



MORETON SAY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
ADDMORE FEDERATION – ‘TOGETHER WE ADD MORE’
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THE MONDAY LETTER



Christian Value for October: Thankfulness

Being polite & saying thank you; appreciating others; appreciating the world around us, even the small things



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Message from the Head:

Hello again everyone. Below is news from each of our busy classrooms. We are pleased to report that children have settled back in well to our school routine and are happy to be with their friends again.

A parent has reported to me that they are concerned about the speed of cars around the car park and along the road. Can I please ask that parents are vigilant about their speed and mindful of children walking across the car park. If you are late, please do not be tempted to speed up: contact the school office and someone will come out to greet you and your child.

Parents of children with SEN will know that we have just conducted ‘virtual’ SEN reviews, either via a Microsoft Teams (like Zoom) video call, a telephone call or email, depending on the parents’ preference.

We will be conducting **Parents’ Evening** straight after half term in the same way. Appointment times will be offered to you shortly.

Our new website is almost ready for launching. We had always planned to have a ‘virtual tour’ video on the front page and with the Covid pandemic, it is more important than ever, that we can show our school off remotely. Mr Rosie, one of our Adderley parents, makes videos professionally and has agreed to produce a video for us for both schools in our federation.

You will receive a letter in the coming days asking for your permission for your child to be included in a video for our website. You will already have been asked on entry to the school, to fill in an image consent form that covers photos on newsletters, the website and social media. This is a separate request, asking specifically about taking part in this video which Mr Rosie will edit offsite.

To give you an idea of the kind of thing I mean, there is a link here.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOhCoKZWZH M#action=share>

I hope you feel able to allow your child to take part, but realise that this is something some parents would prefer for their child not to be a part of. Please return the

permission signed with your preference as soon as possible so that we can get started on the video.

We are delighted to welcome Rev’d Gary Windon to our governing body. He joins us as ex-officio governor, appointed by the Diocese as incumbent and one of our three Foundation Governors.

The Covid pandemic has changed the way we do daily collective worship, meaning that on most days this is conducted in our class bubbles and with no singing, which I know Rev’d Gary has also found challenging for church services.

One positive outcome of this challenge has been that we have managed to hold Federation Collective Worship once per week, joining together over video link across all our classes. The children have enjoyed seeing themselves on the big screen in their class bubbles and sharing their achievements with each other, over the link.

We are all missing having parents on site just as I imagine, you are missing us. Thank you for your understanding in this. Our priority needs to be keeping the staff safe and free from illness so that they we can continue to keep open.

It has been a challenging start to the term, staff wise, with several illnesses and precautionary isolation periods over both schools. My grateful thanks to all the staff who have given up their personal time, including lunchtimes, breaktimes and early mornings to keep both school and wraparound care fully staffed. They have truly shown what a great team they are. Thank you one and all!

Mrs Stokes

Class 1

In reception we have started learning our letter sounds (Phase 2 phonics). The children have picked this up quickly and have already learnt the sounds and actions for the letter's 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n'. We have started blending the letters to make simple VC and CVC words. The children will be doing lots of phonics games to help develop their blending and they have enjoyed writing the letters with the chalks outside and in the coloured sand. In maths, we have been learning a number a day and the children have enjoy-



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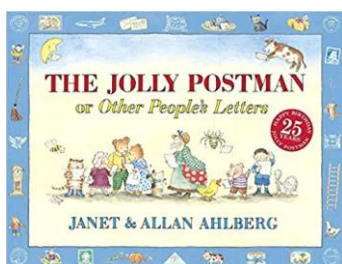
ed watching The Number Blocks BBC programme to support this. I was really impressed this week that the children have ordered the numbers in order from 0-10. We are now moving onto ordering numbers to 15. In Forest School, the children helped Miss Clarke make a stage area for all classes to develop narratives. We have also been talking about autumn and making leaf crowns.

Could I ask please that parents of reception and nursery children cut up their children's grapes and tomatoes length ways in their lunch boxes as they pose a choking hazard whole.

Miss Clarke

Class 2

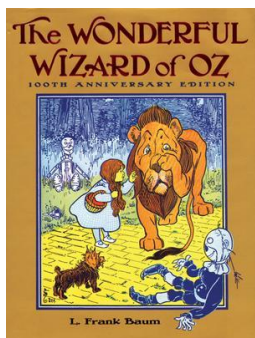
Class 2 have enjoyed reading The Jolly Postman. We have been exploring the use of adjectives, verbs and adverbs to make our writing more interesting to the reader. We have been focusing on re-telling the story in a range of ways; such as story maps and ordering the story. Next, we will innovate by changing the characters that the Jolly Postman visits.



In Forest School this week, we learnt what makes an animal a mammal. We followed different tracks through the forest and tried to guess who they belonged to. Miss Jones tried to trick us by putting some footprints that didn't belong to a mammal, but we all guessed that they belonged to a bird.

Miss Jones

Class 3



Class 3 have started reading 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' as part of our writing work. So far, we have produced some descriptive writing, concentrating on our word choices. We have also started to write instructions. We had a go at a 'cold task' by writing instructions on how to make a scarecrow without any input. We then had to make our scarecrows

by following our instructions EXACTLY! Not many of us produced what had we had in our heads! Over the next week, we will study instructions and how to write them effectively and have another go at making our scarecrows at the end!

We have enjoyed our topic, 'There's No Place Like Home' and have been looking at various maps of Market Drayton and identifying the features. We have also been learning a

bit more about the history of Market Drayton and have learnt that the first settlement dates back to the Anglo Saxons! We are looking forward to learning more!

Miss McLaughlin

Class 4

Class Four have continued reading 'Street Child' and learning about a young boy's survival in the workhouse. We have produced some wonderful pieces of writing ranging from diary entries and descriptive narratives focusing on the use of powerful vocabulary and figurative language techniques. Everybody worked hard on these pieces of writing and thought carefully about how to interest their reader.



We have also enjoyed learning about different continents and then focusing on a country of our choice to research further about different physical and man-made features. We presented our findings using PowerPoint to share with our classmates.

We have made a great start to our new PE curriculum focusing on fitness and health. We were feeling fitter by the end of our circuit work!

Mrs Baillie

Sports News

Inter school sporting competitions are cancelled for the foreseeable future due to the Covid pandemic, but that hasn't stopped us continuing our sports programme within PE lessons. All classes also run the 'Daily Mile for 15 minutes each day, to improve their stamina, fitness and mental well-being.



Bikeability Training for Years 5 and 6

Bikeability training has been arranged for our Year 5 and 6 pupils in the week beginning 12th October. Exact timings should have been sent to you in a letter. If you have not received this, please contact the school office. Parents if you haven't done so yet it's time to check those tyres and brakes and look out your child's cycle helmet.

Reminder

A reminder that the last day before half term for pupils is Thursday 22nd October, as Friday 23rd October is a PD (training) day for staff.

**PD Day Friday 23rd October.
School closed to pupils**