



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful autumnal week. It's a magical time of year and we're certainly making the most of it. Happy Diwali to you all.

The children have had a fabulous week learning about why it is such an important celebration for Hindus and how it is celebrated.

Reception

This week we have been learning all about Diwali and Bonfire Night. We've created some amazing Rangoli patterns in class and on the playground and really enjoyed dressing up in Diwali inspired outfits today. We've learned about how we can keep ourselves safe on Fireworks night and have written some onomatopoeias relating to fireworks.

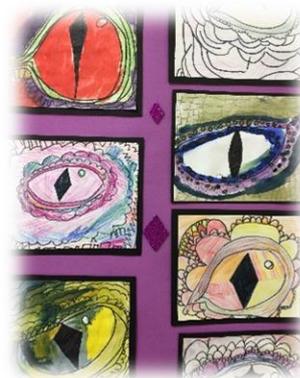


Year 1

We've had so much fun this week, from learning to retell the story of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and videoing this with friends. We had a lovely walk to Christchurch Meadows and are so excited about starting to make our Tudor Houses.

Year 2

We've read a new book this week called *Dragon Painter* and have been so inspired by our topic that we've drawn and painted 'Dragon Eyes'. Aren't they good? We've been busy adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers and were great microhabitat detectives on our microhabitat hunt.



Year 3

We really enjoyed writing poems about Diwali, here is Imogen's:

Diwali Senses Poem - By Immy

*Diwali is the colour of bright, bold puppets,
Diwali is the taste of sour Indian sweets as chewy as meat,
Diwali is the smell of happiness gloating towards me,
Diwali looks like beautiful, bright lights shimmering on the colourful houses,
Diwali sounds like crackers exploding in the glittering sky,
Diwali feels like fireworks in my tummy!*

Parent Meeting - Permanent Site Progress

Today you should have received a letter regarding a meeting on 14th November for parents to come into school and meet with members of The Trust and myself to answer questions you may have about the schools' plans for the remainder of our stay on the temporary site and progress towards the securing of a permanent site. Please do come along.

Parent Consultation Meetings

If you haven't already signed up for a consultation with your child's class teacher, please do so as soon as possible. If you are unable to get into school please contact the school office to arrange a time. Consultations are running on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th November.

Parent Class Rep Meeting

The next Parent Class Rep meeting is this coming Monday 7th November at 9am. Please do pass on any comments or concerns you may have as this will be the key topic for discussion at the next Parent Forum Meeting on the 28th November.

Cross Country

I am looking forward to joining parents and pupils from Years 1-3 at the 2nd Cross Country competition at Chiltern Edge tomorrow morning from 9.30am. Pupils don't need to be registered before tomorrow but if you are planning to participate please ensure your son/daughter arrives in PE Kit, with extra layers on top. I will be at Chiltern Edge from 9.30am and will meet all parents and children before the races and lead a warm-up.

Ladders At Home

Please do login to our Ladders at Home site <https://www.laddersathome.co.uk/> which will give you access to some useful information about your child's progress in Reading, Writing and Maths and how you may be able to support them further at home. If you do not have or can't remember your login details, please contact the school office. I will be running another refresher session for parents on Monday 7th November 2.45 - 3.30pm.

Attendance

Congratulations this week to Mrs Rizvi's Class for their attendance of 98.47% which is the highest of all classes. Hector will be so pleased to return to RSR next week and spend time with the children.



Reading Family Aid

A massive thank you to all parents who have kindly and very generously donated toys and books for the Reading 'Toys and Teens' appeal. These will be passed on to the charity on our behalf by Michelle Pattison - thank you Michelle for organising this.

Spotlight

Level 2 Gymnastics - Joe (3SW).

Level 4 Gymnastics - Roshni, Olivia (3SW), Rhys, Eva (2AM).

Level 6 Gymnastics - Oscar, Dylan (1VH), Anna (3SW).

Level 7 Gymnastics - Miah (RSR), Jack (1CPF), Rishi (1VH), Lily (2AM).

Level 8 Gymnastics - Forest (RSR).

Rugby - Daisy (2AM) for achieving a medal for 'Best U7s Player' in her first game representing Abbey Rugby Club.

Kings Camp - Lily (1VH) for being a 'Super Star', being kind and taking part with a smile.

Brownies - Freya (3SW) for completing her Brownie Promise.

Halloween Muddy Run - Kacper (1VH) for completing the 2.5KM run.

Climbing 311 steps of The Monument in London - Eva (3SW) and Oscar (1VH).

Congratulations to you all!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Rebecca and Alex in RAO, Miah and Freddy in RSR.

Year 1 - Usher and Reyaansh in 1CPF and Megan and Baylen in 1VH.

Year 2 - Ameya and Sam in 2AM and Said and Isla in 2HK.

Year 3 - Rishona and Zak in 3SW.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 24 th Oct - 27 th Oct | Half Term |
| Saturday 12 th November | PFTA Quiz Night |
| Wednesday 30 th November | Flu Immunisations for Years 1-3 |
| Saturday 10 th December | 3pm - Christmas Fayre at school |
| Friday 16 th December | Whole school trip to see Snow White at the Hexagon |
| Wednesday 21 st December | Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish) |

Finally, congratulations to the Roughan family on the birth of baby Aidan!



Karen Edwards
Headteacher

Please read on to p4 for an update from the PTFA

PTFA NEWS

PTFA Quiz & Curry Night- St Andrews, Saturday 12th November, 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Ticket deadline: Thursday 10th November

Last year this sell-out event resulted in a play-doh fight! Who knows what will happen this year?! Don't leave it too late to find out! Only a limited number of tickets are available, get yours today to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are available ONLINE: <https://theheightsprimary.yapsody.com/> but if you prefer to pay by cheque or cash, please let Hannah know by email (details below) and deposit this in the PTFA post box in school reception.

Bring cash for the bar and raffle, and if you have small items like gift sets, a spare bottle of wine, a stray box of chocolates that you can donate for the raffle please email: hannahthurstonsmith@yahoo.co.uk

The Christmas Fayre, Saturday 10th December - Ho! Ho! Ho!

Five weeks to go and preparations are in full swing but there is a desperate need for helpers! Can you man a stand on the day or help with set up and clear up?

Volunteer Appeal: The wonderful Hepwoods (organisers) need volunteers to help with:

- Decorating the grotto
- Organising bookings for Santa
- Managing the queue at the grotto
- Running the Bottle tombola

If you can help, they would love to hear from you!

Email: shepwood@hotmail.com or richard.hepwood@smith-nephew.com

Christmas Raffle

By now, you should have received raffle tickets via book bags.

Prize highlights include:

- £50 John Lewis vouchers (sponsored by Nicholas Estate Agents)
- £100 John Lewis Vouchers (sponsored by Vicon)
- A case of wine (donated by Rupert Lovie)
- Photography Voucher (provided by Alice Photography)
- Massage voucher (provided by Jeni Carter)
- Babysitting credit (offered by Petra Callaghan for a weekend night)
- £30 Cozze restaurant voucher

Be sure to post your ticket stubs and cheques / cash in the PTFA postbox using the enclosed envelope by 7th December.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to all the children (over 100!) who designed a Christmas card. Proofs will arrive next week and you will have until Wednesday 16th November to place your order.

Cake & Uniform Sale

What a turnout! So many cakes, volunteers and cake eaters of all sizes turned up! A big thank you to everyone who came, baked, helped and made purchases, you have raised £116.35 for the school! Well done.