



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear All,

This week we had a visit from Cromer Foodbank who came to do a special assembly about the support that the foodbank provide for our community. We then had the opportunity to take our Year 6 children to the foodbank warehouse so that they could see the work the foodbank do first hand. Over the next week we will be celebrating Harvest and also collecting food and toiletries for the foodbank. If you are able, and would like to make a small donation to the foodbank please do see the attached list of items they are most in need of at this time. There will be a box for donations outside the office over the coming week and the week after half term.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Mrs Sacre – Executive Headteacher

### **This week in class....**

**Pre-School** – This week preschool has been working hard to distinguish between the sounds that musical instruments make. Debbie has a selection of instruments behind a curtain and the children had to find its twin on the other side. We have also seen a lot of independent play - the children have made their own balance walks to test their gross motor skills worked well in collaboration with others. Preschool's Golden Rules have featured in several discussions this week too.

**Acorn** – Acorn class had a great time seeing lots of animals at Hillside. Having learnt about animal diets the children were able to decide whether the animals they saw were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. The trip also allowed the children to find out about what animals need to survive. In the classroom the children have been exploring drawing their favourite animal but with elongated legs. Some children have begun making a model of their long-legged animal. In maths we have been using manipulatives to partition numbers e.g. 5 can be made of 2 and 3, or 1 and 4 etc.

**Oak** - Oak Class have enjoyed learning about the Mexican Day of the Dead, creating a fact file and drawings of patterned skulls. We are working on our own designs to transform them into a mask, using bright colours and traditional Mexican inspired patterns. In maths, we have started to practise our addition skills by using and counting money whilst in French, we have moved on to learning some classroom instructions. In science, we have revisited our understanding of habitats and begun to learn about which animals might exist in different types of habitat, as well as what they need to survive. The children have all worked hard on their glockenspiel practise in music and started to be brave enough to give solo performances. We are seeing some fantastic overall effort with our class motto: try and try again!

**Birch** - It has been another very educationally rich week in Birch. The children have been breaking down sentences and changing words using synonyms and antonyms, seeing how we can build impact in our sentences by changing words to their synonyms. We have also had great fun looking at how important spelling and grammar is when writing signs in public. The children loved seeing signs asking people to 'pick up pastries with tongues' and warning people that quiet exams were in progress. In our topic, the children had a very insightful assembly from a representative from the Cromer food bank on Tuesday. This showed the children the benefit of food banks to the community and how we all can help each other. The Year 6 children were then lucky enough to visit the food bank yesterday, and see for themselves how it is run and organised. The construction phase of our Village model is complete, we are now in the process of making our videos to present our information to be contained in a QR code. The children were really pleased with the end result and how accurate it is in terms of number of houses and landmark orientation.



**Forest School News** - Last week in Forest School Oak class built a web around the trees to climb. Some of us found it tricky but all rose to the challenge and gave it a go. They were also really supportive to each other, helping with ways that might work for each other to scale the web! We also got crazy crafting with conkers, creating webs and people! We played with the catapult and some made their own!

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November!**

**A Screening of *The Gruffalo* and *Stickman* at the Village hall!**

Many Thanks to Matt Galasky and all those involved in organising this event in order to raise funds for the school.

Please see posters around school and





# NEWSLETTER



## Dates for your Diary –

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Birch Class Swimming & Acorn class PE

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – **Oak Class Circus Skills Workshop**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Birch Class Forest School / Oak Class PE

**Half Term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October the children will take part in their first House Event – Pumpkin decorating! The children will spend part of Wednesday afternoon working in their House teams to create the best pumpkin. Please do come and see their efforts after school on Wednesday.**

Please note **Parent Consultations** will be after half term and we will be offering a choice of online or face to face meetings.