

20th October 2017

Badger Room In Badger Class, we have been reading about our fantastic elastic brains in our book-of-the-week and have been learning how to defeat the 'I Can't Monster' by developing a growth mindset and changing our language from "I can't do it" to "I can't do it...yet."

We have loved learning about Diwali and have made some fantastic indoor and outdoor Rangoli patterns using coloured rice. We also enjoyed making coconut Diwali sweets to share with parents at our Open Classroom on Thursday - thank you to everyone who came along. In maths we've been learning about partitioning 5 and reading the corresponding addition sentence. We have been using a variety of maths equipment to help us do this; Numicon, ten frames, paper chains and our ever-reliable fingers!

Please could you ensure all children in Badger Class have a change of shoes to be kept in school after half-term. Ideally these would be a pair of soft plimsole shoes that they are able to change independently and confidently.



Hedgehog Room: What a busy week for Hedgehogs! This week has been all about animals and pets, exploring our new vet based toys and clothes, making animal collages and paintings, enjoying lots of sounds based games and dancing (to the 'Animal Boogie'), and of course our book of the week 'My Pet Giraffe'. The children have also been taking part in activities relating to Diwali, learning about this festival of light and colour, creating our own Rangoli patterns with dry powder paints, making Coconut Ladoo



sweets and using clay and sequins to mould sparkly candleholders. In between, we have been having fun exploring the colours on our parachute!

Thank you for attending our parent meetings this week; we hope you found them as useful as we did. Please continue to keep talking to the Hedgehogs class team at handovers, use your 'Yellow Books' for writing daily messages, and please do start using Tapestry as soon as you have your log in details!

DREAM ○ BELIEVE ○ ACHIEVE

IMPORTANT: Now that the children are settled in, we do need to be firmer with settling in times for the morning routine. The gate is open from 8:30am and we expect parents to be ready to drop their children off at this time. The side gate will be locked at 8:50am so parents need to have left the classrooms and playground by then. Once the gate is closed, both classes take the register. If you arrive after the side gate is closed, you will need to drop your child with Mrs Williams in reception who will then take them down to the classroom. Unfortunately, due to the class having started we cannot let parents in to settle them at this point.

Halloween Party: It's uniform as usual on our first day back after half-term. Please bring your scary party costumes in a bag to change into. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the finish time will be 15 minutes earlier at 3:15pm.

Drone photos: We had the great fortune of being approached by a local drone pilot who offered to get some photos and footage of the school. So this morning everyone was out on the field making shapes and waving to the drone! Thank you so much to all the parents who came to help, we really couldn't have done it without you!



Morning Timings:

8:20am – the main gate will open in case 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:

23rd-27th October – Half-term

24th October – Next PTFA meeting (at Plough Inn, Bodicote – 7:30pm. All welcome)

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

31st October from 2-3:15pm – Halloween Disco (please note new finish time)

9th November – Open Morning (for prospective families)

5th December – whole school outing to Salcey Forest

7th December – 100 Days Open party

15th December – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children (please bring £1)

19th December - Close for Christmas break

Have a fantastic half-term!

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Julie Hiddleston and the school team



Halloween Disco reminder: If you have not yet brought in your suggested donation of £5, please remember to bring this on the day. This is to cover some costs of the party as well as raise much needed funds for the school. Please note that the finish time for the party is now 3:15pm

