



Headteacher Awards

Starfish Winnie

Turtles Myles

Seahorses Cody

Sharks Annabelle

Togetherness Award

Lacey & Mila

Attendance this week:

Starfish 98.5%

Turtles 96%

Seahorses 93%

Sharks 97%

National Target is 95%+

House Points

Lygon 256

Russell 270

Morris 263

Eadburgha 277

Messages from Mr Poultney:

I'd like to start by sharing the results of our recent parent questionnaire. There was lots of positive feedback in all areas and some comments for us to consider as we continue to make our school even better. The results are available in our 'Parents' section of the website or by clicking this link:-

[Parent Questionnaire](#) Thank you again to everyone that took the time to respond.

As we near the end of the first half term, we are reviewing our Coronavirus risk assessment and measures. On the whole, we have been really pleased with how parents and children have managed the return to school and we are thankful for the support you have given us. We have however, noticed a few areas of the plans that we feel could be improved. One of these is at the end of the day when collecting children.

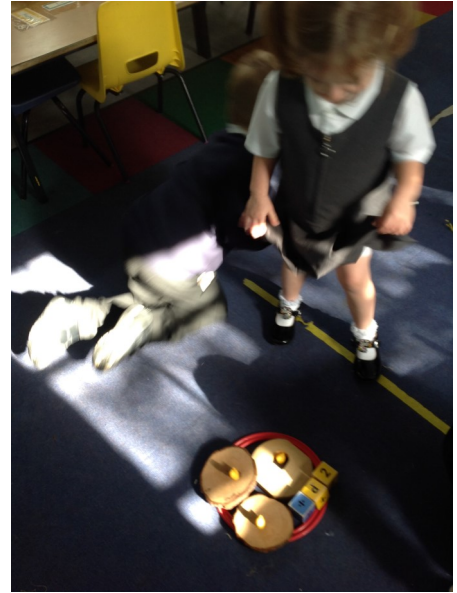
1. When lining up, please stay as close to the fence as possible. This will allow plenty of room for families to pass without feeling anxious about social distancing.
2. There is not enough space on the pavement for all the parents in each class to line up at once. If this happens then lines from class risk meeting a line from another class. If you feel there is not enough room to join the queue safely then it would be really appreciated if you wait in a safe area until a space becomes available.
3. Please be aware of other families when getting in and out of cars and that you are providing enough space to keep you and others safe.

There are some new signs on the railings to remind us of these points. It has been a great effort so far by everyone but the news suggests that we still have a tough time ahead. I think everyone agrees that we do not want a return to lockdown and home learning so every effort goes some way to reducing the risks.

Finally, Class 2 visited Batsford Arboretum this week. A special mention to the adults and children that went on this trip. Despite all the extra rules, the class had an amazing time and adjusted brilliantly to the 'new norm'. Well done everyone.

Starfish

Class 1 enjoyed reading 'Shark in Park!' this week and practised recognising rhyming words. We also read the 'Foggy, Foggy Forest' and enjoyed joining in the repeated phrase. We made our own foggy, foggy forest using rollers to create a shadow silhouette picture. In maths, we began our 'Just Like me 1, 2, 3' White Rose maths topic and looked at different ways 1-3 can be represented with objects, dot patterns, Numicon and numerals.

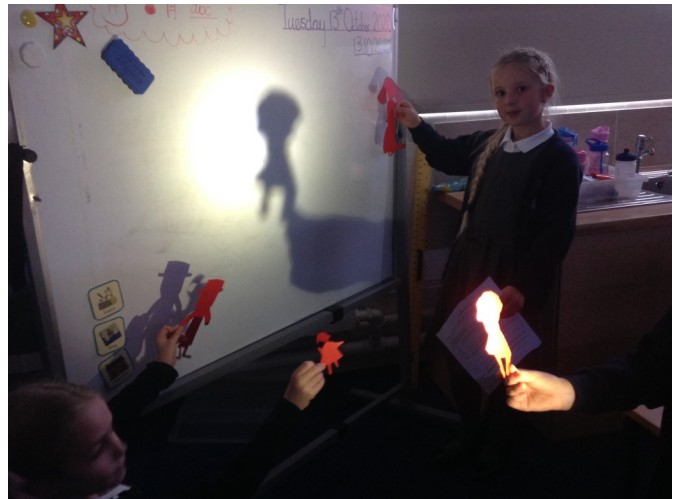


Turtles

Well done Turtles! We had a brilliant trip to Batsford Arboretum.. You all behaved impeccably and we learnt so much about the seasons. We then used some of the leaves we found to make some natural art.

Seahorses

This week, Seahorses have been learning all about Boudicca. They worked in groups to create a shadow puppet performance based on her life, and used their knowledge of light and shadows to create an interesting shadow show.



Sharks

In Class 4 this week, we have been testing out and evaluating lots of different sets of instructions and writing our own gruesome recipes. We also have tomato seeds and lots of different types of beans, ready to grow our own plants.

Halloween Themed Day

On Friday 23rd October, the final day of this half term, we are holding a Science Spooktacular Halloween Day in school. All children are encouraged to come to school dressed in a Halloween outfit and will take part in fun activities and maybe even get a sweet treat to take home!! Children are also completing a picture with a Halloween theme. Thirty of these pictures will be chosen to create a trail that children can follow in the community as a safe alternative to trick or treating this year. Thank you to Mrs Archer for helping to co-ordinate this with school.



Time Lock Photography

If you would like to place an order for your child's school photographs, the school deadline is **Monday 19th October**. All orders will be delivered to and distributed by the school. You can still place orders after this date but postal charges will apply.

Breakfast Club

If you have booked your child into WAC before school and would like your child to have breakfast then please ensure they **arrive by 8.15am at the latest**. Staff have numerous duties to carry out before school commences at 8.50 am and need to be prepared for the day ahead.

Christmas Art Design Orders

Thank you to everyone who placed an order using their child/ren's Christmas design. The deadline has now passed and we can no longer accept money or orders. You will be notified when the bulk delivery arrives.

Lunch Order Form for Next Half Term

The deadline for lunch order forms for the next half term was Friday 16th October. However, if you would like to place an order we can still accept forms until Tuesday 20th October. Anything received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

Christmas Plans!!

Everything may be very different this year but Christmas is still happening!! We are starting to make plans for the children and rest assured there is still plenty of fun to be had! We are unable to accommodate a full school Christmas lunch this year but 'Friends' have kindly offered to fund party food on **Wednesday 16th December**. Mini parties will take place in each class 'bubble' with fun and games during the day. Normal school lunches will be cancelled on this day and unless your child has any particular allergies you feel we will not be able to accommodate, there is no need to send any food in on this day other than a healthy morning snack. More Christmas news to follow next half term.

Medical Conditions

When your child first started school with us you completed a data catchment form which included any medical conditions your child may have. It is imperative that if your child has since developed any medical issues that you inform us as soon as possible to enable us to update their records. All information given is strictly confidential and staff are informed on a need to know only basis.

Children's Halloween Trail & Design Competition

Are you brave enough to take part in a *fangtastic* Halloween trail? From Thursday 22nd October to Sunday 1st November Broadway Museum will be hosting their children's Halloween events. Drop by the museum and see if you can solve our tricky puzzles. Join the spooky trail and try to spot all the pumpkins, giant spiders and skeletons hidden around the building.

Inspired by our current fashion exhibition, we're also challenging you to design a frighteningly good Halloween costume. Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative designs in two age categories; 5-8yrs and 9-13 yrs.

Pick up an entry form at the front desk. Entries close Tuesday 3rd November. It will be *spooktacular* to see you!

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November 2020

We Will Remember

Due to the current restrictions we are unable this to sell Poppy goods in the usual way to raise funds (and awareness) for The Royal British Legion. However, we feel it is still important for the children to mark this occasion in some way. Miss Poole, our Art Coordinator, is launching a Poppy Art & Craft initiative and is asking children to join in with poppy related crafts to display in school, around the village and also at one of our local care homes run by Rooftop Housing. This could be a fun project to do over the forthcoming half term break. More ideas will be shared in time for half term.

If you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal this year, you can still do so by following the instructions on the attached poster.

Next Friday 23rd October

When the original year planner was issued last year, next Friday 23rd October was a TE day. However, due to essential staff training we bought this date forward to September and wanted to clarify that children **ARE** expected in school as normal on this day. They won't want to miss out on our fun packed Science Spooktacular!!

