

10th November 2017

Badger Room: This week Badger Class have continued learning about Castles and have enjoyed making their own junk modelling castles. They have referred to pictures in a range of non-fiction books to help with their designs and they have made some amazing constructions, complete with turrets, towers and drawbridges! They have heard



different versions of the story of the Princess and the Pea and then worked to order and sequence the main events of the story using pictures. In maths, we have been learning to use the language of length; short, long, longest, shorter, shortest etc.

We have used non-standard units such as Lego bricks and wooden blocks to measure items around the classroom and have then compared these and put them in order of length.

Hedgehog Room: The Hedgehogs this week have been learning all about Autumn! We have been exploring the outdoors with activities and crafts involving leaves, pinecones and conkers; talking about textures and colours and then using our light box to learn how colours can be changed. We are trying to encourage wildlife into our new garden so the Hedgehogs made bird feeders for our trees using lots of delicious ingredients!



Hopefully many of you will have been hearing a new tune at home this week, Autumn Leaves are Falling Down (to the tune of 'London Bridge is Falling Down'). Dare we say it...we will soon be learning our nativity songs! More to follow soon...

We have all enjoyed the sunny frosty mornings in our garden this week, please continue to send your child to nursery with warm outdoor clothes.

Finally, we have introduced a 'Star of the Session' celebration at the end of every morning and afternoon. This is awarded wherever a child might have shown excellent effort in their learning, great focus and attention, kindness in playing with friends, and so on... Star of the Session means that all children, whether attending nursery full time or part time, have a chance to aim for being the 'Star' when they attend. Please talk with your child about this and look out for the 'Star of the Session' headbands!

DREAM ○ BELIEVE ○ ACHIEVE

IMPORTANT: It is essential that you let the school know if your child will not be attending for any reason. We have an absence line where you can leave a message out of hours. Also, please do remember to update your contact numbers should they change.

Introduction: We are so fortunate to have a large and experienced Senior Leadership Team here. A new face for you to get to know is Mrs Martin. She is the Assistant Headteacher/Year 6 teacher and English leader at William Morris School. You may see her from time to time as she works closely with staff from Longford Park on English provision as well as assisting the Headteacher with leadership. Mrs Martin will be around on Thursday morning at the gate so please do come and say hello.



'Flu Vaccination: Next week we will be sending out letters regarding the immunisation programme against 'flu and some consent letters. If you would like to know more about the programme, please visit the website:
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/child-flu-vaccine.aspx>

Open Morning: We had a very successful open morning this week. We saw lots of prospective parents and children in preparation for next September. We were overwhelmed with positive comments about our outstanding environment and the learning that was seen, we are so proud of all our impeccably behaved children. If you know of families looking around for places for next September, please do point them this way. A full school means we can continue to afford to give your children nothing but the best.

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.

Please try not to be late as the morning routine which begins promptly at 8:40am is so important to making sure there is a positive start to the day.

Key Dates for your Diary:

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

7th December – 100 Days Open party (please let the office know if you wish to attend)

8th December – 'Flu vaccinations for Badger Class only

14th December – Christmas concert (2pm and 6pm)

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

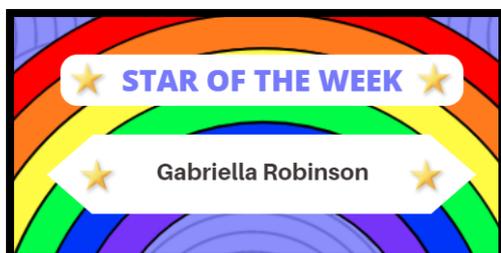
Tuesday 19th December - early finish at 1:30pm

4th January – pupils return to school

Have a lovely weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team



Christmas Lunches: We would like to invite parents to come to school and eat a Christmas lunch with their children. You will need to let the office know if you wish to join us for lunch and you will have to pre-order and prepay for your dinner.

It will be on 15th December – the same day as Christmas Jumper Day, so please wear your snazziest festive pullovers too!

EYFS children are already entitled to a free school meal, and this will remain the same for our Christmas lunch. Nursery children will need to pay £2.10 and this will include a cracker.

Younger siblings are welcome and if they would like a dinner too, then please provide payment for them in the same way.

Please return the slip below to let us know if you are planning to come. Please note that you will not be able to turn up on the day to eat lunch with your children, as we would not have catered for you.



I/we will be joining my my child _____ for Christmas lunch

I have enclosed total _____ (£2.10 per adult, £2.10 per nursery child/sibling)

Number of adults attending _____

Number of younger siblings attending* _____

* Only if a meal is required