Museum
 30th EYFS Parent/carers for lunch - Hedgehogs
 31st Year 1 & 2 Dinosaur Workshop

November

1st National Outside the Classroom Day
 2nd Individual Photos
 2nd Shipmates Disco
 6th Parent Consultations, 3:30-6pm
 7th Parent Consultations, 4-7:30pm
 16th Year 2 Sleepover

This week in school

This week in EYFS, we have been thinking about our likes and our interests. We have been dressing up and thinking about what we want to be when we grow up. We will have also looked at people who help us.

In Year 1, we have been working hard to solve missing number problems. In English we have been reading The Tiger Who Came to Tea and rewrote the story as The Dinosaur Who Came to Tea.

In Year 2, we have been writing instructions for dinosaurs to follow. We read 'How do Dinosaurs eat their Food', where the dinosaurs are not very well behaved at the dinner table! We have also learnt how to type on computers.

Speeding

On several occasions this week we have noticed vehicles driving at speed. Please can we ask all parents/carers to ensure that they are driving appropriately.

Parental Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place on 6th & 7th November. Appointments can be booked online with our online booking system. A letter will be sent home next week with log-in details. Booking will open at 8pm on Thursday 11th October.

Pre-existing Medical Conditions

Can we please ask that if your child incurs an injury at home that you come to the school office to record this in our medical book.

Montell Douglas

On Tuesday was our sponsored fitness morning with GB athlete Montell Douglas. The children took part in lots of activities and had a marvellous morning. Thank you very much indeed to all our parents and families for their generosity. We raised a very impressive £1567.50!!

School Dinner Questionnaire

Thank you very much to everyone who completed and returned the school dinner questionnaire. The results are being collated along with questions and queries that have been raised. This will be sent home next week.

Money

When returning forms and payments to the offices, please can you ensure that they are brought in a sealed envelope.

Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter where we share daily tweets about what we have been learning and what has been going on in school and upcoming events. Don't forget to like our tweets too!

Year 1 & 2 Natural History Museum

On Tuesday 30th October all of our Year 1 and 2 children will be travelling by coach to the National History Museum. A letters have been sent home this week. Children will need to take a packed lunch and there will be the option to order a school packed lunch. Please can you return your form and money to the school office by Thursday 11th October.

Parent/Carer Lunches

We will be inviting parents/carers from each class to join their child and enjoy a school dinner with them. We are doing this a class at a time to ensure that you get the best experience of a school meal. We are starting with our Early Years children and these will take place on the following dates:

Hedgehog Class – Tuesday 30th October – 12:05pm



Squirrel Class – Thursday 29th November – 12:05pm

Rabbit Class – Thursday 17th January -12:05pm



Janeway's Joke



Why did the seaweed feel embarrassed?

Because he saw the ships bottom!

Elsie, Owl class

If anyone else has a funny joke to make Janeway wag her tail, pop it on a bit of paper and hand it in to the office.

Parking





English Talk Time

Date: Friday 28th September 2018

Subject Leader: Megan Neve

Children attended:

Year 2: William, Isla, Joey, Abigail, Emily

Year 1: Bella, Paul, Mason, Alice, Daiton, Jessica

Year R: Mia, Vinny, Teddy, Niya, Maggie, Ryan

1. **What have you learnt in English?**

Year R: Our sounds in ERR, new words in ERR, writing new letters, writing our name, telling stories, using toys, making potions, drawing pictures, rhyming, writing on paper.

Year 1: Writing about A Dinosaur called Tiny, handwriting, how to make toast by following instructions, bossy verbs

Year 2: Tiny the Dinosaur, remembering capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, bossy verbs, instructions, adjectives, how to use expression, spellings, punctuation.

2. **What do you like about English?**

Year R: Writing cards for birthdays, learning about letters, writing letters, stories, pictures, acting, book bus, reading, blending, chopping up words in ERR.

Year 1: Writing, drawing, reading stories, role play with puppets, speaking.

Year 2: Retelling stories, handwriting, following instructions, acting out, learning new words.

3. **What do you use to help you in English?**

Year R: pencils, ERR phonics wall, teachers, friends, letter mats, phonics fairies cards.

Year 1: Word wall, pictures, word mat, English working wall, blue arrow.

Year 2: Working wall, word wall, phonics wall, buddy, blue arrow, story map, our plans.

4. **How do you learn stories?**

Year R: Listen, look at pictures, toys, teddies, make things.

Year 1: Read the book, Talk for writing, actions, segmenting, putting pictures in order.

Year 2: Reading, story map, actions, thinking about them, drawing pictures, tell it back to our teacher, point to the words.

5. **What different text types do you learn about?**

Year R: Stories, songs.

Year 1: Story, instructions, information.

Year 2: Instructions, stories, non-fiction, fiction.

6. **What else would you like to learn in English?**

Year R: More reading, writing, how to write a letter to Santa, how to write good stories.

Year 1: Write our own stories, how to make something else.

Year 2: Better joined up writing, more stories, new digraphs and trigraphs, planets, to write longer sentences, different stories about dinosaurs.

7. **What do you like about your class reading area/book corner?**

Year R: We can read, lots of books, comfy chairs, pictures on the wall, we can read stories to teddies, cushions.

Year 1: Reading books in the tent, reading under the stars, sitting on the toadstool, sharing a book with a friend, it's beautiful and pretty, the colours.

Year 2: It's colourful, reading the books, lots of non-fiction books, it's calming and peaceful, the clouds and the rainbow, it is quiet, it is tidy, it's comfortable.

8. **Any other comments:**

Year R: We liked the story bus.

Year 1: We enjoy writing and reading.

Year 2: I like learning about dinosaurs and reading about them.

Shipmates Newsletter



Halloween Disco – Friday 2nd November – TICKETS SELLING FAST!

This will be our first event of the year and we are very excited for you to join us. Children and parents are encouraged to dress up and prizes will be given to the best dressed. There will be two sessions, the first for EYFS children and the second session being for Year 1 and Year 2. Letters were emailed home last week however if you need a printed copy there are some spares in the office.

As this is a family event there will be no Alcohol permitted. Due to health and safety and the limit on the number of people allowed in the school hall we must restrict the number of tickets issued. Our school Discos always sell out and tickets are issued on a first come first served basis so please don't delay in purchasing your tickets! You will be notified via text if your ticket application is successful or not.

IQ Cards – Christmas Cards, Wrapping Paper & Gift Tags

This term we are delighted to be participating in the Christmas Card Fundraiser with IQ Cards. The funds that we raise through your purchases will be used to benefit the school. For every pack of cards sold the school earns around 30%. Shortly you will find an Order Form in your child's book bag which will need to be completed together with your Childs Design which must be drawn on the reverse. The quality of these products are fantastic. Payment must be handed in with the order form by **31st October.**

Please look out for updates on the Shipmates Notice board.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Wickford CLC

WICKFORD CLC FUNDRAISING EVENT

A Lovely Ladies Treat!

Come along to the Wickford CLC to enjoy a **traditional afternoon tea** provided by the Wildflower Travelling Tea Party, a **fun film quiz** followed by our specially selected film, **Finding Your Feet**, starring Joanna Lumley and Imelda Staunton, a rom com feel good film.

Fundraising for the CLC is now a necessity to help the Centre meet running costs. We hope you will support this exclusive opportunity to enjoy the excellent facilities of the CLC and the services of the Wildflower Travelling Tea Party whilst helping the Centre.



Limited spaces, tables of 6 or 8 available, book as a group or just come along and enjoy an afternoon with new friends. Bring your own alcohol if you wish, plenty of tea provided! Free parking on site. Disabled facilities and hearing loop. Large screen display.

Please book and pay on line at www.wickfordextendedservices.org.uk

Prepayment must be made to reserve your place.

Please call Rachel Voller on 07795972477 for further information.

£20 per person
Saturday 6th October
4pm to 8pm

Wickford CLC, Grange Avenue, Wickford, Essex, SS12 0LZ

Booking Deadline: Monday 1/10/18