

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School returns - Monday 7th November 2016 at 08:45am.  
Children in Need—18th November (more information to follow).  
Christmas Fayre—2nd December 1:30pm.  
KS1 Nativity— 12th December 6pm.  
Potato Bus 12th & 13th December 9am to 3:30pm.  
KS1 Nativity—13th December 1:30pm.  
Reception class Nativity—14th December 1:30pm.  
Christmas Dinner—16th December 2016 (ordering information to follow).  
Whole school trip (Reception to Year 6) to see Robin Hood in Boston—19th December.  
Carols around the tree (parents welcome) 20th December 2pm.  
School Ends — Tuesday 20th December 2016.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE STAFF CAR PARK IS NOT BE USED BY ANY PARENTS EXCEPT PUDDLEDUCKS PARENTS AT ANYTIME OF THE DAY DURING TERM TIMES (THIS INCLUDES COLLECTION FROM AFTER SCHOOL CARE).**

Also children need to be in school at 08:45am.  
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*Tall oaks from little acorns grow...*

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Date

Friday 21st October 2016

Newsletter

# PE and Sports Round-up

Wow, this term has gone extremely quickly and so much has taken place already. We welcome our new reception children who have settled into school extremely well and have shown they have a very mature attitude to learning which is fantastic.

This year we have started to take part in the Friday sports festival (hosted by Carres), where different year groups take part in various sporting activities across the local area. This term the children have taken part in dodge ball, football, rowing and multi skills. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in all activities and have all learnt a new sport.

This term the school/ members of the school have taken part in various charitable activities. Members of staff and governors held a Macmillan Coffee morning in aid of the charity. Archie Wardell in Year 5, took this a step further and decided to brave the shave. Archie had all of his hair shaved off by Mr Barratt in order to raise money for the Macmillan. Great work! We also had our annual harvest festival two weeks ago, where children showed off some of the work they have been doing in class whilst we also thought of those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to those parents who attended and those who donated various food items.

Finally, a massive thank you for all the parental support since we have returned. It is apparent that a huge amount of children are regularly reading at home and are doing Maths Whizz. Both of these activities are supporting the progress of your children, so thank you.

Have a great two week half term and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Mr Clay

We have had a very busy first term with PE and Sport. All the children have settled in really well to their PE lessons and are working hard to develop their skills. Church Lane have attended numerous festivals and competitions this term the first was Dodgeball with Year 2. The children travelled to Winchelsea Primary school and played lots of games against three different schools. The children had a fantastic time and developed their throwing and catching skills.

The Football team had a tournament at Ancaster, playing four different games, drawing three and losing one. All the children played to a high standard, but unfortunately did not progress to the finals.

Four children from Key Stage 2 took part in a Change4Life festival at St Botolphs Primary School. The children took part in different activities developing their aiming skills in a series of different target games. All children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The girls also had a Football tournament, this was held at Carre's Grammar School on Governors Field. The girls played three 16 minute games, developing their match play and football skills. They won their first games and then lost the other two.

Well done to all children for their hard work this term. A new clubs list will be issued before half term with a few new clubs being added. We are also holding a competition to reward children for their participation in extracurricular clubs. The children with the highest attendance will be rewarded with a PE trip!!

Four children from year 3 and 4 took part in a rowing competition, using Concept 2 Rowing machines. We will find out after half term which individual and which school team has won.

A reminder that all PE kits MUST be in school on the first day back after half term, they MUST include a t-shirt, shorts and suitable PE shoes.

Please see my photograph page.

Thanks  
Miss Dix

# YEAR 6

The children have been working extremely hard. They have been applying their literacy skills to produce a balanced argument on whether Mr Tumnus should be sent to prison.

In Numeracy, the children have been revising all four major operations, while learning about place value and fractions

In Science, the children have been investigating light; how it travels and why shadows are formed, which is linked to the new scientific vocabulary.

Finally, I hope you all have an enjoyable half term and that the children enjoy their well-earned break.



## PE & COMPETITION PHOTOGRAPHS



## PUDDLESDUCKS

### Puddleducks



This term Puddleducks have loved making the most of the sunny weather! We have practised our walking and running on the field! We have also enjoyed kicking and throwing the balls and hoops. We loved chasing the bubbles in the wind on the playground.



PICCOLLAGE

## YEAR 5

This term has been a fabulous example of how children are determined to improve and progress at Church Lane.

There has been a huge increase in difficulty across the curriculum in both English and Maths. Gladly, this has not deterred year 5 who come in every morning with a great attitude and a smile on their faces. This is evident in their improvement in attendance – we have had 4 weeks' worth of 100% out of 6. Last year we only achieved 2 for the entire academic year.

In English, we have been using the IPEELL scheme of work, which is a highly independent work scheme. Children write a piece of work from an experience they have had as a class. They then go on to use this experience in their writing. We have written some amazing pieces in the first term. I am very excited to see the writing by the end of the academic year.

Maths has been a huge increase in difficulty. The children are now regularly using numbers up to 1,000,000 in most of their calculations. Pleasingly, the children as a class achieved an average 84% pass rate on place value in their post test, this is an increase of 9% from their place value post test in year 4.

In their topics the children have been enjoying learning about Space and Earth in science and Ancient Greece in topic. These subjects have been fun and interesting with lots of questions from the children challenging each other as well as myself.



I'm sure the most exciting part of this term for the class was baking their own carrot cakes. They were able to bring home some for parents and carers to taste. Unfortunately, the teachers were more than happy to taste several of the cakes before the children could take them home.

Have a great half term holiday!!

# YEAR 4

This term in Year 4, we have been working very hard to write our own stories based on a different culture in our English. We were able to use similes and personification to make our stories come to life and describe our main character Hamid. We all made some really thrilling stories and have turned these into film trailers!

In Maths, we have been trying to master the topic of Place Value and we all made progress in our tests! We can now tell you what each of the letters mean in Roman Numerals and are very good at rounding. Recently, the children have been adding and subtracting large numbers using mental and written methods. We can use exchanging and carrying to solve tough problems!

Our topic of electricity in Science has been very exciting. We know what a circuit is and what it means to have a complete circuit. We also know what materials make good insulators and conductors.

We have also been learning about the lifestyles of the Anglo-Saxons. We have explored which groups made up the Anglo-Saxons, where they came from and where they settled. We have also designed our own Anglo-Saxon villages. Next term, we shall be looking at the change from Anglo-Saxon settlers to Vikings invaders in Britain.

You have all worked extremely hard. Have an enjoyable half term and come back refreshed, ready for an exciting Christmas term!

Miss Brand



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## NUTKINS/LITTLE ACORNS



## TALL OAKS



## YEAR 3

We have had a super term learning lots all about the Amazon Rainforest! We have looked at where rainforests are in the world, specifically the Amazon Rainforest. Researched the climate and understood that rainforests lie near the equator between the Tropics. We created our own weather report for the BBC news, and then looked at the similarities between living in the rainforest and living in Sleaford. The children were then able to write a diary entry as a child living in the rainforest.



In Literacy, we have looked at mystery stories. We looked at the features of a mystery story and how the author creates suspense by leaving clues. We then tried out our own mystery stories set in the Amazon rainforest, something was stolen and the children gave clues as to who the suspect was; the toucan, tiger or sloth! Secondly, we looked at Non-chronological reports all based around deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest. We had to think about why rainforests matter to us, but also, why rainforests are being destroyed. These were fab!



In Numeracy, we have been working really hard with our place value and understanding of number in general. We have finished off the term looking at addition and subtraction methods. We have used these skills to help us solve worded problems with whole numbers.

Well done Year 3 for working extremely hard, have a great half term and I will see you after a well earned rest.

# YEAR 2

We've had a very busy and fun start to our term in Year 2.

Our focus areas in maths and literacy have been securing basic skills, for example, knowing what numbers are worth, which numbers make 10, 20, 100 as well as our 2,5 and 10 times tables. Any additional work on this at home would be really appreciated.



In English, we have been consolidating sentence structure with a main focus on capital letters and full stops, making sure that every sentence makes sense and also spelling. Please try and read with your child every night at home and ask them questions about what they have read. If your child brings spellings home, then please encourage your child to learn these for a weekly test which will be on Mondays

Our topic on Native America has really captured the children's interest and I hope they have been sharing with you all we have been learning. As well as finding out new information, the children have created some wonderful art work. Our favourite part is having a real size tepee in our classroom and dream catchers which have captured a Native American environment which has engaged the children into learning.



*A very busy term!*

# PHOTOGRAPHS



# RECEPTION

What a fantastic start to the new school year. The children have settled very well into their new routines. The children amaze us every day with their fantastic attitude to learning and how quickly they have adapted to school life.

Lots of investigations and explorations have taken place this term. We have investigated Sunflowers, Pumpkins, Magnets, Sinking and Floating and Harvest Vegetables. The children are brilliant Scientists and have fantastic scientific enquiry.

We have been learning our letter sounds in Phonics and the children are learning them very quickly. Your child should have been given a pack of sound cards. Please practice at home during half term, ready for us to crack on with our reading and writing.

When we come back we will be rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity. Our Nativity will be on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.**

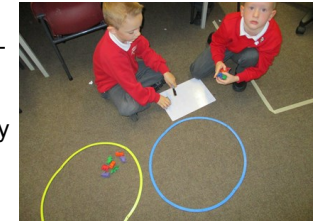
Have a great half term.

Kelly and Anne



# YEAR 1

Year 1 started the new school year the way they mean to carry on! They've all worked really hard to settle into a new class and though the transition has been tricky sometimes they've all found their feet with a new way of working. Our topic has been "Oh I do like to be beside the seaside" and we've made "The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch" story by Rhonda and David Armitage our focus for our English lessons. We've written speech that the naughty seagulls might have said, shopping lists for Mrs Grinling to make delicious lunches, we've sequenced the story and even changed the ending – we had some very exciting ideas for innovation including a tornado and a shark! We've also looked at writing instructions using imperative (bossy) verbs including how to make mustard sandwiches (not the favourite lunch of the seagulls!) and completed our first independent Big Write.



In Maths we've learnt about place value and know how many tens and how many ones are in a number. Some of us even know how many hundreds there are! We've looked at one



more and one less, ten more and ten less, ordinal numbers, doubles and halves, number bonds to ten and have started to look at addition and subtraction using a number line. What busy bees we have been! Miss Cragg and Fiona are very proud of the amazing mathematicians in Year 1.

In Science we've looked at the human body and focussed on our senses, exploring taste, smell, sight, touch and hearing in greater depth by investigating how these senses work on a practical basis. We've laid down vocals on our own cd this half term as well as celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Roald Dahl by dressing up as our favourite characters from his stories.

In our History lessons we have learnt all about famous nurses from the past, looking at Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell in greater depth. We've created posters, acted out scenes from their lives and made fact books. In our ICT lessons we've learned how to programme the BeeBots to follow commands around mazes and have worked on some programming games on the iPads.

