



## The walking bus

For the last 2 weeks our walking bus has been back in action each morning and it is lovely to have so many passengers from all year groups. We have noticed a big difference in the recreation car park first thing with parents taking a slightly staggered approach when arriving. If you are dropping your child at the back door and not using the walking bus, where possible please arrive after 8.50am, this allows for the parents dropping at the walking bus to exit the car park leaving plenty of spaces. Anyone can join the walking bus, you do not need to book or use it every day, we meet at the car park at 8.40am and leave promptly at 8.45am.



On Friday 29th October (during half term) our PTA are holding their first Halloween Pumpkin Trail. From 5.30-7.00pm head down to Halloween HQ (on Station Road opposite Stondon Local) where for £2 per child you can pick up your map and follow the spooky trail to find 15 pumpkins hidden around the village. Each pumpkin has a letter, you will need to rearrange the letters to form a Halloween phrase then return to HQ to collect your prize. There is no need to book or pay in advance just turn up on the day..... Happy Haunting!



On Friday 22nd October the PTA are inviting everyone to join them for crazy Halloween hair day! They are asking for a £1 donation and their will be a prize for the child with the craziest Halloween hair in each class. Go as crazy as you like with the hair but children will still be required to wear their school uniform on this day.

Thank you to everyone who has donated their Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' tokens to us so far. If you shop at Morrisons and have not done so already please download their My Morrisons app, here you can select our school and donate your tokens. Mrs Harrison and the school council have their eyes on some gardening equipment to help with the secret garden project!

Tokens collected so far:



## Our value for October



## Collection for Harvest

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.

We will be collecting any donations which you may have from Monday 18th October. 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)

Thank you for your continued support.



## Robins class news

It has already been nearly a month since Robins started their Reception Year. Everyday has been busy and everyone has enjoyed themselves by exploring the new resources and activities provided, regardless of the weather. On warm sunny days Robins enjoyed outside play, busy weeding our vegetable patches and watering the remaining strawberry plants. Some children loved water painting in the sun. When we had heavy rain, Robins enjoyed jumping into a big puddle in their wellies and some loved creating a long 'bridge' using wooden planks and bricks over the flooded area. They walked along it trying not to fall into the water!

In Literacy, Robins are learning about the Gingerbread Man. Everyone can now join in with repeated refrains such as 'Run, run as fast as you can...' and many of them created their own story map and enjoyed retelling it. The whole class took part in acting out the story too. No one was afraid of performing in front of the whole class using props and masks. While each team performed, the rest of the children became the audience. They were brilliant as no one was distracted and enjoyed watching their friends' play! This week Robins 'innovated' the original story. In it, the main character is the Gingerbread Skeleton who 'dances' instead of 'runs'! There is a crafty snake instead of a fox and the Gingerbread Skeleton was gobbled up by the snake while they were going through a tunnel under the big fire (instead of the river).

Since Robins started Phonics lessons last week, they have learnt 6 sounds (s,a,t,p,i,n) and some of them have already started reading simple CVC words such as 'sit', 'pin', 'pat' and 'tap'.

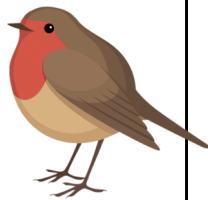
In Maths, Robins are now very confident about 'subitising' (recognising a small number of objects without the need to count). This week they have been introduced to a five frame and enjoyed putting the correct amount of counters onto it after hearing drum beats. They now know that something we cannot touch is still countable.

In terms of Expressive Art and Design, Robins decorated their Gingerbread Man and painted self-portraits. Mrs Davies used a small mirror and each Robin painted their face.

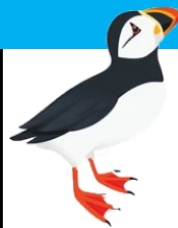
On Friday, Robins enjoyed baking their Gingerbread Man biscuits. They used some new vocabulary they learnt over the last few weeks such as bake, weigh, recipe, ingredients during the cooking session with Mrs Davies and Mrs Ashdown.

Next week, Robins will start a new literacy book, 'Anansi the Spider', which is based on a West African oral tale. The children will enjoy learning about a different culture and how Anansi overcame difficulties through the support of his family.

Thank you for your support.



## Puffins class news



Well, what an exciting week Puffins has had, with an unexpected and rather mischievous visitor disrupting the classroom. Several clues revealed that it might be a rather 'naughty red London bus' although we have yet to meet them in person. The children wrote some lovely letters today to the bus to invite him to come and play and remind them to show their values and not mess up the classroom. We also discovered their escape route through the ceiling and spotted some spinning wheels. We can't wait to see what happens next.

We have also been learning to add one more and one less and have perfected our class two times table chant and marched through the school to the delight of the other classes.

We have listened carefully to a new piece of music and identified the different we can hear. In science we have checked our rain gauges and looked at the temperature changes that occur during the different seasons. The children have discussed how to ensure that our investigations are fair and the importance of measuring and recording the result. Great work Puffins.

## Kestrels class news



Can it be true? Have two weeks gone already?

Once again we have been really busy in Kestrels. We have been comparing numbers and objects to 100 and have finished studying Goldilocks and the three bears.

In science we have looked at the life cycle of humans, animals and insects.

Next week in maths we are going to revise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and start counting in 3s.

A very exciting two weeks to come indeed!



## Toucans class news

In Toucans class this week we have started our new book in English called 'The Heart and The Bottle'. We have been exploring the use of the prefixes 'mis', 'dis' and 'un' to create new words such as unsafe and mistrust. We are now going to apply the new words we have learned to write a detailed character description.



In maths we have begun looking at addition and subtraction. We have been applying what we already know from Year 2 to 3-digit numbers. We have also been focusing on our 3 times tables and have found the best way to learn them is to sing our 3 times tables song every day!

In computing we have been learning word processing skills. We have been editing the size, font and colour of text and have started to copy and paste text from the internet into our documents.

## Hummingbirds class news

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been introduced to negative numbers and Roman numerals in Maths. We have been able to link our work on negative numbers to our previous learning in geography, and looked at temperatures in different countries. We have thought about different countries position in relation to the equator and how this affects their temperature.

In English we have been writing our own play scripts. We used Tar Beach as our stimulus and have planned our own sequel which we are now turning into a play script. We have created a character list and scene list and used stage directions to show what the actors will be doing on stage. We have also been looking at the book 'Zombierella' in guided reading and thinking about word meanings and how the fairy tale of Cinderella has 'gone bad!'

We have also been continuing to use the story of Beauty and the Beast to inspire our very own story quilt and have worked in groups to create a plan of our story tiles.

In computing, we have been developing our use of code and been learning how to write simple lines of code to create shapes and letters.



## 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.



## Healthy Lunch and Snack

In school we often talk to our children about making healthy choices. We are asking parents to support us with this when planning a packed lunch. As a nut free school we ask the parents do not pack a chocolate spread sandwich.

Children are provided with water or milk at lunchtime so you are not required to send in an additional juice drink.

In KS2 we ask parents to provide children with a healthy snack for break time. This can be fresh or dried fruit, carrot sticks etc. Please do not send in cereal bars or fruit wingers.



Year 1– Lois

Year 2– James and Lottie

Year 3– Harriet and Raadin

Year 4– Alfie and Kaine



Year 1– Bobby

Year 2– Hannah and Amber

Year 3– Charlie and Lucas

Year 4– Kundi, Eion and Emma

Now the weather is getting cooler and changeable throughout the day please make sure your child brings a coat with them to school.

# Don't forget your coat.



Thank you to the Secret Pumpkin Patch who have donated all of the pumpkins for the Halloween Trail.

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Coronavirus  
**COVID-19**



If a member of your household is showing key symptoms of COVID-19:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).
- Additional symptoms that may be early warning signs of COVID-19 in children include: upset stomach, headache, sore throat, unusual fatigue.

**The advice is to book a PCR test as soon as possible!**

**Rapid flow tests are to detect the virus in people who do not have symptoms.**

## Diary Dates

18th Oct (4-8pm)	Parents' Evening (details to follow)
20th October (1-6pm)	Parents' Evening (details to follow)
22nd October	Crazy Halloween hair day
26th– 29th October	Half Term
1st Nov	Inset Day
15th November	Individual and sibling photos