

October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please enjoy reading about what has been happening in school this term. Welcome to all our new children, it's been a fantastic start to the year, you have settled into school life beautifully. I would also like to welcome our new teaching member of staff Mr Howard.



We hope the meetings at the beginning of term gave you all the information you needed about what happens in class. It was so nice to hear all the positive feedback given at parents evening too.

Children have been taking part in the NSPCC 'speak out stay safe' workshops, this is so important that the children can feel confident in knowing they are able to talk to any member of staff about anything they might feel is not quite right.

Simon Aston came into the school and worked with the children on Online Safety. He is highly regarded in the Northamptonshire area and I hope that parents appreciated being able to ask him any questions or queries they had and he has supported you in this area. I think you will agree this is a potentially very vulnerable area for children and it's so important to know and safeguard what our children are accessing online.

Attendance this term is 97.42% thank you for getting children to school and on time too!



We won! Well done to Amelia, Kaiden, Leo, Florence, Arlo, Theo, Taylen and Zac. They were fantastic and won every game played.



SCARF :-Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship

The Life Education team came into school with their tent, which the children loved! They spoke about different topics to each class, which promote mental health, wellbeing and resilience.



Class 1 – have been getting to know each other, developing their communication skills and getting used to their school life routine and of course enjoying lots of play and learning.



Class 3 - have been having swimming lessons this term and learning about safety in the water. They have also been enjoying the gardening club too.



Class 2 – children have been working on animals and their habitats, shapes, addition and subtraction and clay bog babies in connection with The Bog Baby story.



Class 4 – have walked around the village studying the history of Little Houghton, looking at past and present traditions. They went on their school trip to Northampton Museum and have been investigating dissolving, melting, freezing, evaporating, filtering and sieving a variety of substances.



Class 4 Football Festival

Well done to Eben, Mason, Tristan, Josh, Alfie, Luka, Jacob, Jack, Jonah, Luke, Kolbe, George,



Dates for your Diaries

Monday 30th October - Teacher Training Day Tuesday 31st October - Back to school Thursday 2nd November - Prospective parents tour of the school at 1.30pm Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November - Book Fair in school, more details to follow. Thursday 9th November - Year 5 and 6 racquet ball games tournament after school at Wollaston Monday 13th - Friday 17th November - Antibullving week Friday 17th November - Children in Need Thursday 23rd November - Individual photographs and siblings within school Monday 4th December - Last Archery session Wednesday 6th December - Last Hotshots session **Friday 8th December** - Pantomime performance in school at 1,30pm Monday 11th December - Dress rehearsals for Christmas performances **Tuesday 12th December** - Key stage 1 Christmas performance at 1.30pm and 6pm Wednesday 13th December - Key stage 2 Christmas performance at 1.30pm and 6pm **Tuesday 19th December** – School Christmas dinner and Christmas party day in classes. Wednesday 20th December - Church Service 10am. Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term Thursday 4th January - back to school

SPORTS Crew

EW Sports Crew Workshop

Well done to Henry, Jack, Jacob and Luke -You all had a brilliant day and have come back with lots of ideas to move forward in organising the sports crew club in school for younger children. More details to follow.



Bikeability

Year 5 children had the opportunity of completing their bikeability training, level 1 and level 2 - Well done, what a great achievement for you all.

Lunchtime Enrichment Clubs

They have been a big hit this term!



Harvest Festival

A big thank you for all your generous donations for the Hope Centre, it was great to see so many of you in Church.



Have a lovely half term week everyone.

Regards

Carolyn Fairbrother