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This Half Term's Value: Respect

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Another busy week. There is so much happening across both schools at the moment. It is wonderful to see the children immersed into their, now, well established topics.

School Councils

This week we have announced our new school council representatives. School councillors will be the representative voice of our children across the school. They will feedback and inform the overall strategic of the development in the school, across the following areas:

- Teaching and Learning
- Eco Awareness
- Fun and Games – Fundraising and supporting charitable causes.
- Worship Council

Our Fun and Games Committee have already been active within school; organising and running events such as the 'MacMillan Coffee morning'. Meanwhile our Worship Council have today been embarking on their 'Spiritual Ambassador Training'. Following this they will be in a position to take ownership of events such as pupils led worships, steer and advise the governing body and leadership team in terms of the direction the Teaching of Religious Education and Worship takes across our schools using the pupils voice as its guide.

Similarly, the Teaching and Learning Council will work alongside myself, Subject Link Governors, the senior leadership team and subject leaders in shaping the curriculum; helping us to understand how our children learn best and advising us as to the types of skills and additional opportunities for making learning fun they would like to learn and see through their curriculum.

Our Eco Council hold a vitally important role given both our schools' rural locations. They will be advocates for issues such as sustainability, keeping our area and wildlife safe and planning events to support the ecology of our local environments

It is our aim that our councillors will have the opportunity to network with other schools and share their own and learn from the practices of others.

It is vitally important our children learn not only from their teachers the skills and knowledge they require both now and into adulthood but also learn more broadly about issues such as climate change, deprivation and current affairs so that they may shape and form their own





understanding and opinions around the work in which they live. Deciding about the ways in which they can contribute to the wider community as a whole.

School councils are already up and running; planning up and coming events so please keep posted for updates from the councils and of any events!

Parent Consultations

We are still hoping that we will be able to conduct Parent's Evenings face to face this term. However, due to the continuing rise in covid cases it may be necessary to revert to telephone consultations. I appreciate that this is not always the easiest way to discuss your child's progress, we would wish to hold these consultations face to face also, but please understand that if we do revert to telephone conversations it will be with the staff, children and carer's best interests at heart. A final decision will be communicated during the course of next week.

Class 2 Forest School

Class 2 have been hard at work making giant spider webs in the forest during their Forest School sessions this week! The children then transformed into flies and had to use their agility and stealth to sneak through, without getting stuck on the sticky web!



Take a look of some of the action shots!



Also in class 2

Children enjoyed a very exciting Teams meeting! Ben Hollins from Fordhall Farm, Isabelle and Jamie Hollins' Dad, kindly braved the wet and muddy weather to introduce us to the farm's new piglets. As Class 2 are currently creating fact files about pigs, we were able to ask Ben lots of questions and found out lots of facts.





Attendance

This term has seen a number of bugs making an appearance meaning there have already been a number of absences across school. Add to this the requirement to now seek PCR tests when symptoms of covid are displayed, and the inevitable up to 2 day wait for the result, means that pupils are at times missing several days of school. We recognise that this however is inevitable and necessary precautions must be followed at this time. If we could please ask however that non-emergency appointments and other non-emergency reasons for missing school are requested in only **exceptional circumstances**. Further information as to what constitutes exceptional circumstances can be found at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-attendance-or-exclusion/pupil-leave-of-absence/>

Department of Health Covid Update

Please see the attached letter from the Department of Health regarding Covid measures in schools.

And finally this week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Class 1 – Ferne S – Fantastic Writing in English

Class 2 – Jacob K – working hard in class

Class 3 – Isabelle G – Hard work and perseverance

Class 4 – To be celebrated next week!

Congratulations we are all enormously proud of you!

Finally, wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs S. Henney
Executive Head Teacher

DIARY DATES:

- Harvest Church Service at St. Margaret's Church, Moreton Say - Thursday 14th October 2pm
- PTFA Break the Rules Day – Monday 18th October
- Last day of term Thursday 21st October (PD Day Friday 22nd October – Teaching staff only)
- Deadline for Secondary School applications – 31st October
- Children return to school – Monday 1st November
- Y1 – Y6 Cross Country Event at The Grove School – Thursday 4th November
- Parents Evening 15th & 16th November. Appointments available via School Spider
- BBC Children in Need Day – Friday 19th November

