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Measham C of E Newsletter 3rd November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of our Year 1 parents who joined us for our Phonics Workshop. It was lovely to welcome you into school and we hope you found it useful. Later in the year, we will be inviting you back to join your child in their class for their phonics session!

We all enjoyed a wonderful dance festival in school this week. Each class practised a dance and then they performed to each other! A super 'feel-good' morning, it's just a shame that we don't have the space to invite parents in to watch too!

Children In Need



It is Children in Need on Friday 17th November. We will be taking on the 'Bearpee Challenge'! All week, from 13th – 17th, everyone will be trying to do 10 or more bearpees in 2 minutes #fun On Friday we will be joining Joe Wicks in a virtual 'bearpees' session!

We would like everyone to wear something spotty or colourful clothing! £1 donation please! Thank you!

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 12th December 9.30am for Pre-School and EYFS parents only

Wednesday 13th 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!

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner in school. It is for 1 hour per day 3.30pm – 4.30pm and there are some hours required during the holidays but they are all paid and included in the contractual hours of the role.

If you would be interested in joining our happy team, please contact Mrs Whittle in the office on 01530 271019 who will be pleased to give you more information.

News from the classes...

Owls

Owls have had a great start to the new half term. We started with STEM week last week, looking at our planet and how we can be kinder to make sure it is here for future generations. We began our space topic with a visit from The Black Hole Planetarium which we loved and in our topic work we are learning all about space starting by comparing the planets in our solar system and creating some beautiful artwork for our book covers.



Moles

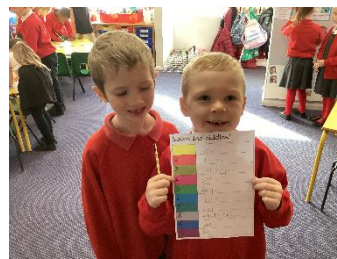
We have had a fantastic couple of weeks in Moles class. We really enjoyed STEM week where we read the book 'The Planet in a Pickle Jar' which taught us all about the importance of looking after our planet. We have produced some fantastic work too, including a miniature solar system, bar charts and we have also been practising our map reading skills! We are very much looking forward to getting stuck into our new topic!



Rabbits

Rabbits have started the second term with an action-packed STEM week! We read the story 'The Planet in a Pickle Jar' which inspired our learning, looking at; memories, our solar system, recycling and upcycling, how our food decomposes and keeping healthy which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Our new topic 'Why do we celebrate?' has started with a bang, as we develop our understanding of The Gunpowder Plot and explore different celebrations. In phonics we are moving through the extended code and in English we have been working on Riddles. What a great start, well done Rabbits.



Caterpillars

What a lovely start to the half term! The children have had so much fun exploring and engaging in all the lovely activities. They are settling in to our daily routine well and are very much enjoying pre-school life! We have had some amazing activities out this week, with lots of lovely learning opportunities to be had. They have all enjoyed sharing the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson. The children have been re-telling the story, creating fantastic pictures and getting messy with sensory play!



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 2nd 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 appointments, where possible, are outside school time and holidays too! Thank you so much!

Whole school attendance to date: **95.6%**

	13/10/23		6/11/23
Rabbits	97.92%	decrease	97.32%
Badgers	99.14%	decrease	96.48%
Owls	97.80%	decrease	96.20%
Foxes	94.91%	increase	95.35%
Squirrels	94.99%	increase	95.03%
Butterflies	95.83%	decrease	94.76%
Moles	94.40%	same	94.40%

Well done Rabbits!

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Thank you!

Target – 96%

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

Kind regards,



Hannah Carter
Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary

On Wednesday 25th October when school was closed, unfortunately we had to cancel the Y1/2 multi-skills event. We have re-arranged the event to take place in school on Friday 17th November.

I'm sure the children will have a great time! Please send them to school in PE kit. Thank you!

Friday 10 th November	Y5/6 Swimming
Saturday 11 th November	Cross Country at Sir John Moore, Appleby Magna
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need – please wear spotty or colourful clothes! £1 donation
	Y5/6 Swimming
	Y1/2 Multi-skills at school
Friday 24 th November	Last Y5/6 Swimming
Tuesday 28 th November	Y4/5 visit to the Sikh temple, Derby
Friday 1 st December	Rainbows Christmas Fun Run
Thursday 7 th December	Children singing at the Measham Lights Switch On
Tuesday 12 th December	Pre-School and EYFS parents to watch Christmas Production 9.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 parents to watch Christmas Production 9.30am
Friday 15 th December	PFA Christmas Fair
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Service in church
	Christmas lunch
Friday 22 nd December	Finish for Christmas
Monday 8 th January 2024	Return to school after Christmas