

## Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

### School Life

School life is always busy and with 320 children, we should not be surprised to hear this. In this newsletter, one week after our last, we will share images and descriptions of school life, as well as some news.

#### Dates

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Book fair after school.
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a PTA Christmas Extravaganza contribution – a donation for tombola or the present-giving room.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Open morning for new reception parents for 2020 9:00am – 10:30am
- PTA Christmas Extravaganza: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- Christmas Performances for Reception to Year 4.
  - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm
  - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am
  - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm AND 5:00pm
  - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm
- Christmas Performance Pre-school (Apple & Acorn)
  - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am
  - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term.

### Attendance

Last week we had 98% attendance as a school. This is very good. When children are here, we can teach them and they learn. Did you know...?

- 5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year.
- 15 minutes late every day = 10 days of school lost a year.

### Children In Need Update

The final total for Children in Need was £679.62. This is very impressive and a total we all should be proud of raising.



### Christmas Jumper Day

We are not participating in this year's Save the Children Christmas Jumper day.

### Pantomime

The emerging tradition at our school is to attend the Weston-super-Mare Playhouse pantomime every other year. Some parents have asked if we were going this year so, to confirm, we are not. Next year, we are likely to go as a whole school.

### Parking Help

One of our parents is assisting with car park safety at the end of the school day. Please show respect and support him in this effort. His role will be to open and close the gate for disabled badge users into the staff car park.

### Year 1 Visit Bristol Zoo

Our Year 1 children can tell you about animal classification, if you ask them: What makes a mammal a mammal and what makes a reptile a reptile? They had a great time at the zoo. Thankyou parents for supporting the trip!



### Reception Parents in School



Parents from reception classes have joined in with some lessons this week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their participation in their learning.

### Cooking with Aspens

Some children from Year 2 and 3 have had opportunities to cook with our school caterers.



They learnt to make cheese and apple pastries.

### Radio Recording

After a very quiet first term, our children have been recording in the radio pod. Here's a picture of Year 1 Chestnut class recording their story writing.



### A Special Guest in Year 3

Mr Allen invited his granddad into school to help our children develop an understanding of Europe and how it has changed over the past 90 years. The children were respectful, mesmerised and very interested.



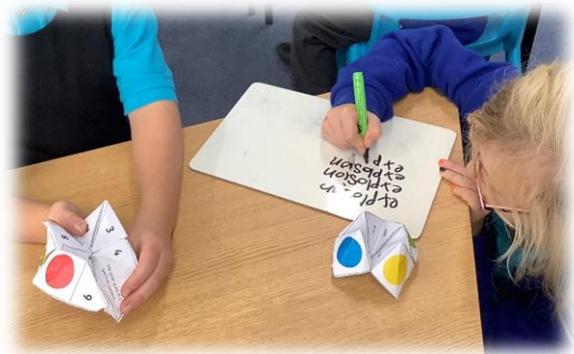
### Forest School with Rachel Manley

This term we have Year 3 and Year 2 enjoying forest school. One activity we observed was children learning to make bird callers with Elder tree branches.



### Year 4 Masters!

Maple class created origami fortune tellers as a fun way to learn their spellings.



### Pre-school Stay and Play Sessions

Parents from Pre-school were invited and joined in with Stay and play sessions for our youngest children in school. In the image below, we can see a wonderful moment of shared sensory play to learn new numbers.



They have also been mastering their fundamental sports skills: balancing and controlled movement.



### The Book Fayre in School

The book fayre is not just an opportunity for you to buy books for your children; it also gives us a chance to read new books to our children.



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