

21st September 2018

Froebel: This week has been all about 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We've worked in small groups to retell the story using pictures, made collages of the delicious goodies Little Red Riding Hood was taking to her Grandma, made our own forest from junk modelling materials, and have been using our scary wolf puppet in our puppet theatre. In Maths we've focused on the number 3 and have been exploring this in different ways with hoops, beanbags, playdough, Numicon, blocks and playing 'noughts and crosses'. We've been exploring our musical instruments this week and the ways we can use instruments and our bodies to make different sounds to accompany our stories – loud scary sounds and quiet soft sounds. We are getting better at starting and stopping playing according to the cue!



Next week: Our traditional tale of the week will be 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Nightingale: Well, what excitement there was on Monday when Mrs Williams disturbed what looked like a giant nest in the garden? We had just finished reading the book Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs when she came in to tell us that it looked like there was a giant egg in the nest. We rushed out and sure enough, there was an egg the size of a rugby ball in the middle of the nest. This was clearly evidence of dinosaurs in Banbury and the children set up chairs in a cordon to watch for any signs of change in the egg. They decided to draw what the egg looked like and the excitement continued the next day when they came in to find huge dinosaur footprints in the playground. Amazingly, some of the children have since spotted signs of cracking in the egg so we will have to wait and see what happens over the weekend...Our maths lessons this week have focussed on recognising and creating repeating patterns and we've made patterns using shapes, colours, numbers, noises and actions.





Johnson: This week have been looking at more than, less than and equal to, as well as their corresponding symbols. Feel free to test them at the weekend! In English we have been reading Hansel and Gretel, comparing different versions of the story and identifying the characters and their feelings

throughout the book. We have learned about deciduous and evergreen trees in our Monday science lesson, and about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores in our Friday lesson. We have been making lots of conker art and building our STEAM shelter with milk and plastic bottles, and it's almost complete!

Well done to those who have finished their topic (termly) homework already! They are all looking fab! Due to printer issues, maths homework will start as of next week.

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 we don't have a booked meal for your child, 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.

Allergy Alert: Due to an issue with labelling at another school, our catering contractor has asked us to withdraw fish fingers for the time being as a precaution. The fish fingers we are using are not themselves under investigation, so there is no need for alarm. However, we will need to change our Friday menu until further notice. We will be in touch next week with an alternative. Thank you for your support with this.

School Photos: We will have our photographer coming in next Tuesday 9th October for individual studio shots. If your child has a younger sibling, then we are happy for you to bring them in to have a photo together. Please bring in any younger siblings at 9:00am. If your child is not normally in on a Tuesday morning, then also please come along at 9:00am and we will get these photos done before we work through the rest of the school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: We raised a very respectable **£95.34** for Macmillan last week. Once again, thank you to everyone who provided a cake/cookies and for everyone who bought one. A special mention to the PTFA for doing the sale at the end of the school day!

Flu Vaccinations: Every year, Reception class and above are offered the flu vaccination. This is a small, quick nasal spray and is done during school hours. The nurses are booked to come in on Tuesday 13th November to administer this and consent forms will be going out next week with all the information.

Healthy lunches: A few sugary snacks and unhealthy lunches have been brought in again this week. Please do check our healthy eating guide and perhaps also look at the website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life> which has some great tips on healthy swaps. Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school and cannot allow any snacks or food that contains (or that may contain) nuts to be consumed on the premises.

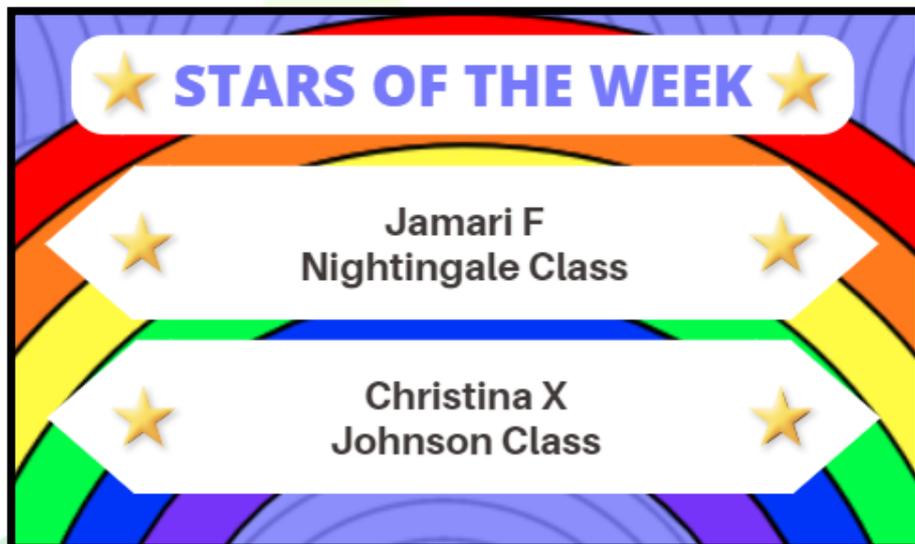
Key Dates for your Diary:

- 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
- Tuesday 13th November, Flu Vaccinations (Nightingale and Johnson only)
- Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day, bring in £1 in aid of Save the Children

Have a fantastic weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team



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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>Session full</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>Session full</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>Session full</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?**

All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email [MJmusicservices@aol.com](mailto: MJmusicservices@aol.com)