

Love your neighbour as yourself  
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# Measham C of E Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely way to end the first half term of the new academic year. Thank you for all of your wonderful harvest donations, you are all very kind and generous! We will deliver them where I know they will be passed onto those families in need. It was a lovely service in church and all of the children performed brilliantly. Thank you to those who were able to join us!



Thank you also for the support that you have shown by coming to Parents Evening this week. We have had a great turnout! If you missed your meeting or didn't book one, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Christmas production – Angel Express

I know it feels a little early to be talking about Christmas but I wanted to let you know about the dates that the Pre-School, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing for their parents. There will be two performances...

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am for Pre-School and EYFS parents only

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am for Year 1 and Year 2 parents only

2 tickets will be available per child, per performance.

I know that the children will be very excited to perform for you!

## Welcome!

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Sandy McClure will be joining our office team starting after half term. We are looking forward to welcoming her and I'm sure you'll be patient whilst she 'learns the ropes'!

## News from the classes...

### Foxes

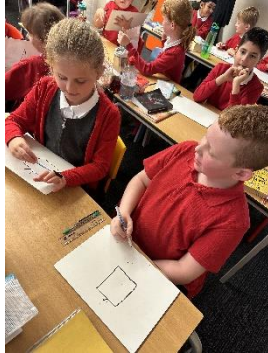
In Foxes class, we have been learning about everything World War. The class are able to recall many interesting facts about WW1 and WW2 and they even had the chance to look at some artefacts brought in by our very own, Mr Ward. We have thought about the characteristics that form good leaderships and applied these to the leaders during WW2. A fantastic historical topic that has brought many discussions and debates.

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## Squirrels

Squirrels have been delving deeper into their topic recently, now looking at the lasting impact the Ancient Greeks have left, such as our alphabet and writing systems, the Olympics and constellations. We have also added our Greek knowledge into our English writing, by using the Greek myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur', which has developed into some really gross and creepy character descriptions about the half-man, half-bull. In our Learning for Life we have been understanding stereotypes and the children were surprised to learn not only how stereotypes can be damaging but also that discrimination was actually illegal. A super busy half term!



## Badgers

The Badgers class have had a busy two weeks filled with fantastic learning. They embarked on a captivating fieldwork walk around Measham and explored its rich history during an enlightening museum trip. These experiences have turned them into 'Measham experts'. Their curiosity and enthusiasm have shone through as they wrap up their first half term together. Well done Badgers!



## Butterflies

Children in EYFS have been learning about Autumn changes over these past couple of weeks! They have had lots of fun weighing conkers and pumpkins, making Autumn potions and have also been on an Autumn treasure hunt! The children have also enjoyed learning about Harvest and have enjoyed reading The Little Red Hen!



## PE and Forest School

On PE days we ask that the children come to school in their PE kit. Our school PE kit is black joggers/leggings/shorts with their white PE t-shirt and their school jumper/cardigan/hoodie. Trainers can be worn.

**Foxes** will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

**Owls** will do PE on **Monday and Wednesday**

**Squirrels** will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

**Moles** will do PE on **Thursday and Friday**

**Badgers** will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

**Rabbits** will do PE on **Monday and Thursday**

**EYFS** will do PE on **Tuesdays**

Forest School will start again in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Spring term.

## Attendance

Attendance at school is so important and every day matters! Overall our children have good attendance, thank you for supporting us with this. Please make every effort to ensure medical appointment, where possible, are outside school time and holidays too! Thank you so much!

Whole school attendance to date: **95.32%**

Rabbits	97.44%
Owls	96.50%
Badgers	96.48%
Foxes	95.41%
Squirrels	94.54%
Moles	93.93%
Butterflies	93.69%

## School library

Our fabulous school library is now back open. Your child has the opportunity to loan a book. We have a special computer system that can do lots of clever things. Every library book has a unique barcode - this is on the inside of the cover. When your child loans a book they too have their own barcode. The two marry together and we have a record of which book they have loaned and when it was. The computer system can show us: - how many books we have in the library, books by a particular author, all the books your child has ever loaned, which books are the most popular and much much more!



## PFA - Uniform

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of that is still in a good condition, our PFA would love to take it off your hands and we will put it into our pre-loved uniform sale later in the year. You can drop uniform off at any time into the office. Thank you!

If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Hannah Carter  
Acting Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Return to school after half term
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5/6 Black Hole visit to school
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1/2 Multi-skills trip to Whitwick Leisure Centre
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School photos
	Y5/6 Swimming
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Y1 phonics workshop for parents (letter to follow)
	Closing date for secondary school applications
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Flu vaccinations for EYFS – Y6 (please complete online form)
	Open Evening for new families 5-6pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y5/6 Swimming
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Cross Country at Sir John Moore, Appleby Magna
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Last Y5/6 Swimming
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Rainbows Fun Run
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Children singing at the Measham Lights Switch On
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-School and EYFS parents to watch Christmas Production 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 parents to watch Christmas Production 9.30am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Service in church
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Finish for Christmas
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Return to school after Christmas