

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Inclusion

Day Glow Day

Today was our Day Glow Day, which is an integral part of our Road Safety Week. Children have been learning how to stay safe on the roads, especially as the evenings are darker when the children leave school. Keep an eye on our website for more photos from our day coming soon!



PTA Christmas Fayre

The PTA are collecting Christmas tree chocolates for the fayre.

Our PTA would be grateful to receive any donations of chocolate Christmas tree decorations by Friday 6th December.

We would also appreciate any dairy-free options to accommodate those with allergies.

Please bring any donations to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Beck on the gates or into the school office.



Scooters

We love that our children are enjoying riding scooters to school and keeping fit and healthy. Installing our scooter rack has really encouraged families to walk and scoot to school!

Please be reminded to be mindful with your scooters when there are lots of people around.

Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

Summer is better than Autumn. Do you agree with this statement?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Jolly Jumper Day
4th December

Festive Big Read
4th December PM

PTA Winter Fayre
7th December

Concerts
w/b 9th December

Class Parties
18th December
Nursery- 19th December

Last Day of Term
20th December

Half Term
23rd December- 3rd January

First Day of Term
6th January

For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st** Octopus 98%
- 2nd** Jaguar 97%
- 3rd** Giraffe 95%

Well done everyone. This is a little lower this week due to a bug, hopefully this will clear up by next week!



Christmas Concerts – A Reminder

We are so excited to be preparing to perform our Christmas concerts! For those of you who have not attended one of our concerts before, please read the following carefully to ensure the health and safety of all.

As we are a large school, we perform each concert twice to accommodate our 120 families in each year group and ask that the parents/carers from two classes attend on each day. Our school hall is fairly small so please try to attend on your assigned day and keep guests to two per family so we can fit everyone in comfortably.

Please also note that we do not allow siblings or other babies/children to attend our concerts. We know that this may come as a surprise to some of you but this system works really well. Our children work very hard to perform for you and, with younger siblings in the audience, it is not always possible to hear our children speak or act. In the past, families have been supportive of this measure and have enjoyed giving their performing child their full attention. Please find suitable arrangements if you have other children. We will be hosting another Big Read before the end of term and would love to welcome your little ones into school then. We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

For afternoon performances, we will open the pedestrian gate 15 minutes before each performance is due to begin so please do not feel the need to arrive before this time. For morning performances, we will lock all gates as usual for safeguarding purposes and then open the Year Two gates at 9:10. This allows us to register the children safely before the concerts begin.

Please note the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 10th December at 9:15am - Y1 Turtle and Penguin**
- Wednesday 11th December at 9:15am - Y1 Starfish and Octopus**
- Wednesday 11th December at 2:30pm - YR Butterfly and Squirrel**
- Thursday 12th December at 9:15am - Y2 Giraffe and Panda**
- Thursday 12th December at 2:30pm - YR Ladybird and Hedgehog**
- Friday 13th December at 9:15am - Y2 Koala and Jaguar**

Traditionally, we have collection buckets at the end of our concerts so families can donate to our charity of the year - more information will be given on the day. We look forward to see you all there. Please do speak to Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck if you have any queries.

Big Festive Read & Jolly Jumper Day

You are invited to our **Festive Read** on **Wednesday 4th December** from **2:45-3.15pm**.

This time, **Nursery will also join in** (parents of the morning-only children can join at the start of the day). This will be a lovely end to the day for the children and for you. We would love for you (families) to wear something festive and bring a favourite book to read with your child/ren.

It is also our **Jolly Jumper Day!** Come to school in a 'jolly jumper'- it can be festive but that is not compulsory, any 'fun' jumper will be perfect!

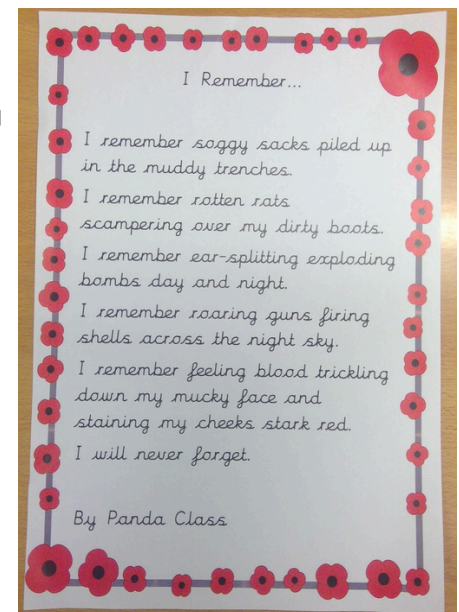
Cinema Trip

Last week we were very lucky to secure some tickets for the Into Film Festival for a group of Y2 children. The children thoroughly enjoyed the film Trolls and have collected lots of ideas for their writing back in school. Their behaviour on public transport and at the cinema was exemplary. We look forward to the other visits we have planned across the year.



Poetry in Year 2

Following the trip to the Cenotaph, the Year 2 children were inspired to create their own poems. They thought about what it would feel like as a soldier, the different sounds they would have heard and discussed how important it is to remember the events of the 11th of November.



Maths with Year 1

In Year 1, the children have been focused on addition using a number line. They have been thinking about jumping accurately, in the correct direction and using very precise steps to success! In their child initiated continuous provision the children have been accessing 3D shapes, linking back to their work just before the half term holiday. They have also been independently attempting to fill out number tracks by using last week's learning about one more and one less. All of the Year 1 children have put in so much effort and made lots of progress!



Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

Find 7 teddy bears (or other toys). They are going on a picnic and need to catch a bus.

Put them in a line. Who is first in the line? Who is third? Who is fifth? The last toy is crying – move it so that it is second. Who is last now? Draw a picture of the toys and label them 1st, 2nd...



Helpful hints: When out and about, link this to real queues that you see.

Years 1 and 2

You have a set of the digits from 0-9:

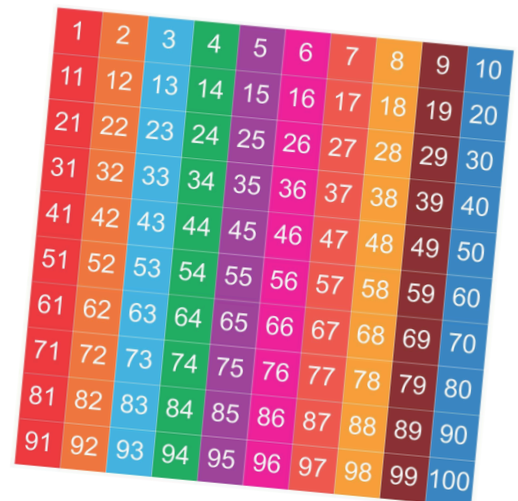


Can you arrange these digits in the five boxes below to make two-digit numbers as close to the targets as possible? You may use each digit once only.

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largest odd number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
smallest odd number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
largest multiple of 5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
number closest to 50	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

How will you know that your solution is as close to the targets as possible?

Use this 100 square to help you!



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Online Safety Storybooks

Do you enjoy sharing and reading storybooks with your child/ren? The following books are a fantastic age-appropriate way to raise awareness and understanding around online safety:

- Webster's Friend by Hannah Whaley
- Dot by Randi Zuckerberg
- Old MacDonald Had a Phone by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross
- Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross
- Troll Stinks by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross

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***Churchfields PTA
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***Churchfields
Christmas Fayre***

***Junior
Bake Off!***

Get ready for the competition of the year!

This year we are running a bake off competition at the Christmas Fayre on 7th December. If your child would like to submit their cakes and bakes for judging, you can drop your bakes at the school offices from 4th December. You can make your baking this year a joint effort with your child and enter your bake into the bake off, or just donate a homemade cake as normal. All donations are very welcome and gratefully received.

We'd love to have some traditional bakes from around the world to celebrate the wonderful diversity at our school. As always please ensure your bakes are nut free and include an ingredients list. Please ensure bake off entries have been labelled with your child's name and class. The bakes will be judged by a panel of teachers on the day.