



Friday 30th September

Dear All,

Thank you to all who were able to come to the parent information afternoon this week. I hope you found it useful and that it gave you a brief insight into our curriculum and future events. We will be holding a parent information meeting once a term so that we can keep you informed about what we are doing as a school.

Whilst it has been somewhat wet and cold this week, in school we have not let this dampen our spirits or enthusiasm! We have been out and about, appreciating our beautiful surroundings, mapping the village and going on nature walks.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class....

Pre-School – This week Preschool's main activities have been based around role-play - we have had builders, teachers reading to the class and lots of mummies and daddies. The children have also identified shapes and have been counting out the correct amount of vehicle counters. We have talked about one less and one more. The children practiced their observation and listening skills on Thursday during our Nature Treasure hunt. They were all very enthusiastic but were a little sad not to find a spider.

Acorn – On Tuesday, it was Acorn's turn for Forest School. The children travelled over on the minibus and enjoyed exploring the forest area within the school grounds. Many children chose to identify trees by their leaves, fungi by their shape and colour or insects. Some children played in the mud kitchen and made various concoctions. Back in the classroom, the children have been thinking about what animal they would be most like and why.

Oak - Oak Class had a fantastic time at gymnastics on Tuesday and we were challenged to face our fears by trying and trying again. Miss Dinn was so impressed with the way that everyone thought about how they could challenge themselves to push a little bit harder when they were learning a new skill. In maths, we have focused on estimating numbers on a number line up to 100 and in using the best strategies to do this. Our French lessons have extended to the playground, where we can regularly be heard practising our new language skills with each other. We are continuing to practise our spellings and handwriting every day and making some lovely letter shapes. We loved our first yoga and gymnastics lesson with Mrs Syrett and showed some great flexibility with our bodies. In R.E., we have begun our studies on different celebrations and are exploring the ways that different faiths celebrate different events.

Birch - Birch class have been very productive this week, achieving great things along the way. In our ongoing learning we have seen successes in our acquisition of times tables. Many children have now moved on at least two tables since the beginning of term, congratulations to those children and well done for your perseverance. The children have also been doing well reflecting on their reading with many children 'jumping' along the solar system. Each jump represents that the children have read books and reflected on their story, content and characters.

In our topic this week we have been mapping our community. We have finished off our sketch maps from memory and, this week, we have been out and about in the village, mapping the village from the ground. We have accurately plotted houses, significant buildings and landmarks. The children have created their own Key to use for their maps and will be using these to create a larger, detailed map.



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Forest School News - What a lovely day back with Birch Class. As they are so familiar with the wood they rushed off to all the things that they love to do, we found loads of frogs and they gave them names. We got the nets out and looked at the creatures in the wood, they knew lots of the names of the creatures from past sessions, Go Birch! We had some amazing acrobatic shows on the rope ladder swing, went for an explore around the wood and hunted for the frog hotel.

Acorn Class - It was so lovely to get to know the new reception children and for the Y1 to show them around. We discussed our Forest School names and became bug hunters looking under logs. We found slug eggs and centipedes. We loved running around and can't wait for the next time they can join us in the woods!

Don't forget Acorn Class have a phonics information afternoon for parents on **Monday 3rd October** after school & Acorn Class have their Gymnastics session on **Tuesday 4th October**.

Family Learning Afternoon

Wednesday 5th October at 1:30pm

All parents and family members welcome to come and join us for an afternoon of fun and learning.

We do need empty plastic bottles and cardboard boxes for this event so if you have any spare please give them to the office or Miss Dinn.

Thank you



Breakfast Club!

Breakfast Club runs from 8am everyday with Mrs Galasky.

To book a place please contact the office – we would love to see more children there.



This week's Hi-Five Awards

Well done to...

Mason, Amelia, Jade and Sebastian!

This week the children were awarded certificates for focus, listening, spellings and reading. Congratulations to all!



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Online Safety

Did you know the NSPCC website has some great tips for keeping children safe whilst they are online on tablets and devices?

Check out their website for some tips and guidance for parents and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides

Dates for your Diary –

Monday 3rd October - Birch Class swimming & Acorn Class PE – **Acorn Parent & Carer Phonics Information afternoon after school**

Tuesday 4th October - **Acorn Class Gymnastics** - children come to school in PE kit and visit North Walsham Gymnastics Club 9:30 – 11:30am

Wednesday 5th October - **Family Learning Afternoon 1:30pm** – Please do come and join your child for a fun filled afternoon.

Friday 7th October - Birch Class Forest School / Oak Class PE

Monday 10th October – Birch Class swimming & Acorn Class PE

Wednesday 12th October – **Acorn Class Trip to Hillside Animal Sanctuary**

Friday 14th October - Oak Class Forest School / Birch Class PE

Tuesday 18th October – Oak Class Circus Skills Workshop

Wednesday 19th October – **House Event (Harvest)** – More details to follow!

Friday 21st October – Birch Class Forest School / Oak Class PE

Half Term – Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

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

