



Friday 21st October 2022

Dear All,

We have had yet another busy and exciting week in school. We have had our first House Event full of creativity and imagination with pumpkin decorating, a visit from the Yorkshire Building Society to help us learn about the value of money and how to look after it and circus skills galore for Oak class. This week we have also been learning about Harvest and collecting for the North Norfolk Foodbank. Thank you so much for all your donations so far, we will be continuing to collect for the first week back after half term before taking our donations to the foodbank on the Friday.

Thanks you for all of your support over this first half term and we hope you have a lovely half term.

Mrs Sacre – Executive Headteacher

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

**Pre-School** – Preschool have been donated several gifts of resources this week. Amelia has given us lots of baby and home corner role-play things and Mr Bishop has given us a work bench. We would like to express our thanks for these items as they support so many areas of learning and development such as: imagination, strengthening fine motor skills, sharing, construction and so much more. We have also been discussing the importance of playing safely this week and the children have helped to produce their own risk assessments to accompany our golden rules.

**Acorn** – Acorn class have been finishing their long-legged animal models inspired by Salvador Dali's Elephants painting. We have a selection of pigs, giraffes, gorillas and more. In maths we have been looking at finding different parts of a number to make a whole and Y1 have been writing addition number sentences. In phonics YR's new sounds have been ck, e, u and r. Y1 have been revising phonemes they have previously learnt and reading longer words.

**Oak** – Oak Class have had a very busy week with lots of visitors in school! We enjoyed our visit from the Yorkshire Building Society on Monday, which helped us to learn about money and why it is important to save our money up in order to buy things that we really want. This linked really well with our maths topic, as we are continuing to practise our money counting skills. On Tuesday, we learned a lot of new skills with Cosmo from Foolhardy Circus, including plate spinning, diabolo, balancing on stilts, juggling and poi. We learned a new word: charivari - when we get free choice to choose the skills we want to practise. We tried new things and made sure we tried again if we found a skill tricky. In our Topic work, we have created fact files, sketches and masks, based around the Day of the Dead. We have started writing the first drafts of our stories which we will turn into our own mini books after half term. The children are bringing home times tables packs for over the half term holiday. It would be great if they could continue to learn their 2s, 5s and 10s to aid their recall. Enjoy the half term break!

**Birch** - Wow, Half term already, where has the time gone? This week Birch class reflected on our learning journey so far this term and we were astounded at what we have achieved. This week we have been looking at all types of nouns, planning out scary stories and working on factors and multiples. The highlight has been recording our videos to present our information on the points of interest around the village. The children have learnt to project, present and focus on the important points in the information they are relaying. There were some excellent video snips created, also a huge number for the next 'you've been framed' series! The children were lucky enough to have the Yorkshire Building Society in on Monday to work with them on all things money. They planned a party, decided on venues, decorations and food and beverages. They budgeted, worked out profit and loss margins and advertised their parties with ticket costs. Well done to Bella and Kaiya who won the prize for most attractive and cost effective party!



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Then, on Wednesday we had the highlight of the week. The first house event of the school year, the Pumpkin decorating competition. All houses did superbly and Birch class continued their proud tradition of being mature, sensible and helpful to the younger children. Well done Birch, enjoy the Half Term.

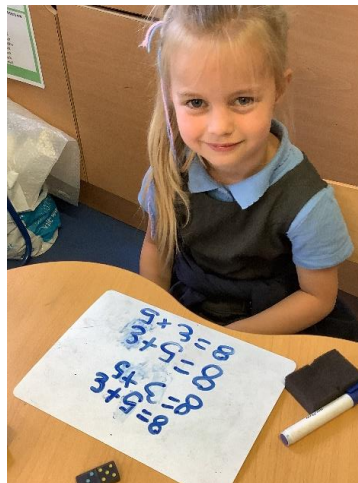
Forest School News - Last week we had an amazing time making potions and explosions using bicarb, vinegar and food colouring! We also coloured rice and mixed, stirred and made mud pies and hot chocolates. We all climbed the spider web, some enjoyed chilling out on top and pretended to be spiders! Some made lovely conker creations to take home and others played games. Lovely team work and crafting today Y2/3!

**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





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## **Dates for your Diary –**

**Monday 31st October** – Birch Class Swimming & Acorn class PE

**Friday 4th November** – Oak Class Forest School / Birch Class PE

### **Look out over half term for new dates coming up over the next half term**

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