



Friday 15th October

Dear All,

It was really lovely to welcome so many parents to the coffee afternoon and drop-in on Wednesday. There was plenty of chance for some cake and a good chat before we went into the classrooms to see the children and their work. These social opportunities are a really important part of our work in school and, after half-term, we hope to hold a coffee and chat every other Wednesday afternoon. Mostly these will just be a time to relax and unwind but we may also have chance to discuss the topics which are always tricky as parents such as sleep or screen time. If you have any ideas for topics we could cover do get in touch.

As next week is a short week, this is the last newsletter of this term. Don't forget that Thursday 21st is our last day of school. We hope you have a lovely half-term and that the weather is kind to us. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday November 1st.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Pre-school: Everyone in Preschool has been talking about themselves and their families this week. Parents have sent in photos of the children's close friends and family and the children have been busy using their 'my special people' sheet to chat about home. We have also used circle time to have group conversations with sentence starters such as "My name is... and I like...?" etc. This supports language development as well as confidence. We are also pleased to announce that we are setting up a new Stay and Play group on Thursday afternoons from 4th November for parents/carers with children under 4 years. Please ask in the school office for more details.

Acorn: Acorn class have been investigating habitats around the world this week. They have found out about the animals and features of rainforests, deserts, coastal, polar and ocean habitats. This science work will link to the trip from Banham Zoo after half term. They have also been busy exploring the school grounds to find creatures in their habitats. Then the children created a creature of their own and decided what habitat it would need to survive. The children have also continued to learn and act out Mr Gumpy's Outing.

Oak: Oak Class have been developing their Global Perspectives by learning about how one person can be the change in their community. They have learned about Malala Yousafzai and how she has become a role model for others. The children have been challenged to take on the Pay it Forward challenge in their own communities by seeking out opportunities to make a difference by performing random acts of kindness. As part of Black History Month, the children have also worked in groups to research an important person from history and create an information poster about them. Oak Class are continuing to make and collect things for their collage and would be grateful for any further donations of newspapers, magazines or fabrics from home.



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

- Antonino** – for fantastic effort with his homework
- Bella** – for showing a helpful and caring attitude by volunteering to jobs around the school
- Maisie** – for outstanding collaborative group work on Rosa Parks
- Bonnie** – for outstanding collaborative group work on Rosa Parks
- Ava** - outstanding collaborative group work on Rosa Parks



Dates for your diary

- Flu Vaccinations** – Thursday 4th November
- Year 5/6 Forest School** – Friday 5th November
- Banham Zoo Roadshow visit** – Tuesday 9th November
- Tempest Photos** – Monday 22nd November

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

Communication We know that communication is something which can often be difficult to get right. We hope that events such as coffee and chat will help with this but we would also like to set up a Frequently Asked Questions sheet. If you have any questions about routines in school/preschool, homework, lunches, PE or anything other area you have wondered about, please email Mrs Watts – head@bsf.norfolk.sch.uk and we will compile the questions and their answers for everyone to see. You might find out something you never knew you never knew!

**Northrepps Preschool
will be offering weekly
Stay and Play
Sessions**

**at 13:45 - 15:15 on Thursdays
(term-time only)
from 4th November 2021
(£1 discretionary payment)**

**for more information, please collect a leaflet
from the School Office**

or

**email Tracey Leach, the Preschool Manager,
preschoolmanager@northrepps.norfolk.sch.uk**

