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HEADTEACHER
Mr A Johnson

1st December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've certainly packed a lot in since my last Newsletter, of which, the first event that springs to mind, was the complete overall of the School Library. This conversion was spearheaded and executed by Ms West and other 'willing' volunteers over the Autumn half-term, and has totally transformed the space. Children have the opportunity to not only visit the Library during their class time, but it is also open every Lunch Time for children across the school to use as a quiet space and enjoy a good read. Many of you have also had the opportunity to visit the Library and take part in our Fun Quiz - with the possibility of winning a £10 Book Voucher. If you haven't had that opportunity, pictures and a virtual tour can be seen on the Homepage of the School Website. I hope, as all the children have loudly voiced, you agree that the time spent on this reconstruction, was certainly worth it!

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Bournemouth F.C. earlier in the week - who led a Whole School Assembly based on Healthy Lifestyles and physical activity and then ran smaller workshops, with a selection of children from Year 4 to Year 6, extolling the virtues of reading, before offering practical football sessions. I know the children involved were very excited and Bournemouth F.C had nothing but praise for our children's engagement and courtesy.

We held our very first Living Museum at the end of the first half term and what a roaring success that was. It was wonderful to see the children enthusiastically sharing their good work whilst you had the opportunity to either chat with their class teacher or simply take in the rich learning environments across the school. Thank you for your positive feedback and we look forward to welcoming you back into the school at the end of this term.

I should perhaps mention our three visitors, from the Department of Education, who spent two days in the school evaluating us against Ofsted's four Key Judgements: Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Leadership and Management. They also evaluated the school's effectiveness towards Safeguarding. As yet, they have not published their report, but please be assured, that as soon as they have, the Governing Body will distribute this to you, with a brief explanation and overview of the entire process.



Our Year 4 children packed their bags for a residential trip to Hooke Court, (which seems like ages ago now) which takes LOTC - Learning Outside the Classroom, to another level, with children gutting and cooking fresh trout on an open fire, making various breads and preparing hearty vegetable stews. All this and plenty more, on very little sleep and continuous fresh air, which led to some pretty weary children returning before the half-term break. I took the opportunity to visit for an afternoon - any excuse to get out of the office - and the senior instructor could not have been more positive about the behaviour and engagement of our children. Fair play to them all.

Just before I end - we will be welcoming Mrs Tozer back, towards the very end of this term and then from January, as a teacher in Year 2, working in partnership with Miss Anthony to ensure the continued provision for Cedar class. I would like to thank Mrs Thirlwall for her support over the past term in providing a safe, enjoyable and stimulating learning environment for the children in that class.

I am, as is customary at this time of year, reliably informed that there are only 25 sleeps 'til Christmas. I sincerely hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy it with your family and loved ones - and as ever, thank you for your continued support.

Don't forget it is our **Christmas Extravaganza** today in the School Hall, from **3.30-4.30pm**.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
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Christmas Events 2022

	Christmas Fun	Other
Thursday 1st December	Whole School Christmas Extravaganza at 3.30 pm	
Monday 5th December	Year 5 & 6 go to Budmouth to watch the 'We Will Rock You' performance	Lost property/new to you giveaway ! after school.
Tuesday 6th December	Christingle for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with Father Gregory in school at 9.45am. Tea/Coffee served by the Friends.	
Wednesday 7th December	Superhero Day for Wilf Children come dressed as their favourite Superhero	
Thursday 8th December	Year 2-6 trip to the cinema (children not attending to stay at school) Year R & 1 films at school with popcorn.	
Friday 9th December	Whole School Christmas jumper day - Voluntary £1 donation.	
Monday 12th December	09:30 - Santa Dash all year groups. Children to wear PE kits to school and festive headgear	
Wednesday 14th December	Reception Nativity to parents/carers at 10.30 (hall) Choir visiting Buxton House with Mrs Tharme at 11am Year 2's party day (come dressed in party clothes)	
Thursday 15th December	Whole school Christmas Carol Competition Children only, school uniform to be worn. Weyco Christmas Lunch	Living Museum for parents/carers at 3.30
Friday 16th December	Non-uniform day Reception Christmas Year 1 Christmas Party Year 3 Christmas Party Year 5 Christmas Party Year 4 Christmas Party Year 6 Christmas Party End of term (finish normal time)	



French Language Detectives

This half term the children have been engaging with Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Primary Languages units.

They have been amazing. We introduced language detective certificates to praise the children who have stood out with their engagement with learning French and enthusiasm with learning a new language. Here are the Autumn 2 Language Detectives.

They have received their own certificate and a prize from the French Prize box. We cannot wait to see who it will be in Spring 2.

Year 3:

Regan, Robbie, Elijah ,Samuel ,Phoebe ,Chardai ,Jasmine ,Ronnie ,Jacob ,Olivia ,Eleanor and Evelyn

Year 4

Thomas, Edan, Kairen , Sianna ,Leyla ,Clarke ,Adam ,Sophie, Elliot

Year 5

Ronnie, Brian, Sunny, Jayden, Jacob, Morgan, Lucas, Rogue, Adam, Alyssa, Alex, Lucas, Logan

Year 6:

Ryan, Georgia, Rihanna, Emily, Ryan, Oscar, Arlye, Aleah, Ashton, Lexie, Grace, Tasniya, Charlie, Luke

Miss O'Brien
French Lead

Parking

At the beginning and end of the school day, certain cars are parking over Zig-Zag markings and on the Double Yellow Lines outside of the School which causes issues with other road users. Cars are also parking in Restricted Areas and over neighbouring resident's driveways. There are clear signs requesting 'No' or 'Restricted Parking' in these areas. We would be grateful if you could adhere to these signs, park with consideration for our immediate neighbours and all school users and, in doing so, keep our children safe, thank you.

