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Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have definitely moved into autumn in the last few days with colder, wet and windy weather. This does impact on the use of our outdoor space as the field can become too muddy for children to play on. We have made the decision, even though covid rates are still high, that children from different year groups, at times, will need to use the playgrounds together. However, year groups will continue to stay separate indoors.

I attended the Palace Wood Friends annual general meeting on Tuesday this week, and it was great to listen to the many ideas they have for raising funds for the school. I'd like to offer all those who attended a big thank you and particularly the Chair, Claire Ashby, for the vital work they do for the school. Many activities are still not possible with the ongoing situation; however, the group are still very keen to fund raise for the school and this is very much appreciated. News on upcoming events will come out to you shortly. As you may be aware, schools are still facing considerable financial difficulties, and school budgets are stretched with very little left in the pot to replace resources, buy new and improved equipment and ensure our learning environments are as good as they can be. The money generated by the Friends, and you as parents, enables us to resource areas, such as our library, lunchtime play equipment, outdoor spaces and much more. Please, if you can spare any time to get involved with the team, to help out with events or to become a class representative, contact the school office or a member of the committee. A little goes a long way and any help will be gratefully received.

We are also keen to discuss other ways of funding the wider curriculum and enrichment activities and this will be an agenda point at the next Parent Forum which takes place on Tuesday 12th October. Again, thank you to those parents who have said they will be attending. There is still space if you feel you could spare a few minutes that morning.

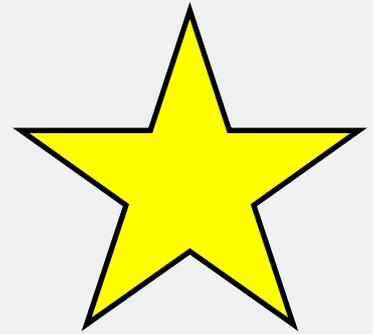
Next week, Tuesday 5th, is our Harvest Festival with years 1-3 celebrating in school with visitors from the church joining us, and years 4-6 celebrating at St Nicholas Church later the same day. If you are able to spare an item of food or toiletries, we would love to receive them. Packets and tinned food work best, so please do not send anything that is fresh. All donations go straight to people in our community who need support. This means, that if you can spare toothpaste, shower gel or shampoo, instead of food, then these gifts will also be very gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend.

Mrs Cairns



SUPERSTAR CORNER



One of our pupils Ethan has successfully danced his way into the pantomime Cinderella.

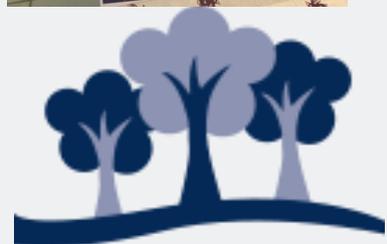
Cinderella is open to the public at studio 6, Rocky Hill, ME16 between 6th -19th December. If any of his friends or other pupils are interested in watching Ethan, his performances are on the following dates 6th at 2pm and 9th,13th,17th and 19th December at 7pm .



Thomas, Zebras class, was awarded player of the match during football training this week.

Also, a massive well done to Alice who has had 12 inches cut off her hair and donated it the Princess trust so it can be used for children with hair loss.

Alice has also raised £882.98 from her sales of the 'I've had the jab' badges that she designed. Alice has kindly donated half the money to the school and half to the NHS, so a BIG THANK YOU to Alice.



Reminders and Updates

- Remember, if you wish your child to bring in their mobile phone please contact Mrs Cairns in writing
- Please send in your non perishable food donations for Harvest
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Dates for the diary

DATE	EVENT
20th October 2021	INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS
19th October 2021	OPEN DAY FOR NEW JOINERS 2022
3rd November 2021	OPEN DAY FOR NEW JOINERS 2022
15th November 2021	OPEN DAY FOR NEW JOINERS 2022



EYFS



In EYFS this week, the children continued looking and exploring the signs and sounds of Autumn. We began sorting our Autumn resources and finding things that match. We also used our lovely Autumn leaves to explore colour and print.



YEAR 1



This week Year 1 had a visitor-Florence Nightingale. She told us all about her life and we role played being soldiers and nurses. We had fun and learnt so much.



YEAR 2



In year 2 this week we have been thinking about HIBERNATING.

We role-played at being hibernating field mice.

Next week we will start to write a report about Hibernation.



YEAR 3



This week, Year 3 have started a new English book called Star in the Jar. They have really enjoyed rewriting parts of this story and have created 'Starry Night' pictures to help the lost star find its home.



YEAR 4



This week in Science we have used our knowledge of pitch to create string instruments. We were challenged with using different size elastic bands to produce sounds of different pitches. We also used elastic bands of the same size to investigate how we could change the pitch. In English we have really enjoyed planning our independent piece of writing based on Charlie and the Chocolate



YEAR 5



This week Year 5 have been learning about negative numbers. We had a range of different games to play with our partner. We used dice and had to either add or subtract to reach a target number. We also played a connect three game where we had to make different numbers and cover three in a row to win. Year 5 had to be strategic and think about whether to add or subtract if they wanted to make a specific number to block their partner.



YEAR 6



Year 6 have enjoyed testing out some new equipment during lunch times and playtimes this week. Connect 4 has been very popular, as have the volleyball nets. We have also been learning about how the heart pumps blood around the body and discussing which parts of the blood are the most important.



This week's always children:

Penguins	Riley	Crocodiles	Duru
Elephants	Oliver B	Panthers	Ethan
Giraffes	Louiza	Leopards	Erin
Bears	Yoana	Tigers	Mason
Zebras	Helena	Lions	Holly
Pandas	Ruby	Hippos	Matthew P
Monkeys	Jacob	Rhinos	Emila

Most House points this week:

Rowling

Times table rock stars

- Amelia (Monkeys)
- Thomas (Monkeys)
- Evelyn (pandas)

At Palace Wood we:

Give it our best
Respect one another
Overcome obstacles
Work together

This weeks attendance is

