

Newsletter October 2021



Diary Dates

Thursday 21 October 2021 – Pumpkin Hunt for Muddy Boots children

Thursday 21 October 2021 – Close for October break

Monday 22 October – Sunday 31 October – Village Pumpkin Hunt OPEN TO ALL

Friday 22 October – Friday 29 October – Sponsored Allsorts

Tuesday 2 November 2021 – Reopen

Wednesday 17 November – AGM

Friday 17 December 2021 – Close for Christmas break

Wednesday 5 January 2022 - Reopen

Welcome Back!

It is so lovely to be back after the summer break, and we hope that you all had a fantastic summer.

We would like to welcome all the new starters, who are settling well. It is also lovely to see the older children returning for another year while they wait to start school.

We have really missed everyone.

Term Topic

This term's topic is "All About Me/Ourselves".

The children have been busy with this topic so far. We have created a birthday display of cakes with candles, and the children have painted their own faces onto paper plates for our theme display. The children have been talking about where they live and will be making pictures of

their homes using various arts and crafts materials.

In the coming weeks, we will be talking about emotions, family, good health and looking after ourselves. Please see the term topic sheet that we emailed recently for details of the rest of the areas we plan to cover. Any ideas from families are very welcome.

Your child's Tapestry journal is the place to visit for photos and updates on your child's involvement in these activities.

We would also like children to collect leaves, pinecones and other Autumnal items whilst out with their families. Please send these in the week commencing 2 November for use in various activities we have planned.

Fundraising news

Our fundraising team will be in touch with parents soon to give more details of the events listed above.

Online fundraising pages

If you are planning some online shopping, please bear us in mind, by shopping via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and Amazon Smile UK.

We are signed up to receive donations via these websites, and would very much appreciate your support.

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New Sandpit

We have a new sandpit in our outdoor area, built by Ian Pridmore and his team. We would like to thank them for their hard work and help with this project. The children are really enjoying it and making good use of the new sand toys we have bought.



Facebook page

Please visit at our page, as it contains news about events, topics and activities, plus a range of other information.



Christmas Party

We are unable to confirm at this time if a party will take place this year. We will monitor things and when the time is right, we will update you again.

AGM and social evening

Information about this will be emailed to parents soon.

School admissions

Please remember that if your child is due to start school in September 2022, to visit the admissions website to apply for a school place.

Visit

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/primary-school-places/apply-primary-school-place>

The deadline for applications is Saturday 15 January 2022.

Tapestry

We would just like to remind parents that staff would love to see your own photos and comments about home activities on Tapestry. What your child achieves at home really helps to build the learning journey overall. We also encourage your comments on the posts that we make to your child's profile

Staff qualifications and training

Andie, Jacky and Phoebe have completed Safeguarding refresher training.

Cat and Danni have completed Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene and Safety.

Elaine has completed Effective Transition and Emotional Wellbeing in Early Years.

Staff continue to refresh their training on a regular basis and actively seek ways to improve their personal development and training in all areas of Early Years.

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Children's clothing

We are still required to ventilate the playroom by opening windows to prevent transmission of Covid.

As the weather begins to cool, please remember to send your child into Muddy Boots wearing warm layers which can be taken on and off during the day. Please also ensure that your child has a change of clothing and appropriate footwear, as we will continue to be outside as much as possible.

And finally.....

Please remember that although we are unable to allow parents into Muddy Boots at present, please feel free to email or call the office if you wish to discuss anything with us. Andie will be here to answer your questions, and will share communications and important information with Elaine and the team.

