

Newsletter
11th November 2016

Dates for your diary

22.11.16 Nasal Flu Vaccination
for Years 1 & 2.

22.11.16 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Parent Consultation Evening

24.11.16 5.30pm – 8pm Parent
Consultation Evening

2.12.16 – Non-Uniform Day for
Christmas Fair Items

3.12.16 2.00pm – 4.00pm The
Christmas Fair

6.12.16 2.30pm – Christmas
Performance

7.12.16 – 3.25pm PTA Cake
Sale

9.12.16 9.30pm – Christmas
Performance

13.12.16 2pm Carol Service
with Garland Junior School

16.12.16 School Finishes
1.45pm

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REMINDER

**Forest Fun Holiday Club
will take place over the
Easter Holidays. We will
let you have the dates
shortly.**

School News

Remembrance Assembly -The school held a one minute silence this morning during our Remembrance assembly. The Service Children led the assembly and explained why this day will always be remembered.

Donation from Parkers Estate Agents – Dale Kempson and Jamie Stead from Parkers went on a bike ride from Lands End to John O'Groats raising money for charity. This is a magnificent achievement and our personal thanks and congratulations go to them. We would like to say a BIG Thank You for £124.20 which was donated to us.

Forest School Cabin- Our Forest School Cabin base was installed yesterday ready for our new cabin which we hope will be delivered before the end of term. This is being paid for with our prize from Tesco 'Bags of Help' initiative as we had applied for the fund to build the cabin to support our Forest School sessions. We hope to have some photos to show you next week.

The School Immunisation Team(NHS)-The School Nursing Team will be delivering the nasal flu vaccinations to pupils in years 1 and 2 on 22nd November. A letter has been sent home this week, please can you return it as soon as possible indicating whether you give consent or not.

Parent Consultations- Invitations to book slots for Parent Consultations have been sent out this week.

Little Acorns Stay and Play Session- our Stay and Play Session will be on again next Wednesday from 1.30-3pm in the Little Acorns Building for toddlers. Places are limited, so please book a place in with the school office.

Children In Need-Next Friday (18.11.16) Rowan class will lead an assembly on Children in Need and explain what work the charity does. To raise money for Children in Need, Rowan class would like all children to replace an item of school uniform with spotty clothing or wear spotty accessories in return for a suggested donation of at least £1. The assembly is for school children only.

Advent Assembly - On 25.11.16 at 9.30am, parents of children in Maple Class are invited into school to learn all about Advent.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

PTA News

We are planning for our Christmas Fair at the moment if you can help in anyway please let us know.

The next cake sale is on Wednesday 14th December 3.25pm (Hazel)

Dates for your Diary

17.11.16 8pm
Christmas Planning Meeting

3.12.16 Christmas Fair
2pm – 4pm

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This week we continued our learning about lights, shadows and reflections through investigating Bonfire night. We discussed who had seen and heard fireworks in the sky over the weekend and talked about the sounds that they made. We have sung firework songs and made some amazing firework noises. Everyone had a turn decorating their Diwali Lights and some of us chose to make firework pictures using pan scrubs for printing. We have been learning the phonic sounds, 't' and 'p' and have been playing games to recognise numbers from 1-10. We have also taken time to make some poppies to remember all the brave servicemen and women who have kept and continue to keep our country safe. The morning children in the nursery were able to join in the Remembrance service assembly on Friday. Please could you ensure all the children in nursery are wearing a warm and waterproof coat at this time of year as well as bringing along hats scarves and gloves to stay warm during outdoor play. Thank you!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in reception we have been thinking about bonfire night and fireworks. We have explored poetry about fireworks and have talked about how to stay safe on bonfire night and other times when our adults might use fireworks. We have learnt a song about fireworks and have created firework pictures in our creative areas. We have also danced to the sound of fireworks, thinking about the sounds they make and how we can show this in our movement. In maths, we have continued with our work on shape, and some of us have begun to name and describe 3D shapes, as well as 2D shapes. In PE with Danny we have practised catching the ball and put what we have learnt so far into practise with a game of bench ball! We learnt about why people wear a poppy too, and we have all made a poppy to be put onto our class wreath for our assembly on Friday.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week we continue our learning on the theme **Bright Lights, Big City** with a focus on the Great Fire of London. The children listened to historical accounts and sequenced the events. They are beginning to understand that we know about events in the past through the sources of Samuel Pepys diary and drawings of the fire. They have been introduced to a historical timeline and know that the Great fire happened hundreds of years ago.

In mathematics, they have been introduced to the concept of place value and are beginning to know that 2 digit numbers are made up of tens and units. They used dimes to represent tens and units. They are beginning to partition numbers.

In science, they thought about materials that are man made and natural. They can describe objects by categorising in this way. In DT, they started to make own model of Pudding Lane. They know from their learning of the Great fire that the houses were made of wood and built very closely together. They recycled boxes to make their models.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in English Year 2 have been learning and applying the rules for adding suffixes (-ed, -est, -ing and -er) to words ending with a y preceded by a consonant. They have also learned about the features of newspapers and have enjoyed writing their own newspaper reports about the events based on the nursery rhyme 'The Grand Old Duke of York'. In maths, the children have been learning and consolidating previous work on writing numbers, number words, their understanding of the place value of two-digit numbers, as well as adding and subtracting 10. They have applied their learning by investigating statements about number and deciding whether they are true or false. The children are beginning to investigate sound in Science by exploring how percussion instruments are played. They are also thinking about what kind of percussion instrument they would like to design and make in DT. We would be grateful if the children could please start bringing in small boxes, clean, empty plastic bottles/containers with lids, yogurt pots etc. for this topic. Just a reminder too that all the children need a tracksuit top and bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE, as well as a yellow t-shirt and shorts for indoor lessons. Many thanks.

Readers: We are in need of adults who can spare some time each week to come and read with the children. It is a school wide target to have every child read with an adult at least 3 times a week in school. Rowan class in particular need more adult helpers. Adult helpers do not need to be parents and will need a short induction. They will be assisted by the classroom staff.

All help is welcome no matter what time of day and for any length of time. Thank you.



Forest School



The Wagtails from Maple and Cuckoos from Beech were very excited to head off to the woods for the first time this week. After enjoying their hot chocolate and snack we all ran around the boundary so that we knew where we were safe to play. We talked about how to carry sticks and made yummy treats in the mud kitchen. Some children drew on leaves and some Cuckoos helped make a hedgehog picture. We played games and climbed and saw mushrooms. Lots of fun

Thank you SO very much to Olivia's Mum for helping on the Monday - we couldn't have gone to the woods without her support.

On Wednesday we were VERY lucky to have Elizabeth's Mum, Charlie's Mum and Finlay's Mum to come with us!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO PROVIDE SPARE CLOTHES IN CASE YOUR CHILDREN GET WET - DESPITE OUR WATERPROOF TROUSERS AND WELLY BOOTS SOME CHILDREN STILL MANAGED TO GET WET ON WEDNESDAY - THE PUDDLES WERE VERY DEEP! A spare carrier bag is very useful for wet clothes too!

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO THE PARENTS WHO GAVE UP THEIR TIME TO COME WITH US - WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL. SIGN UP SHEETS FOR YEAR 1 & 2 ARE IN THE GLASS CORRIDOR, WITHOUT PARENTS WE CANNOT VISIT THE WOODS SO PLEASE DO CONTACT THE OFFICE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING.

Heidi Evans and Gareth Evans, Forest School Leaders

Breakfast club

Our breakfast club is now running from our Little Acorns building (previously the Children's Centre). Children enjoy a healthy breakfast followed by a relaxed play and chat with their friends inside and outside in our enclosed garden area. Breakfast club runs from 7.30 am - 8.50am and costs £4.00 a session. Registration forms are available on the website and from the school office. Ad hoc sessions can also be booked via the school office.

Star of the Week



Friendship Star

