

SMUPS News

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Hello from the Head!

It is hard to believe that we have reached half term so quickly. It has been an extremely busy half term with so much learning packed in. Next half term promises to be equally exciting, with trips, swimming and the build up to Christmas.

I have really enjoyed being able to spend some time in each class this week, where the focus has been more on Key Stage 2. It was great to see the **year 6** children in their music lesson, exploring the concepts of pitch, dynamics and tempo and playing musical instruments with skill and confidence. **Year 5** were being historians and synthesising a range of evidence to help them answer the question "Why did Britain win the Battle of Britain?" They were really engaged with their learning and had a very mature and informed discussion as they examined the reasons in detail. **Year 4** were being scientists and assisting NASA in designing a helicopter for their new Mars Rover Mission. They were investigating forces and doing some brilliant science around air resistance, gravity, inertia and other forces. **Year 3** were busy looking at self awareness and what makes them happy in their PSHE work. They were discussing these concepts really well and it was interesting to see that it was experiences and memories that made them happy rather than stuff.

Please do read the whole newsletter as there is a new Wordy Week and news about parent consultations and open days for new reception starters for September 2022.

We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2nd November.

Collective Worship

We have now finished our half term theme of Thankfulness.

Things to Remember

- Please do not drive up to drop off or collect your child at normal pick up and drop off times as we have large numbers of people walking on site. Please only use the car park if you are a blue badge holder. **The disabled parking spaces are for blue badge holders only.** If you need to drive, please park safely and considerately on the roads around school. **Please do not park at the junctions of roads.**
- A reminder that we are a **nut free school**. Please do not give your child nuts as a snack or in their packed lunch as we have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Many thanks.
- **Monday 1st November is a non-pupil day.** The children return to school on Tuesday 2nd November.
 - Please note **Breakfast Club price increase** to £2.50 after half term.

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Certificates of the week!

Acorns: Ikra and Ralph

Oak: Brody and Madeleine

Ash: Isabelle S

Pine: Jack. P

Beech: Amira

Apple: Freya

Willow: Liam and Jaycee

Elm: Xander and Sophie

Holly: Asher

Well done to all our certificate winners this week.

School Crossing Patrol

Please note that at present we are not able to staff the crossing patrol in the afternoons so please take extra care when crossing the road after school.

Swimming

Years 2 and 3 will be swimming after half term. Year 2 children will be swimming on Tuesday afternoons starting on Tuesday 9th November. Year 3 will be swimming on Friday afternoons starting on Friday 12th November. Please ensure they have a coat, towel, swimming costume and goggles (if needed). Please can the girls with longer hair have it tied back. They may also want a hair towel as we are heading into winter months.

Parent Consultations

We will be offering parent consultations on Monday 15th November and Thursday 18th November. We will be offering in person appointments in your child's classroom to meet with the class teacher and you will have the opportunity to view your child's work and books prior to the appointment. We appreciate that there will be some parents/carers who would prefer to have a telephone appointment and we are very happy to do this.

To make the appointments as covid secure as possible, we ask that

- Parents/carers do not come into school if they have any illness symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 within the 10 day period prior to the appointment.
- Please wear a face covering while in the corridor prior to the appointment and whilst moving around the building before and after the appointment.
- The appointment will be conducted in a socially distanced way and we will have open windows to ensure good ventilation and air flow.
- Please only arrive 10 minutes before the appointment so you can view your child's books and work prior to the appointment. This limits the numbers of people in the building.
- Appointments will be strictly timed to 10 minutes so that we don't have people having to wait around and it helps us limit the numbers in the building at any one time.

The booking will open on School Gateway during the week **after half term** so you will have two weeks to make your booking prior to the consultation. If you would prefer a telephone appointment, please contact the class teacher through Tapestry to arrange a suitable time.

This is a really valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment so please do make every effort to attend either in person or via telephone.

NEW RECEPTION STARTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

We are delighted to be able to offer tours of the school and reception class for parents/carers of children due to start in reception in September 2022. These will be in person on the following dates

Thursday 11th November 5pm—6pm

Friday 12th November 9:30am-10:30am

Tuesday 23rd November 4pm-5pm

Please email or telephone the school office to book a time so we are able to manage numbers.

We also have our virtual tours available on our website.



Wordy Week

Why do people remember the 5th November?

Remember, remember the fifth of November,



Gunpowder treason and plot.

We see no reason

Why gunpowder treason

Should ever be forgot!



"In my opinion..."
"I think.... because...."

Can you recite this poem?

The wordy week for the next two weeks is themed around the Gunpowder Plot. Perhaps spend some time as a family researching the Gunpowder Plot and finding out all about why we have Bonfire Night.