

2nd October 2017



Badger Room: The highlight of our week has been our Dinosaur Hunt to track down our missing toy dinosaurs. We adapted the story of “We're going on a Bear Hunt” and experienced the same environments as the children in the well-known book; having to go over a river, through mud, a forest, even a snow storm and into a 'dark and gloomy' cave. We were not expecting to find the dinosaur egg at the end of the hunt, but there it was and we have been eagerly watching it each day for signs of hatching! In maths we have been learning to recognise and create repeating patterns.

Hedgehog Room: This week has been all about monsters and dinosaurs - linking to our story of the week “Monstersaurus”. We made our own dinosaurs out of recycled materials and had fun exploring monster slime and dinosaur desert sand in our sensory tray. We have also been learning about shapes and colours: making shape collages and finding different shapes in the room and the garden. As usual, there has been lots of singing, dancing and music making in the Hedgehogs room and we also have tried some Yoga! The room was unusually quiet when we gave our dolls a nice warm bath after a hectic week – the children were so kind and gentle with them, and very absorbed in this relaxing activity.



We are enjoying our daily “Show and Tell” group times; please do continue to send in personal items from home or your child’s favourite book to share at story times.

We would like to thank you for the donations of spare clothes, which are always very welcome. Junk modelling materials are also very gratefully received so please bring in any empty boxes or containers and we can send home more creations wonderful creations!

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IMPORTANT:

Our first fundraiser for the PTFA is the last day of term, Friday 20 October. We will have a non-uniform day. Wear whatever you like, but as it’s a fundraiser we ask that you bring in £1 please.

Phonics Evening:

Thank you to all the parents who came to our phonics evening - it was fantastic to see so many of you there and we hope you found it useful to get a taste of how your child is learning early reading skills. Please note, as of next week there will be a basket next to the morning register stones for you to put your child's reading book and diary in when they are ready for a new book. This will ensure an efficient turnover of books when your child is ready to move on.

Parents Evenings:

If you have not done so already, please sign up for these in your child's room. These meetings are important so you can see how your child is progressing and learn how to help them progress even more.

School Photographer:

Remember to practise those smiles over the weekend, as we have Colourbox Photography coming in on Tuesday morning (10th October). If your child is in nursery and not usually in that day or only in afternoon sessions, you are more than welcome to drop in to have your child's photograph taken. Also, siblings can come in to have a joint photo if required. Proofs will be in school book bags when they are ready.



Morning Timings:

8:20am – the main gate will open incase you need to see Mrs Williams in the office.

8:30am – the side gate will be opened to allow children and parents into the playground area.

8:40am – classroom doors will be opened for school to start.

8:50am – the side gate will be closed for safety reasons.

Key Dates for your Diary:

10th October, morning – School Photographer

17th-18 October – Parents evenings

20th October – Non-uniform day (please bring £1)

23rd-27th October – Half-term

30th October – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

9th November – Open Morning (for prospective families)

7th December – 100 Days Open party - all parents invited. Please join us and let us know you are coming!

Have a great weekend

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Julie Hiddleston and the school team

