



I have been extremely impressed with how our new Reception children have settled into life at school. It cannot be underestimated how tiring it is for children when they start at school, learning all of the new routines and getting to know all the children and staff. I have seen them in class and their outdoor area several times and they have always been focused and busy, enjoying the task they are carrying out, while working and playing well with the other children. A big thank you to our Early Years staff who have made this transition to school so enjoyable for the class.

It has been really good getting a proper sense of normality back in school after the last 18 months. One of the most important aspects of this has been the children all mixing together again at break times as well as being able to hold whole school assemblies.

We will be sending out a parent questionnaire in the coming weeks. This will give you the opportunity to let us know how you are all feeling about the school and give us ideas of what we need to be focusing on this year from a parent perspective.

Mr Turull

It's been another very busy week at school with the children in Cherry Class now staying for the whole school day and children in the other classes learning about democracy, writing persuasive letters and voting for two of their peers to represent their class on the school council. Mr Rideout will be in charge of the School Council this year and is very much looking forward to chairing their first meeting.



House Captains also held their first meeting on Wednesday, introducing themselves to the younger members of their house and were no doubt discussing strategies to secure house points in order to win the end of term treat.



It was lovely to welcome Jill Scarborough from the BANES library service to our celebration assembly today where children who took part in the summer reading challenge were awarded their certificates and medals.

Mrs Cowgill



Notices

- **COVID-19** - Please can you keep us informed of any positive Covid tests in your families.
- **Clubs** - These will begin next Monday. If your child is taking part in netball / football club please remind them to bring a pair of trainers to school.
- **Data collection** - children will bring home data collection sheets, along with new home-school agreements next week - please keep a lookout for these in school bags and return by Friday 1st October.
- **Dinner Menu Choices** - These must be made by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day.
- **Dogs** - A gentle reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.
- **Governors** - we currently have vacancies on our governing board - if you are interested in applying we would love to hear from you - please contact the school office for more information.
- **PTFA Firework display** -IT's BACK! Save the date Saturday 30th October - more info to follow soon...
- **School gates** will open from 8.40am each morning for children to enter school and from 3.10pm to allow parents to come into the playground for pick up at 3.15pm.
- **Volunteering** - If you have an hour or two free a week and are able to come and volunteer in school, whether it be sharing books with children, helping in the classroom with art or DT projects, we'd love to hear from you. Please pop into the school office for further information.

Diary Dates

Monday 20th September
Friday 24th September
Wednesday 29th September
Thursday 14th October
Thursday 22nd October
Saturday 30th October

School clubs start
9:00am - 10.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning in school
Individual school photos
2.30pm Sycamore Class Learning Exhibition
End of Term 1
PTFA Fireworks display

MacMillan Coffee Morning -one week to go!

Mrs Stephens will be organising the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 24th September in The Hall.

Everyone is welcome to join us for tea, coffee and cakes from 9:00am to 10:30am in order to raise money for this very worthwhile charity.

We would appreciate any donations of cakes to be brought in that morning. Many thanks.





Maple Class Learning

In Maple Class we are learning about dinosaurs and this week we have been pretending to be paleontologists. We have been examining dinosaur poo to see whether the dinosaur was a meat eater (carnivore), a plant eater (herbivore) or both (omnivore). The children were both excited and disgusted (in equal measure) in their findings...some of which has been wrapped up for safekeeping and has gone home!



Certificates of the week



Head Teacher Certificates

Congratulations to Ben, Arthur, Roman, Albie and Lottie on receiving this week's Head Teacher award.

Doodle Maths

Alice, Paige, Sophie, Phoebe, Finlay and Ellis have earned the most stars in their class this week.

Big congratulations to Ellis for winning the Top Doodler trophy!!

