



## Harvest Assembly and Need Project

We would like to invite you to our virtual Harvest Assembly on Monday 18th October. Reverend Richard has very kindly offered to host the assembly for us and each class will be sharing a performance.

The assembly will be held at 9.15am and a link has been sent out to you via Parent mail. Can we please ask that parents keep their cameras on, it makes it very hard for the staff and children to present to a screen full of black squares, it is much nicer to see your lovely smiling faces! Please do not take photos or record any part of the assembly on any device

This year for Harvest we are again asking for donations to support The Need Project. The Need Project is a local charity who provides free food parcels for families and individuals experiencing financial hardship and food deprivation in Central Bedfordshire. To help these families The Need Project are requesting donations of tinned fish, tinned vegetables including potatoes, tinned meat, tinned fruit, cartons or tins of custard, rice pudding, jam, rice and long life milk. Also toiletries such as tooth paste and soap as well as baby wipes and nappies are all requested.



If you are able to put a few extra bits on your shopping this week then we would be grateful for any donations throughout the week. The Need Project will be coming to school to pick up the donations on Friday 22nd October.

If you would like to find out more information about The Need Project then please head to their website: [www.theneedproject.com](http://www.theneedproject.com)

Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

## Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who has booked a slot for Parents' Evening next week.

A zoom link will be sent out to you via Parent mail. You can help the evening to run smoothly by:

- Naming yourself on zoom as your child's name
- Not joining until 2 minutes before your slot
- Please remember the appointments are 10 minutes long, if a conversation is looking likely to run over your teacher will arrange to call you and carry on the conversation at another time.

It's  
Good  
to  
Grow  
from  
Morrisons

Thank you to everyone who has donated their tokens to us so far. So far we have 228! Tokens can still be collected until the 24th October!

## Our value for October



## PTA Halloween Events

Our lovely PTA have some fab events planned for this month. Crazy Halloween Hair Day on Friday 22nd October and then their Halloween Pumpkin Trail on Friday 29th October.

The PTA have had to work very hard over the last year to come up with different ways to raise money for school. We really appreciate the hard work that they put in to these events and really could not do without the money that is raised. Please help to support these events if you can, a small contribution from everybody really does add up.

Crazy Halloween Hair Day— Friday 22nd October— £1 donation per child

Pumpkin Trail— Friday 29th October— £2 per child

## Robins class news

Robins are really enjoying their literacy story book, 'Anansi the Spider'. They have not only enjoyed the story itself, but they have also enjoyed all the activities in the manner of cross-curricula learning such as re-telling/acting out the story, learning facts about spiders and animals in Africa, creating their own spiders on a web, dancing to traditional West African music and singing a West African children's song. Robins also looked at various places on Google Earth. They were very excited about looking at the earth on the screen and finding the places they were familiar with. This week's new vocabulary was globe, road, builder, falcon, stone, cushion and inside. I have noticed that many Robins spontaneously used some of new words during free choosing time with their friends, which is excellent.

In Phonics, Robins have been introduced to new tricky words (they are not decodable so children need to learn them by heart). So far Robins have learnt the tricky words 'the', 'i' and 'go'. When you read books with your child, you might want to encourage your child to detect these words. I am pleased to see that some Robins have started writing simple CVC words such as pin, pig and cot in the frames with matching pictures.

Since the weather has been very good, Robins enjoyed their P.E. in the big field. Many Robins showed off their ball skills and enjoyed some games. They also joined me in collecting some autumn leaves for our small world theme tray. We added them to the tray and it looked very pretty and autumnal.

During art and craft sessions, Robins created finger painting apple trees and paper bag scarecrows for the harvest assembly next Monday.

Next week, Robins will finish 'Anansi the Spider' and learn about shapes. There are lots of Halloween themed activities lined up too.



## Kestrels class news



Since our last newsletter, it has been really exciting to learn how to write a non-chronological report in English and making a leaflet about wolves.

In Math we have revised tens and ones and compared numbers to 100 and we have learnt to count in 3s for the first time.

We have continued our study of oceans and continents and have also started looking at climates in geography.

Finally, we have finished memorising our Harvest Festival samba.



## Hummingbirds class news

Over the last couple of weeks we have worked hard to complete our very own 'story quilt'. We had to use lots of cooperation and teamwork to work successfully in our groups and finish our final pieces. We shared ideas with each other and listened to one another and this week we finally finished it! We're sure you'll agree that it looks pretty great. Can you see the different parts of the story of Beauty and The Beast?

In Maths, we have moved on to learn about addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers. We have found it useful to look back at our learning from Year 3 to practice using the column method and have then applied this to 4-digit numbers.

We have also started our first science topic of the year - Animals and their habitats. We have been looking at how we can classify animals in different ways. We will then use this to think about the different habitats they might live in.

## Puffins class news



Another fun couple of weeks in Puffins.

The children have been challenging themselves to compare numbers using the comparative symbols of greater than  $>$ , less than  $<$  and same as  $(=)$ . They have been fantastic at using the correct language and have applied their learning in different contexts.

The Naughty Bus continues to inspire some super writing, and the children have been working hard to remember capital letters and full stops when writing sentences. They have also created story maps to reflect the Naughty Bus's journey and generated some wonderful adjectives and phrases to add detail to their descriptions - some of our favourites include squelchy baked beans, frustrated people, and dinosaur infested gardens.

In science we have begun recording rainfall in our rain gauges and recorded the temperature inside and outside the classroom. We are sure you won't be surprised to know over 250ml of rain was captured during the last couple of weeks in our gauge on the fence in September, which exceeded our predictions.

In PE this term we have been developing our teamwork skills and worked hard last week to take on the roles of leaders and followers. We identified the importance of staying positive, listening, and talking to our team members and prioritising the common goal over our own needs - quite tricky skills to master.

## Toucans class news

In Toucans class we have been busy writing our own stories based on the text 'The Heart and The Bottle'. Over the past two weeks we have been learning lots of new skills and ensuring that we show these in our stories. Most recently, we have been focusing on fronted adverbials which have helped us to add extra information and detail to our sentences.



In Maths we have been continuing with our topic of addition and subtraction. We have been using formal written methods to help us to add and subtract 3 - digit and 2 -digit numbers.

In Science we have been learning how shadows are formed. We have investigated different materials to see whether they were opaque, translucent or transparent. Within our Art lessons we have also been making links to our topic of Light in Science, by creating shadow through different styles of hatching.





## Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast and After School club are now back in The School House which is located to the right of the front playground.

Mrs Davies and Mrs Parsons are there every morning from 7.50am and stay until 5.30pm Monday– Thursday and 4.30pm on Fridays.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast or ASC then please contact the school office who will add you to the booking group. Bookings are made on Parent Mail where you can also pay for your sessions. We also accept child care vouchers and the tax free account scheme.

Please do not pay for any sessions on the Parent mail shop– this does not confirm your booking.

If you have any questions then please contact Mrs Greenman in the office.



## GOOD MANNERS



In school we always model and try to encourage good manners. This week we have been talking to the children about the importance of having good manners. We have been encouraging the children to always say good morning, please and thank you to grown ups and each other.



Year 1– Eliza and Hendrix

Year 2– Olivia and Ava

Year 3– Oliver and Isabelle

Year 4– Riley G and Jaia



Year 1– Lexi and Josh

Year 2– Macie-Jayne and Jessica

Year 3– Parker and Thomas

Year 4– Isla and Hollie

## LOST PROPERTY

jumpers in the lost property box! Every Friday Mrs Greenman will pop the box outside of the main front door, if your child has lost anything then please come and check to see if it belongs to them.

All named items are reunited with their owners!

Please ensure that all of your child's school uniform and belongings are named– especially things that when they get to school they take off– jumpers, coats, hats and gloves etc.

Already there is a number of unnamed

### FIREWORKS & HALLOWEEN

— Saturday 30th October —

## The Memorial Playing Fields, Shillington

**5PM 'til MIDNIGHT**

- BBQ
- STALLS
- DRINKS
- LIVE BAND
- SPECTACULAR DISPLAY

**TICKET PRICES**  
 ADULT £5  
 CHILD £2.50  
 FAMILY £15  
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## Coronavirus COVID-19



Current Government guidance says that if you are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 you do not need to self isolate if a member of their household tests positive for COVID-19 however **everyone in the household should book a PCR test even if they are not displaying symptoms.**

We are aware that due to the high number of cases in some of our local middle and upper schools they are now asking that children do not attend educational settings if someone in the household tests positive as transmission between households is very common. We are not currently at this stage but do appreciate your assistance in keeping our school community safe, if any member of your household tests positive on a LFT or a PCR test we would appreciate you informing the school as soon as possible, booking a PCR test for the whole household and if possible remain away from the setting until the results have been confirmed.



## Flu Spray

We do not currently have a date from the school nurses team for when they will be in to administer the children's flu spray. Consent forms will be sent out before the nurses come in and you will be informed of the date when we have it.

## Diary Dates

18th Oct (4-8pm)	Parents' Evening
20th October (1-6pm)	Parents' Evening
22nd October	Crazy Halloween hair day
2.30pm-	Parents' Celebration assembly (zoom)
25th– 29th October	Half Term
1st Nov	Inset Day
15th November	Individual and sibling photos