



Well, it has not been the best week to start using the field for lunchtime play! Currently the Key Stage 2 children play on the field after they have eaten their lunch. All children need a pair of wellies to use the field, it is incredibly muddy and we have had problems this week with mud in school as some are wearing their school shoes. We are also aware that we have sent home many pupils in quite a muddy state! Helpfully, FOLS have organised a welly swap to assist with the welly shortage, this will be held in the school hall next Thursday 10th November at 3.15pm.

We have been thrilled to have so many wonderful book reviews from children this week, Mrs Phillips has thoroughly enjoyed reading them! If your child would still like to complete a book review please bring them into school next week. We are also pleased to announce that a large number of children are now reading daily at home and as a result some have reached the first milestone of '25 reads'. These children will be rewarded in assembly next week.

You might have noticed a new face around the school this week as we have welcomed Mrs Amy Bollin as our new Robins preschool leader. She has settled in really well and has already got to know most of the children and parents. We are aiming to continue developing stronger links between the school and preschool so that children in Robins are more involved in events with the older children and Mrs Bollin will be an integral part of these plans.

Huge congratulations to Hannah in the office who got married over the half term break. Most of you know her as Miss Stinchcombe, but she will now be known as Mrs Turner. We would all like to send her our very best wishes for life with her new husband!

We need to clarify the Government guidelines on holidays in term time. Please see the extracts from the Department for Education below:

Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

As head teachers should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday.

These rules apply to all children at school regardless of age, although obviously not to the children in our preschool. Therefore moving forward, please do not expect any holiday request to be granted unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

Mr Turull and Mrs Phillips

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - Please remember to make bookings through Ian Groves website for breakfast club on the following link - <https://igsportscoaching.co.uk/leigh-on-mendip-school-clubs/> He has now added a construction club to run as part of the Thursday morning breakfast club. The children will enjoy planning and building various models from our new Lego and K'nex kits.
- **Children in Need** - If you would like to donate to this cause, please do so via parent pay <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8427>
- **Wellies** - Please remember, all children need a pair of wellies in school as above.



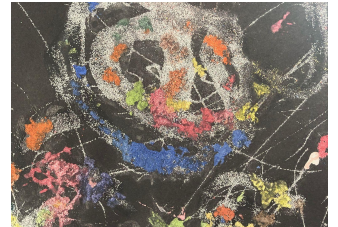
News from the Classrooms



We've had an exciting week in Robins, we've welcomed our new leader Amy and celebrated Halloween and made some firework paintings.



This week we discussed how to stay safe during Bonfire night. We also read and wrote poems about fireworks and made our own fireworks art.



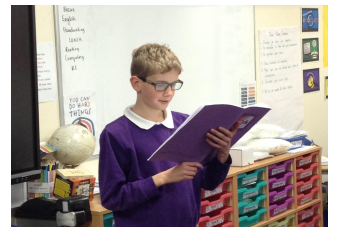
Starlings had great fun this week at our newly named 'Wren Woods' creating spooky spider catchers. Ask us how we made them!



In Goldfinch class we have been exploring what materials are good reflectors and why some materials are better reflectors than others. We are in the process of confirming new dates for parent consultations and will let parents know the dates as soon as possible.



Swallow class have enjoyed writing poems this week using our senses as well as a range of poetic techniques to engage listeners. We then shared these poems with each other, thinking carefully about how we can vary our volume, tone and speed as well as use actions and facial expressions in a poetry performance.





WELLY EXCHANGE

Thursday 10th November

3.15pm in the School Hall



Does your child have wellies for
outdoor play and Forest School?

Maybe their wellies are too
small?

Come and join the Welly Swap!

Organised by FOLS

We would appreciate any donations dropped
off at the office next week from

Monday - Wednesday

Also, any waterproof trousers and coats!

Harvest donations

On behalf of Somervally Foodbank I would like to thank Leigh on Mendip School staff, pupils and parents for the kind, and very helpful, Harvest Festival collection this year.

Sadly, as you may well appreciate, the demand for Foodbank support from our local people (particularly those in crisis) remains high. The generous donations from your School have really helped boost stocks in our Warehouse at this challenging time.

Now our volunteers have sorted and put all the Harvest Festival items received into our Warehouse stock and I have updated our systems. I am delighted to feedback that your School donated a total of 84.90kgs. This is a fantastic effort and really appreciated.

Thank you so much.

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2

Each Week

Monday

pm - Violin lesson for Goldfinch Class and Forest School for Starling Class
after school Hand Bells Club

Tuesday

8.00 am Breakfast Club
PE for all children with Mr Groves

Wednesday

after school Sports Club with Mr Groves
8.00 am Breakfast Club

Thursday

after school - Sunflower Club
8.00 am Breakfast Club with Lego and K'Nex

Friday

pm - Swimming lesson for Goldfinch Class
after school - Origami Club
pm - Forest School for Kingfisher Class

November

Wednesday 9th

Open afternoon 1.30pm - 3pm

Thursday 10th

Welly Swap in school hall 3.15pm

Thursday 17th

AM Flu vaccinations for children in Goldfinch Class

Friday 18th

Cake Sale 3.15pm