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Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 20th September 2018
Newsletter No: 3

Attendance w/beg: 12th September 2018
Whole School: 98.7%
Class of the week: Deer – 100%

Hedgehog 98.68%	Squirrel 99.35%	Rabbit 96.05%
Deer 100%	Fox 99.31%	Owl 99.33%
Badger 99.31%	Otter 96.67%	

Assembly Theme of The Week
International Peace Day

Letters Home

Parent Survey – After School Childcare
Year 2 Sleepover
School Dinner Menu

Week Beginning 24th September 2018

School Dinners
Week 1



Forest School
Group B



Upcoming Diary Dates

September

17th Clubs Start
19th Evening Echo New Intake Photo
20th 9-11am Year 2 English Workshop
20th 7:30pm Shipmates AGM
25th 9-11am Flying Start Workshop - Tapestry
25th 4pm, Year 2 Sleepover Meeting with crèche

October

2nd GB Athlete visiting for Sponsored Sport 1
3rd 9-11am Flying Start Workshop
5th 9-10am Year 1 Maths and English Workshop
9th 9-11am Flying Start Workshop - Maths
10th Year 1 and 2 Design & Technology Day

This week in school

This week in EYFS, we have shared the story This is Our House. We've talked about how to be a good friend and thought about what makes us all special. We've also drawn self-portraits and practised writing our name! We began ERR this week too and have learned the following sounds: m, a, t, s, i. In maths we have been learning to count and to recognise numbers. Our number of the week is 1.

In Year 1 this week in Maths we have been learning to add two numbers together using objects. We have been counting carefully and working hard on our number formation. In English, we have been re telling and writing a story about a Dinosaur called Tiny.

In Year two this week we have been learning more about place value in maths and we have been learning to write our calculations in a different way. In English, we have written our own versions of 'A Dinosaur called Tiny' and we've also learnt how to use WordArt in computing!

GB Athlete Coming to Hilltop

Please can you ensure that all sponsor forms and money are returned to school by **Monday 24th September**.

Year 2 Sleepover

A letter has been sent home today regarding the Year 2 sleepover that will be taking place on Friday 16th November. A meeting will be held on 25th September and this meeting **must** be attended if your child will wishes to come to the sleepover.

Tapestry Workshop

Tapestry is an online learning journal which your child can treasure forever, containing photos, writing and videos! The best part is you can access it 24 hours a day and even add to it at home! It is a secure password protected login in line with current data protection acts.

For Tapestry access we do need you to complete the permission forms. Permission allows your child's photos/videos to be seen by the cohort – these are printed into learning stories at the end of the year. Please see us if you wish to discuss any child protection issues or concerns.

We will be holding the first of our Flying Start Workshops on Tuesday 25th September from 9-11am and this will be on ERR and Tapestry. If you do not attend this meeting you will not be able to access Tapestry.

There will be a crèche available for this workshop and places must be booked and paid for in advance. Please book places via the main office. We will only be able to run this crèche if we have a minimum of 6 children as we need to cover staffing costs to run the crèche.

Book Bags

Please do not put sip bottles in book bags and sometimes they leak and we have already had some reading books ruined. Can we also request that no key chains are attached to bags as this prevents them from being put away safely in their trays.

Parent Workshops

Thank you very much to all everyone who attended the Year 1 Phonics workshop last Thursday and the Year 2 English workshop this morning. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in school. Mrs Neve's PowerPoint presentation can be found on the website.

Thank you!

We would like to say a great big thank to our Shipmates for purchasing new dinner trays for our children to use at lunchtime. The children have really enjoyed using them.

Also, thank you very much to Mr Atkinson who kindly donated office furniture, desks and chairs for all the teachers. We are all enjoying using our new desks.

Car Park and Footpaths

When collecting and dropping children at school please can you ensure that you do not walk through the car park and walk on the covered pathway. When going to Forest School and school trips we promote road safety and always ensure that the children cross roads safely. Please can you support us in road safety and stick to the footpaths and not take short cuts across the hammerheads. Cars are constantly turning around in this area before and after school.

School Council and Talk Time

This year we have decided that to help promote an ethos of democracy and collaborative working, all the children in the school will be part of the school council. This is a great opportunity to give the pupil voice in our school a true chance to be heard and responded to. Children will work together in their classes to complete questionnaires and surveys around a whole range of topics throughout the year. Two representatives from each class will then take their findings to a Talk Time session with a teacher where they will share the information they have gathered from across the school. Children will take it in turns to attend these Talk Time sessions to give all an equal chance. The results of each Talk Time will then be shared on the school newsletter. Mr Chapman led the first Talk Time this week and all the children were very grown up sitting in the staffroom discussing how we teach and learn Maths in our school.

Donations of socks

We are looking for donations of adult socks for our DT day on 10th October. Please bring any spare socks and pass them to your classroom teacher. At last a home for all the lost socks!

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.

Parking



Janeway's Joke



**What do you call birds that stick together?
Vel-crows!**

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.

Maths Talk Time
Date: Monday 17th September 2018
Subject Leader: Dan Chapman



Children attended:

Year 2: Henry, Daniela, Toby. Codey.

Year 1: Seren, Alicia, Teddy, Ty, Dulcie.

Year R: Willow, Charlotte, Sebby, Brooke, Teddy, Samuel.

1. What have you learnt in maths?

Year R: counting shapes, bears, dinosaurs, fruit at snack time, matching numbers with objects, days of the week, months of the year.

Year 1: Counting up to 20, counting down from 20, putting numbers in order, 1 less than, 1 more than.

Year 2: How to add up and count up in our brains, more and less signs, arrow cards to help us to partition numbers, counting backwards.

2. What do you like about maths?

Year R: counting numbers, playing with things, adding-making bigger numbers out of little numbers.

Year 1: Counting, using ipads, writing numbers, ordering numbers, adding numbers together.

Year 2: Maths games, keeps your brain busy, getting answers right, new words, using everything you know to work out an answer, adding all the numbers up, EVERYTHING !

3. What do you use to help you in maths?

Year R: Beans, lollies, toys, bricks, fingers, counters, gruffalo numbers, for counting, a special pen and kitchen roll (wipeboard & pen).

Year 1: Numberline, 100 square, Maths wall, marbles, toys, rulers, caterpillars with numbers on, your brain .

Year 2: Number lines, working wall, number bonds, multi-links, numicon, 100 square, your brain.

4. Do you ever do problem solving?

Year R: Yes, building tall towers, matching numicon to pictures, compare bear sorting.

Year 1: Yes, numbers in the wrong order, 1 less.

Year 2: Yes, filling in missing numbers, quizzes, explaining.

5. What helps you when you are problem solving?

Year R: My teacher, My friends, our grown ups, pencils, blocks, looking at colours, how big things are and matching sizes.

Year 1: Number tiles, talk partners, actions,

Year 2: Number lines, fist pump, snappy simon, bobs tools, using what you know, maths equipment, our brains.

6. What else would you like to learn in maths?

Year R: count big numbers, adding, building tall towers, weighing with scales.

Year 1: Adding hard numbers, to count to 1 million, how to count with eddies, learn to count forwards/backwards from 100, drawing to represent numbers.

Year 2: More adding because it's fun, dividing, calculations with 4 numbers, times tables, making boxes-3D shapes, counting bigger numbers.

7. Any other comments:

Year R: No

Year 1: Deer class enjoy doing maths.

Year 2: We would like more outdoor learning maths trips.



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