

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

Another really busy week is already at its end and it hardly seems possible that only two weeks ago we were still on holiday. The weather has certainly changed and is becoming more autumnal. Please ensure the children have coats in school now as the mornings can be quite chilly at this time of year and we wish them to play outside whenever they can.

Our PCSO has been in touch this week regarding the parking at the bottom of Judith Avenue at the start and end of the day. People are parking dangerously close to junctions and are driving on the pavements in an attempt to get around cars that are not parked in accordance with the highway code. The police will be attending over the next few days to help sort the parking situation. We need to keep pavements clear for pedestrians and only park where it doesn't obstruct the views of people crossing the roads. We do not want to be faced with the tragedy of a road death. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring we are all kept safe.

Staff Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a relief caretaker and a relief cleaner. Please contact Mrs Fewkes via the school office if you are interested in either position. An immediate start is available for the right person once employment checks have been completed.

Governing Body

There are two vacancies for Parent Governors from the Autumn Term and more details will follow shortly about how to get involved in the Governing Body of the school. Please do contact the office or Mrs Fewkes if you are interested in finding out more in the meantime. We are very pleased with the expressions of interest so far.

School Meals

We have decided to invite parents in each class to lunch over the course of the next term. This will enable you to share lunch with your child and also to see for yourselves the quality of the menus now on offer and the enjoyment with which the children attack their meals now. We hope you will be able to join us. Cherry Class parents should have received a letter already and Hawthorn Class parents will be the next to be invited to join us.

Stars of the Week

This week our value has been CHALLENGING OURSELVES. Our pupils of the week for being challenging themselves to work hard are Zachary in Oaks class, Michael in Cherry class, Tyler in Hawthorn class, Abigail in Rowan class, Ruby in Chestnut class and Jake in Silver Birch class and Holly in Redwood class. Our focus on British Values this week has been 'The Rule of Law.' We have thought about how in the past the Royal Family have played a key role in enforcing the rules of the country and have discussed our classroom and school rules and on respecting each other's beliefs and opinions and have considered the importance of having a Royal Family. Next week the value we will be focussing on is TOLERANCE.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the year so far is 99.1% and for this week is 99.1%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as possible. The classes

with the best attendance this week are Oaks, Rowan, and Redwood, all with 100%. We will be holding return to school meetings for all absent children to ensure they catch up on key learning missed and they can make the most of all opportunities to progress.

We are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time. Our Attendance and Punctuality Policy clearly states that a fixed penalty notice will be issued for six unauthorised sessions, missed from school. This includes six late arrivals which are coded in the register as unauthorised lates - arrival after 8.55am. Please ensure the children arrive on time as this enables them to begin learning quickly and in the right frame of mind. Breakfast club starts next week and your child can be signed up in the school office. All regular appointments need to be taken outside of the school day and we will not be authorising these.

Breakfast Club

The first week has gone well and we have enjoyed having breakfast and chatting with the children in the mornings. We have a few spaces left for next week. Please book and pay through the office if this is useful for you and your children.

Young Writers Poetry Safari

Last Year's Hawthorn class entered poems into the Young Writers poetry competition and they have all be chosen to be published in a book. Well done.

Class Dojo

You will have had a letter home this week inviting you to sign up for Class Dojo for your child's class. This is a safe social media messaging facility where you can communicate with your child's class teacher quickly and at your convenience and keep abreast of things going on in the classroom. Photos and blogs of activities during the day are updated very regularly and you will be able to feel a part of what is going on. We are able to award points towards awards chosen by the children. Cherry Class have already been awarded their three hundred point certificates as a class. Children can also earn individual points which count too. It has been great to see so many parents signed up already. It works on your phones too as an app. Please let us know if you would like another sign up code if yours has been misplaced.

House Points

House	Points so far
Red - Mars	50
Yellow - Saturn	50
Green - Earth	117
Blue - Neptune	73

In the Community

Lots of children have been busy gaining swimming awards. Leni has gained her 5m Rainbow Swimming Award and Mollie has gained her 1500m, 2000m and 1 mile awards. Well done girls!! Mollie also passed her Recreational Gymnastics Award Level 1.

Junior Road Safety Officers 2017-2018

Our new Junior Road Safety Officers are Maddie and Emily. They will be working with Mrs Macalister and all of us at ensuring we stay safe on our journeys to and from school.

Summer Reading Challenge 2017 - Animal Agents

Lots of you have taken part and been awarded certificates - I have seen these for the following children this week: Alice, Noah, Tyler, Corey, Willow, George, Jonty, Maddie, Pearl, Taylor. I look forward to hearing more about the books that you enjoyed reading over the summer.

Random Acts of Kindness Awards

This week a 'Random Acts of Kindness Award' was presented to Ellie-Mae in Hawthorn for always being helpful to everyone. I am always really proud of the kindness and good manners our children show towards each other.

Dates for your Diary

- 21.09.17 2.30pm KS1 Share Session / Learning Café - Story Bags
- 22.09.17 Macmillan Cancer research fund raiser - cake sale 3.15pm - please donate cakes
- 27.09.17 Year 3 and 4 children - Computing - Using Scratch Junior across the Curriculum
- 28.09.17 Sponsor forms out re: October Readathon
- 28.09.17 NSPCC Assembly and KS2 workshops
- 29.09.17 Ruby in Year 4 Macmillan Cancer research Sponsored Head Shave -2pm at Aldeburgh Hospital
- 02.10.17 2.30pm KS2 Share Session / Learning Café - Reading Detectives project launch