

14th September 2018

Froebel: We've enjoyed our week learning about the great outdoors with some messy mud painting, an outdoors scavenger hunt where we filled our treasure bags with objects of different colours and textures, and 'listening walks' on our big field to listen closely to the things we can hear outside. We've been building relationships with new



friends in dancing and ring games and have used our parachute, bean bags and balls to play some active group games outside in the sunshine.

Next week we are going to be making a scarecrow – if you can,

please donate any old items that might help us: a flat cap, button shirt, trousers, old wellies, braces. We will also be baking a delicious dairy free Autumn fruit crumble so if you are picking blackberries over the weekend please save a few for us 😊

Nightingale: What a busy week in Nightingale class - we started our phonics lessons on Monday and have now learnt 'm', 'a' and 's' and all the children took home copies of the Read Write Inc cards to share with you. Please keep these safe and use them to help your child practise writing the sounds correctly using the rhymes on the back.

In maths we have been concentrating on the Number 1 and what it looks like with our fingers, with Numicon, as a numeral and with items around the classroom. Our literacy focus has



been around storytelling The Little Red Hen and we really enjoyed making our initial letter bread rolls on Friday. However, unlike the characters in the Little Red Hen, we did all help each other and worked wonderfully as a team!



Johnson: We have been doing lots of counting in maths this week, and had a sneaky 'fox' visit us for English. The children have been finding out lots of information about woodland animals, and are going on to creating their own! We have

looked at feelings in PSHE this week, and how we feel in different situations and understanding that everyone feels differently or may react differently. In P.E. we have been doing yoga and also looking at different height levelled balances, we just need to get those legs straight. We have been working on our school value of "compassion" this week, and the children have been getting extra dojos for showing this values, especially, this week. In the class, we

have been making a vocabulary tree, as well as a ginger bread house for our role play area, to support our enchanted forest topic, after having read Hansel and Gretel. We also have the addition of Peake and Armstrong (the snails) to our class! Overall, it's been a fabulous week, and we can't wait for next week!

School day and attendance: A reminder that the school day strictly runs from 8:40am – 3:15pm. Please do not be late. Our academic year is calculated to the minute to ensure that we meet all requirements for time allocated to lessons. If your child is later than 8:40am, not only do they have a disrupted and disadvantaged start to the day, but there is a risk that it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. For information on what happens at certain trigger points for 'unauthorised absences', please see the school attendance policy.

Please note that children are required to attend school every day during the term time and any holiday leave during term time is not permitted.

Head Lice: We have a report case of head lice/nits in school. Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly. It is advised to check your child's hair regularly and inform the school if you find any so that we can alert all parents/carers. [Click here for more information](#)

Uniform: We are aware that Kitbox has had and continues to have issues with uniform orders. We are in the process of changing supplier to a local company who we already have a good relationship with. Please bear with us while this is set up and as soon as there is any news, we will let parents know.

School Dinners: School Money is now up and running and many of you are logging on and booking your child's dinners successfully. However, there are still a few parents who aren't booking their child's dinners for the week ahead. This can cause issues with the kitchen not being prepared and potentially not having enough food. If you don't book your child in, we will assume they are bringing a packed lunch and will not cater for them. If you have issues with School Money, please see Mrs Williams in the school office.

Forest School – volunteer helpers needed: We are looking to start our Forest School very soon! We are just starting to get our equipment together and are now looking for volunteers that can commit to some time during the school day to help out. Please see Mrs Williams in the office if you have some time you could spare with these amazing activities.

Key Dates for your Diary:

- School individual photos - Tuesday 9th October (younger siblings are invited to come along also)
- Parents evenings: Wednesday 31st October (3:15-5:00pm) and Thursday 1st November (4:00-7:00pm)
- Break-Up Day – Friday 19th October
- INSET Day – Monday 29th October
- School Opens – Tuesday 30th October

Have a fantastic weekend!



Julie Hiddleston and the school team



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Primary School

Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm Starts on Monday 10th September</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>Places are limited</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm Starts on Tuesday 18th September</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Hand Gym – Ages 3+ (FREE) 3:15-4:00pm Led by Miss Macdonald Starts on Thursday 20th September</p> <p>A really fun way to increase dexterity in the hands and help with fine motor skills!</p> <p>We will be allocating places and will let parents know ASAP.</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds Starts on Friday 14th September</p> <p>RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.</p> <p>Places are limited – we will be allocating places next week</p>

Free Trial Piano Tuition

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder. **Not sure if your child will take to it? Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?**

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