

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

**Badger Room:** Before our half-term break, the Badgers voted to learn about castles so this week we have been thinking about the castle at the top of Jack's beanstalk have been learning to story-tell a basic version of the Jack and the Beanstalk tale. We have learnt actions and signs for key words and phrases to help us remember the structure of the story and everyone has worked in small groups to draw their own story maps. We have then used these story maps to help us write some words from the story, using our ever-increasing phonetic knowledge to help.

In maths, we have been finding one more and one less from a group of up to 10 objects. We have found using ten-frames and Numicon shapes really helpful to do this. We have also been developing our fluency in number by practising counting forwards and backwards from any number up to 10.



**Hedgehog Room:** We have had a busy week of celebrations in Hedgehogs. The children looked scarily spooky in their costumes for the wonderful Halloween party on Tuesday! Thank you to the PTFA for organising this. The children also enjoyed using spoons to empty pumpkins, exploring the different textures (and painting their own versions too). We baked pumpkin biscuits using roasted pumpkin and seeds.



Using our interactive whiteboard, we have been using animated singing pumpkins to support our counting skills! We have also enjoyed learning about the different sounds and colours of fireworks and created bright and glittery pictures.

We hope you enjoy the fireworks celebrations this weekend.

Please see the sign on the classroom door for your child's allocated 'Show and Tell' day. We are really enjoying seeing and hearing about your children's favourite things from home!

**DREAM    ○    BELIEVE    ○    ACHIEVE**

**IMPORTANT:** The school maintains a list of persons authorised by parents to collect their child at the end of a session. Parents must have told us in advance, prior to the end of a session, that a person named on the list will be collecting the child on the parents' behalf. The named person must arrive prepared to show identification if required.

In emergency circumstances, a parent can also authorise a person not named on the list by providing them with a codeword to give when collecting the child. Again, that person must arrive prepared to give the codeword and to provide ID. Again, parents must have advised us prior to the end of a session that this person will be collecting their child.

**'Flu Vaccination:** We have organised for these to be done after lunch on 8 December. See letter from the School Health Nurse team (attached with the newsletter email). This only affects our children in Badger Class.

**PE T-shirts:** We now have a selection of colours and some larger sizes of the PE t-shirts available in the school office. They are £4.50 each and we are able to accept cash for these items

**PTA Fundraising:** Thank you again to our PTFA for organising the Halloween Disco and the non-uniform day. We can confirm that both events raised £160.17! Well done everybody!

**Photos of our school:** We have a request! Have any of our parents taken any photos of the school during the construction phase? If so, we would really love to see them and perhaps have a copy for our gallery. Please let Mrs Williams know in the school office if you can help.

### 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:

9<sup>th</sup> November – Open Morning (for prospective families)

5<sup>th</sup> December – whole school outing to Salcey Forest, please bring back permission slips ASAP

7<sup>th</sup> December – 100 Days Open party

8<sup>th</sup> December – 'Flu vaccinations for Badger Class only

14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas concert (2pm and 6pm)

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

19<sup>th</sup> December - Close for Christmas break

Have a lovely weekend!

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*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*

