

The M Paper

23rd October 2020

As this unusual and, at times, challenging half term draws to a close, I'd like to wish everyone a relaxing and safe half term. As always, the children's resilience in this situation is amazing and staff have worked hard to maintain as much normality in school as possible which I'm sure has helped the children feel settled and safe. I said last week, one of the biggest challenges has been the lack of our 'informal' communications and ability to hold the usual events. It's such a big part of our school ethos and feels very strange for us all. We are working on some ideas for the next half term to help strike a balance! On the other hand, the support, understanding and general positivity that has been shown from everyone in the school community has been amazing and it is yet another reminder for me what a privilege it is to work in such an incredible school! As I just said, I really hope you all have a good half term and we look forward to seeing everyone's bright smiles back again on Tuesday 3rd Nov – don't forget we have an INSET day on Monday 2nd November!

Louise Crocker

Class Displays

As we've not been able to welcome adults into the school this term, we thought we'd share some photos of our classrooms to give you a flavour of what the children have been up to.



Acorn class have been learning about the 'Enchanted Forest'. They have enjoyed using nature to create these wonderful art pieces,



Upcoming Events

November 2

Inset day- No children

November 3

First Day of term

December 17

Last day of term

Other Information

After School Clubs

We will not be running any after school clubs next half term. After school childcare provision will be available if required.

Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure children have suitable clothing to be outside in any weather. Where possible please leave waterproof clothing at school.

including; nature weaving, rock painting, making sculptures with sticks and twigs, leaf animal pictures and natural collages. Alongside this, they have done some lovely magical creature inspired writing and enjoyed their forest themed play area.



Sapling class have been learning all about Stone Age. We have been exploring different Stone Age art from animals and cave painting to jewellery and tools. The children have produced some amazing writing based on the story Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. In whole class reading we have been looking at Stig of the Dump by Clive King.

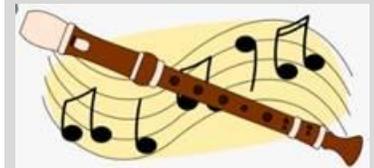


Squirrel's have been enjoying playing in their new outdoor area. The mud kitchen is especially popular as you can tell by the children's muddy waterproofs at hometime!

Recorders

Corin wanted to say a huge well done to all her recorder players this term. She's so impressed with how organised and sensible they've all been with the new regulations in place and how healthy they've all been. She also said it was wonderful in the warmer weather being able to play in the sunshine with them. I would also like to share the well done and say how proud I am of all these musicians. We're hoping to hear some of them performing in the lunch hall after half term! Keep it up!

Mrs Crocker



Flexi-School News

I would just like to express my gratitude to all the Flexi-School families who have worked so hard during this half term. You not only have taken the adjustments to Flexi-School in your stride, but also strived to complete the learning with precision. The wonderful presentation of Flexi-School work (date, objective and marking) and the initiative being shown to meet the objectives has been exceptional. So I would just like to thank you all, I look forward to continuing to see all of your brilliant work after half term.

Many thanks, Miss Cook

