

Friday 26th November 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week children across the school joined in with a number of key events to shine a spot light on anti bullying with an 'odd socks' day marking the end of the week. Children took part in different learning opportunities including assemblies and class PSHE lessons. Our school takes any allegations of bullying very seriously and we have a zero tolerance approach. Staff ensure that allegations are dealt with quickly. We are proud to be a Stonewall champion school and adopt the "no bystanders" approach of "if you hear it, stop it" to tackle any language or actions used in a derogatory way.

We hope you will now have booked your parent consultation appointment in order to discuss your child's first term of the new academic year. You will have received a letter home with instructions explaining how to book online or alternatively, please call the school office who will be able to support you. Learning at home continues to be of high importance and ways in which you can ensure your child is maximising their learning opportunities in school include making sure there is time for reading every day, practising times tables (counting in steps for younger children) and the spellings that are sent home every week in Years 1 to 6 are learned.

We work very hard to be a smart school where children can feel proud. An important part of this is our school uniform. As the weather gets colder please remember that children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots as these are uncomfortable when sitting on the carpet and can compromise safety when playing on equipment outside. Please also ensure children are bringing a book bag to school rather than a large rucksack as space in classrooms for storage is limited. Book bags can be purchased through our uniform supplier: [https:// www.mapac.com/](https://www.mapac.com/).

Children have accessed a range of trips and workshops across this term to enhance their learning experiences. If you have not already done so, please follow us on Twitter and Facebook to see weekly updates of all the exciting things going on in our school!

Thank you for your on-going support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 6 HEART WORKSHOP

Year 6 pupils participated in a heart workshop, linked to their science unit. During the session pupils learned how the heart works and had an opportunity to dissect a lamb's heart to consolidate their knowledge through practical exploration.



YEAR 4 TEETH WORKSHOP

Year 4 took part in a workshop where they learnt about the different types of teeth and what they are used for. The children created models of human teeth using plaster moulds and were able to use these to examine the shape and size of each type of tooth.



YEAR 3 LOAF WORKSHOP

This week Year 3 created their own loaf of bread. First, they broke the 'ears' of wheat off the stalks, crushing them in a pillow case. Next, they used a fan to separate the wheat from the chaff. Pupils then took the wheat and combined this to other ingredients to mix their very own dough.



Please book your parent consultation appointment online or by calling the school office



YEAR 1 SCIENCE

YEAR 2 GEOGRAPHY

In Science this term, Year 1 are learning about the different animal groups and the similarities and differences. Last week, they had a hands-on animal handling workshop by *Zoolab*, where they explored the different characteristics of animals and met animals that included vertebrates and invertebrates.

In Year 2, pupils have been exploring the information available in an atlas. They used an atlas to locate and identify the seas around the UK with the help of compass directions. They also located different rivers within the UK and recording each of these on their own United Kingdom map.



COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all of the Nursery and Reception parents who have stayed to read with their children on Friday mornings.

All parents are also invited to drop into our workshop sessions which are held in the Flexi Space at 9:15am on Friday. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 19 th November	Art: How do I find inspiration for creative art projects at home on a budget? <i>(Children will be attending this morning with their parents.)</i>
Friday 26 th November	ICT: What apps does my child use in school?
Friday 3 rd December	Christmas Holiday Activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? <i>(Children will be attending this morning with their parents.)</i>
Friday 10 th December	Parent Coffee Morning Celebration Event

KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2021

Children's Start Date:
Monday 1st November 2021
Parents Evening: Thursday 9th December 2021
End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 16th December 2021 at 2pm

Spring Term 2022

Children's Start Date: Tuesday 4th January 2022
Work and Enterprise Week: 24th January 2022
Safer Internet Day: Wednesday 9th February 2022
Half Term Holiday: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Children's Start date:
Monday 21st February 2022
World Book Day: Thursday 3rd March 2022
Parents Evening: Thursday 24th March 2022
End of Term Finish Date: Friday 1st April 2022 at 2pm

Summer Term 2022

Easter Monday: Monday 18th April 2022
Children's Start Date: Tuesday 19th April 2022
Families' Week: Starts Monday 25th April 2022
Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022
Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair): Monday 23rd May 2022
Half Term Holiday: Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th June 2022
Staff Training Day: Friday 24th June 2022
Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day): Starts Monday 27th June 2022
Parents Evening: Thursday 7th July 2022
End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm
Staff Training Day: Friday 22nd July 2022

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
Whole school attendance for last week was **95.1%**. **Well done to Cedar Class,** the weekly winners with **100%**.

