



Friday 1st October

Dear All,

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are working hard to establish our Hi-five in school. The Hi-five signal has five parts – eyes looking, ears listening, mouths closed, hands still and bodies in their own space. The children have really improved at following this quickly whenever they are asked. We would like the opportunity to talk about our behaviour policy with you and to explain the changes we have made this year. If you would like to join us for this – and enjoy some coffee and cake! – we will be having a drop-in from 2pm on Wednesday 13th October. After this there will be an opportunity to pop into your child's classroom to see their learning from 2.45pm. We hope that lots of you will be able to join us.

The weather has definitely turned this week and so I will give my regular plea for children to have appropriate clothing – especially waterproof coats in school. We do our best to be outside whatever the weather and it's always nicer when you're snug and dry!

Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Pre-school: The main interests in preschool this week have been shapes, mark-making and collaging. The children also had great fun with a big box I donated. It became a ship, a den and something new to decorate. The adults have been encouraging the children to play group games too to help the children follow instructions.

Acorn: Acorn Class have been looking in detail at Tudor houses and what they were made from. Some children have started making collages of houses. We will be comparing them with modern houses to see how house design has changed. On Tuesday we had a minibeast hunt in the playground to search for the different microhabitats where they live. From next week PE will change days to **Tuesdays and Fridays.**

Oak: This week, Oak Class have painted their first piece of artwork inspired by identity, incorporating ideas about the things they like. They have also learnt about art by Keith Haring and created a design inspired by this, showing stickmen in various poses. We have begun to work towards collecting and creating items for our next piece of work, which will be a mixed media collage, and the children used a mirror to create a photograph which will be used in their final piece of work. We have started learning more about the creatures found on the Galapagos Islands and our PSHE lessons have focused on how we manage stress. Oak Class would be very grateful for any donations of newspapers, magazines and fabrics that you may have at home. If you are happy to donate, please send these in with your child.



This week's Hi-five awards go to...

- Bradley** – for being a kind friend
- Max** – for enthusiastic minibeast habitat hunting!
- Lottie** – for trying her best all through the day
- Elsie** – for remaining calm when things are tricky
- Olivia** – for excellent work on number bonds and addition in maths
- Bonnie** – for excellent layout and organisation in 6-digit sums
- Riley** – for a superb effort in handwriting
- Ava** – for being a superb maths teacher with addition



Dates for your diary

- Year 5/6 Forest School** – 8th October, 22nd October
- Year 3/4 Forest School** – Friday 15th October
- Coffee afternoon & drop-in** – Wednesday 13th October
- Acorn trip to see Dippy Dinosaur** – Cancelled
- Flu Vaccinations** – Thursday 4th November
- Tempest Photos** – Monday 22nd November

Don't forget – the last day of term is **Thursday 21st October**.

