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Important Dates:

31st October Deadline for Secondary School Applications

1st November School re-opens

5th November Lunchtime Co - Bonfire Lunch

Deadline for Flu Immunisation Consent Forms

Week 7

Welcome to the final newsletter for this half term!

Although the term has felt much more 'normal' in terms of teaching and routines, it has remained a challenging half term. However I would like to say a very big thank you to you, the children and the staff for rising to all of the challenges and being supportive of one another and the school. We have already seen progress in the children's learning and hope that they continue on this upward trajectory.

With half term approaching and lots of autumn festivities with Halloween and Bonfire Night, I hope that you all have a wonderful half-term, stay safe, rest and enjoy some relaxing family time - you all deserve it!

Please remember that the clocks go back during half term, so as not to turn up to school an hour too early on Monday 1st November.

Mrs Munday Headteacher

Caretaker retiring

One of our Caretakers, Marian is retiring. In assembly today, we presented her with a

gift from the staff to thank her for all her hard work over the last 10 years.

We hope you join us in wishing her all the very best in her retirement. I am sure she will not miss all the glitter on the carpets this Christmas!



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Rainbow Class

This week, Rainbow Class have been learning about some seasonal traditions. After reading the book "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper, we carved some pumpkins and retold the story using some "Small World" props. Thank you to Mrs Hagerty for joining in with our fun and carving us some amazing tiny pumpkins. We loved them!







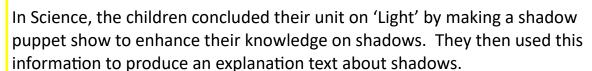




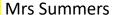


Yellow Class has had an exciting week!

They have been learning about Black History Month. As part of this learning, the children had the opportunity to make and taste rice pudding — a dish that originated from the times of slavery. The children learnt about inspirational figures that Black History celebrates and wrote about this in a non-chronological report. Additionally, they took part in a role play experience based on discrimination and were then able to use their feelings from this to think about how someone who has experienced such discrimination might feel.



In Geography, they have been learning about volcanoes in the Kamchatka Peninsular of Russia. On Monday afternoon, they had the opportunity to make their own volcanoes; the eruptions were impressive!





















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Blue Class

In Blue Class we have been enjoying our current topic about oceans and the Galapagos Islands. On Thursday, Blue class welcomed a visitor; Emma Brand, to the classroom to talk to us about her trip there. The children saw lots of photos of the animals and geography of the islands. They listened very well to some new information and also recalled information they had previously learnt. The children had lots of opportunities to ask questions. Blue Class thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were well behaved and respectful throughout.



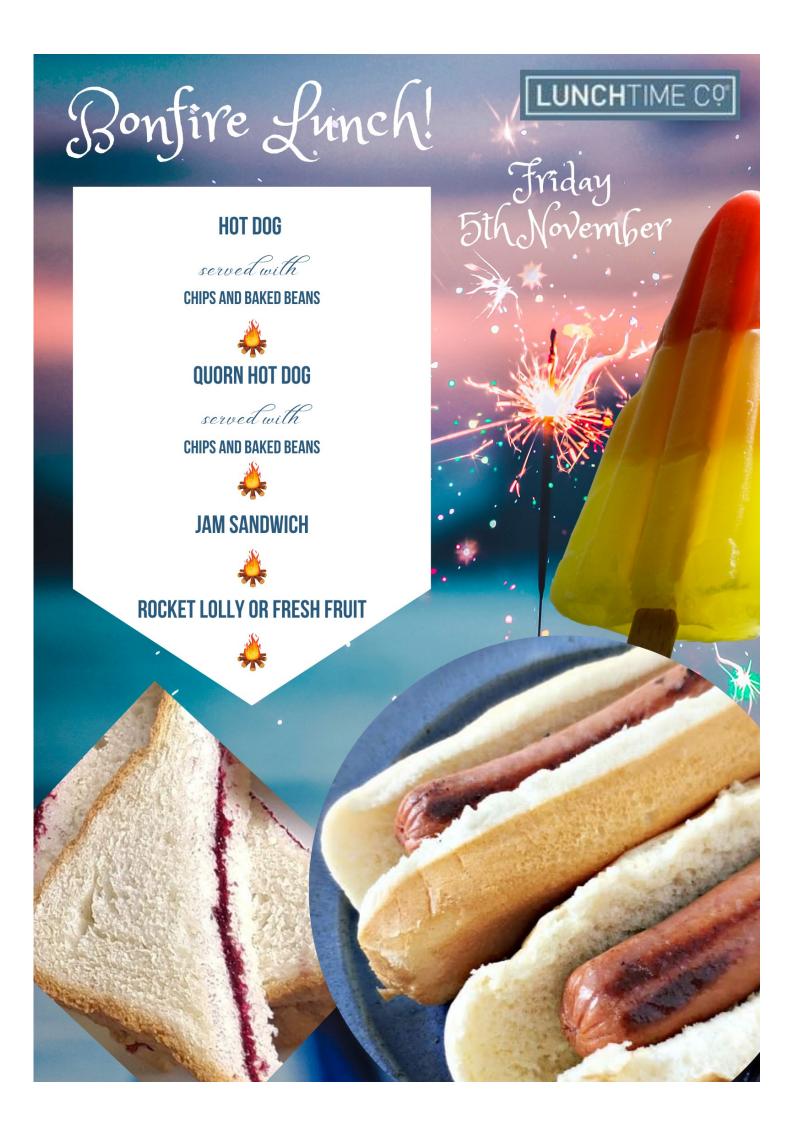
Miss Brand

Lunchtime Co.

The new Autumn menu from Lunchtime Co will start on 1st November. It is available on the school website, link below:

Lunchtime Co Autumn 21 Menu

Lunchtime Co are also providing a special Bonfire Lunch on 5th November, see attached poster



Important Information

Breakfast Club

The School Governors and I have made the decision to close Breakfast Club.

Breakfast Club is currently used by only 4% of the whole school cohort. For Breakfast Club to be viable, we would need an uptake of at least 25%. We understand that for some families this may cause difficulties and we are sorry that this decision has been made. Please rest assured that we will revisit the possibility of reopening Breakfast Club in the future if demand increases to a point that it can be justified.

The money that the school will be saving, will be used to benefit all pupils across the school which we know you will appreciate. We will continue to provide Breakfast Club up until Friday 12th November to help those families who already attend find alternative solutions, should they require them.

Payment for these sessions will still need to be made in advance. Any debts must be cleared by Friday 12th November.

PCR or LFT

Although we know that many of you have Lateral Flow Tests at home, please can we remind you that they are for asymptomatic (no symptom) testing and should not be used as a test to check if you or your child has COVID following a symptom. If you or your child are displaying symptoms, you must book in with a centre to have a PCR or order a PCR test kit through the post. You can book or order a test online, ticking the box to say you are displaying symptoms.

If there are multiple cases within a class within a short period of time, we recommend that you book a PCR test and state that the school has requested it.

Tempest Photography

Proofs of the school photographs taken on Monday have been sent home with children this week. Orders and payments are made online through Tempest. There is an option for home delivery which adds a delivery charge, or delivery to school, which is free if orders are placed within 10 days of receiving the proof.

Flu Immunisation Consent Forms

The deadline for returning consent forms is Friday 5th November. If you have not already done so, please complete and return the form for your child. Thank you.

Y6 - Transition to Secondary School for September 2022

Transfer to secondary school applications for Y6 children close on **31st October** for Norfolk and Cambridgeshire Y6 children.

You can find more information and make applications online.

You should apply using the County Council that relates to your home address.

Cambridgeshire Secondary Application

Norfolk Secondary Application

If you apply online by 31 October 2021 you will get an offer for a place on 1 March 2022 by email.

If you miss this deadline your child is much less likely to get a place at their preferred school.

Awards and Celebrations



Attendance

Our attendance figures for the week ending Friday 15th October are as follows:

Gold Orange Class 97.67%
Silver Rainbow Class 95.45%
Bronze Blue Class 95.37%

The winner of the 100% attendance prize for week ending Friday 15th October is Lacie-Mai in Orange Class.



Caught Reading

Our Caught Reading award this month goes to Lily-Tayla in Yellow Class.



House Points

1st Swans

2nd Marsh Harriers

3rd Cranes

4th Kingfishers



Above and Beyond

Above and beyond this week goes to Johnathon in Rainbow Class for always being kind and considerate to his friends.

Congratulations!

Dates for your diary - New events shown in bold

2021/2022

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5th November Lunchtime Co - Bonfire Menu

Deadline for Flu Immunisation Consent Forms

18th November Flu Immunisations

19th November Children in Need—Loungewear Day

2nd December Green Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5

3rd December TL Productions - Last order date for delivery to school 17th December

16th December Flu Immunisations - Information to follow

17th December Lunchtime Co - Christmas Lunch Menu - Details to follow

TL Productions - Order delivery to school

Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day

School breaks for Christmas

3rd January Bank Holiday

4th January Staff Training Day

5th January School re-opens to pupils

28th January TL Productions - Last order date for delivery to school 11th February

3rd February Purple Class Swimming Wk 1 5

11th February TL Productions - Order delivery to school

School breaks for half term

21st February School re-opens

17th March Blue Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5

18th March TL Productions - Last order date for delivery to school 1st April

1st April TL Productions - Order delivery to school

School breaks for Easter

18th April Bank Holiday

19th April Staff Training Day

20th April School re-opens to pupils

2nd May Bank Holiday

5th May Red Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5

27th May School breaks for half term

7th June Staff Training Day

Dates for your diary - New events shown in bold

8th June School reopens to pupils

16th June Rainbow Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5

4th July TL Productions - Last order date for delivery to school 20th July

20th July TL Productions - Order delivery to school

22nd July School breaks for summer holidays