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LOUDWATER UPDATE

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday 27th September – Year 6 visit to Flackwell Heath Library
Tuesday 12th October – Year One Vision Test (see below)

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been thinking about how resourceful the Little Red Hen was, because she found a way to make the bread all by herself. We have made bread at school, but we worked together as a team instead of leaving all the work to one person. Most of us thought the bread tasted delicious. It made the classroom smell lovely too!

We have continued learning each other's names and strengthening our new friendships. We have also been practising recognising and writing our own names. We have started our Phonics lessons and we have been playing I-spy, to see if we can hear the sound at the beginning of words. Ronnie the Robot came to visit us and we had fun trying to work out which words he was saying as he sounded them out in his robot voice.

We have sung lots of songs that have numbers and counting in them and we have been counting currant buns, claps and our fingers. All the adults have continued to be impressed with how well we are settling in and with our good behaviour and manners.

Year One

We have had a lovely week in English this week. We have enjoyed the story of 'The Enormous Crocodile' by Roald Dahl. We listened carefully to it and before Miss Weston finished it we had to predict the ending. We had some wonderful ideas! This week we have learnt that adjectives are describing words. We brainstormed a collection of adjectives to describe the crocodile such as horrid, terrifying, green and hungry. We then chose some of these to put into a sentence.

In Maths we have been finding the position of numbers on a number track. We have also been practicing reading our numbers to 20. We have been finding 1 more and 1 less. We now know that we would be sad if we had less sweets than our friends!

This week we have been very excited to see a video of a jay and a squirrel on our Badger Cam. We also saw a fox, a badger and some very mysterious eyes which we think might have been a deer.

In Geography this week we thought about some of the things that will help us in our lessons such as a globe, maps and books. We looked at our big class map and talked about the fact that the blue part represented the oceans.

In Art we used the watercolour paint which was fun.

Useful websites

Please start making use of Numbots, your log in details and the website are all stuck in your reading records.

Year Two

This week, in English, we have been enjoying the story 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. We have collected adjectives to describe Grandma and George, written sentences to describe them and compared their characters. In Guided Reading, we have continued to enjoy 'Woolf'. We have predicted what Woolf will do, wondered about the story and learned how to make inferences. In Phonics, we have begun learning about suffixes. We have started with -ed and -ing, learning that verbs can be past tense and present tense.

In Maths, we have been comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to, including the signs <, > and =. We have been great at understanding the signs but have found it harder to use them when solving problems.

In Geography, we have revisited learning about the continents of the world and introduced oceans. In Computing, we have learned how to use the tools in Paint to create pictures. In PE, we have developed our balancing skills in Gym and co-ordination when passing balls in Games.

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login-type>

Year Three

This week in English, we have started learning from our text 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. We have investigated features of traditional tales and identified similarities between texts. We have discussed the text and have written from the character's perspective. We have also used our senses to describe a setting. In Maths, we have been learning how to find 1, 10 and 100 more and less of a number. We have also been learning how to compare numbers. In RE, we have been learning about worship and how different religions use music in worship. In PSCH, we read a friendship problem scenario and discussed how we would solve the problems. In Topic, we continued our learning about oceans and continents by labelling the seven continents focussing on the Americas. We used an Atlas to locate countries within these continents. In Computing, we have learnt how to navigate on FrogPlay.

[Geography of The Americas Made Easy - YouTube](#)

[Pali Chanting In The Abhayagiri Buddhist Monastery | Theravada Buddhism - YouTube](#)

[Evening mantras.....for positive energy - YouTube](#)

Year Four

During our English lessons this week, we have been using the text 'Augustus and His Smile' to base our writing on. We have recapped the word classes we know so far including nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs, and written descriptive sentences using expanded noun phrases. We have described the settings that Augustus travels through using vocabulary from the different senses.

In our maths lessons, we have continued our work on place value. We have placed numbers on a number line up to 10,000. We have recapped how to find 10 or 100 more or less than a number, and learnt how to use this knowledge to find 1000 more or less than a number. We have also compared four digit numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols.

During our Geography lessons, we have recapped the continents and oceans of the world. We have learnt where the main mountain ranges in the world are located and labelled these on a map using an atlas. In Music, we have continued to sing in a gospel style to the song 'This Little Light of Mine'. In PSHE, we have identified different aspects about us that make us an individual.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z4q3qp3>

Year Five

In English lessons this week, we were introduced to a new novel about WWII entitled 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. We recorded our predictions about the novel based solely on its cover and blurb before reading and discussing the first two chapters in

detail. We learnt that the main characters were evacuees, separated from their families shortly after Britain declared war on Germany in September 1939. We explored the character of David in detail by using our inference reading skills and then finding evidence in the text to support our ideas.

In Maths, we have continued to further our knowledge of place value, comparing and ordering numbers within one million. In addition to this, we have looked at negative numbers and considered where we may use or see these in everyday life.

We have begun a new unit of work around Geography and Mrs PC asked us to share what we already knew about this subject. We then 'read' a brilliant, funny graphic novel by David Wiesner, Tuesday, and we were able to come up with some super ideas of how this story links to our new subject focus. We then plotted the frogs' journey on a grid and drew symbols to represent the landmarks referred to in the book. In RE, we learnt about some Muslim initiation ceremonies and compared these to the Christian rite of passage, baptism. In PSHE, we explored the meaning of a stereotype and considered the risks and consequences of stereotypical views. In spelling lessons we have been revising and practising the Year 3 & 4 statutory spelling words and have all been involved in a spelling bee – this will continue into next week.

Learn more about negative numbers here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000x8qz/bitesize-911-year-olds-maths-108-negative-numbers>

Year Six

In Year 6 this week it has been assessment week. We have completed assessments in Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling, Reading and Mathematics. Once these assessments have been marked and analysed they will be shared with parents.

In English we have been writing our narrative of the 'Jabberwocky'. We have used our planning of the opening, build-up, climax and ending to write some really fantastic stories. We have been able to use some very precise vocabulary and super sentence openers and we are beginning to be more accurate with our speech punctuation.

In Maths, we have been exploring negative numbers and have worked hard to complete our Maths in Minutes and Cracking Times Tables.

This week we have completed our animations of the Jabberwocky. After taking lots of photographs of our scenes, moving our characters slightly each time, we were then able to use Movie Maker software to create short animations of our scene. We have also started our next topic theme called 'Abracadabra' which has a Geography and Art focus. We have started to think about what we already know about the UK and create mind maps/posters to show our knowledge. In PSHE, we have continued to discuss mental health and how we can manage challenges and change. In RE, we have shared our knowledge of Jesus and have explored his life and teachings. This week, we have been enjoying the music of ABBA.

Website:- For regular times table practice

Times Table Rock Stars – children have their own logins - <https://trockstars.com/>

This site has lots of Maths games which help to practise a range of skills.

<http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
10/09/21	Attending part-time	Eesa	Miley	Whole Class	Leo	Andreea	Faith
17/09/21	Attending part-time	Hayden	Carley	Kelci	Tilly	Stanley	Ameerah
24/09/21	Attending part-time	Elsie	Zain	Azhaan	Narin	Shayley	Ellie

The following children have been recognised in achievement assembly for their good behaviour:

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
10/09/21	Attending part-time	Arina Marley	Thomas Scarlett	Darcy A Azhaan	Kata Callum	Mason S Caitlin	Ellie Logan S
17/09/21	Attending part-time	Anaya Frankie	Jaden Eliza	Paige Bella	Sameer Ruby	Tyler Shayley	Blake Natasha
24/09/21	Attending part-time	Abbie Maxim	Marcell Phoebe	Molly Max	John Mia	Rayaan Harry	Chloe George

Head Teachers Award

The head teacher's award has been awarded to Michael in Year 4 for writing an amazing Calligram poem about a cheetah. Well done Michael!

Pen Licences

Well done to Leo and Kata, in Year 4, who have been awarded their pen licence.

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
10/09/21	Attending part-time	97%	100%	100%	99%	99%	90%
17/09/21	Attending part-time	96%	93%	98%	95%	94%	87%
24/09/21	Attending part-time	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	82%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after their class start time.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
10/09/21	Attending part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
17/09/21	Attending part-time	0	2	3	1	1	1
24/09/21	Attending part-time	0	0	1	1	0	1

House points for the week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
10/09/21	174	177	174	201
17/09/21	206	255	218	206
24/09/21	169	175	219	233

Consent for Local Outings

Please go to the School Gateway to give consent for your child to attend local school trips and walks throughout the year. For example, Flackwell Heath Library, The Mead with The Chiltern Rangers, the Memorial etc. We will always inform parents of any outings. Please can Year 6 parents give consent this weekend as the children are walking to Flackwell Heath library on Monday morning.

Year One Vision Test

Year One vision tests will be taking place on Tuesday October 12th at school. If you do not wish for your child to take part in the vision test, parents must opt out via the online link previously sent by email.

Free Online Webinars

Mrs Heard would like to draw your attention to some **free online webinars**. Please find the online flyers for 3 free webinars for parents or carers which may be of interest to you. If you register then you can attend live or a link will be sent afterward to view at a later date. The group have recommended that parents sign up to their site for free as they also provide a lot of free resources as well.

Wellbeing Matters

Please see the attached flyer for information.

Friday Club

Please see the attached flyer about Friday Club at St Peters Church for Year 1-6.

We have been asked to share this information with you:

Henley Literary Festival

There is fun to be had for all ages at the Henley Children's Literary Festival, 2nd to 10th October. We have a wonderful range family favourite authors and illustrators joining us in Henley, or you can join some virtually from the comfort of your own home.

Stars from the entertainment world include fitness phenomenon Joe Wicks who presents his first children's book *Burpee Bears*, and much-loved broadcaster Clare Balding brings her inspiring non-fiction book *Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going*. Henley favourite Sir Michael Morpurgo is joined by an actress and cellist for a very special performance of *Carnival of Animals*. We are also joined by fantastic illustrators Chris Riddell and Rob Biddulph. Other fun children's events include Tom Gates creator Liz Pichon, *Rapping Princesses*, a writing workshop with Katya Balen, *Space Detectives* with Dapo Adeola & Mark Powers, Kate Pankhurst's *Great Women Scientists*, *The Pirate Mums*, and Serena Patel's *Granny Trouble*. Younger children will love *That's Not My...storytime*, *Wonderbly* story workshop, and even a visit from Elmer the Elephant.

Tickets available at <https://henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk/whats-on/> or phone our Box Office: 01491 575948

School Library Opening

In order to give children and families more opportunities to choose and enjoy books together the school library will be open until 4.00pm on a Friday evening. Mrs Olcot will be available to help parents and carers choose books for their children which they will be able to take home.

McMillan Coffee morning

Thank-you very much for all the very kind donations of cakes and cookies this morning and to those of you that were able to stay and enjoy a cake and coffee in the beautiful sunshine. The coffee morning and after school cake sale raised an amazing £135. Thanks to everyone for their generosity in supporting this vital charity.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

Update

As you are aware we have moved to sending out our update via email. Due to the GDPR, we are only able to continue sending out to those of you who have agreed, by email, for us to do so. If you know of anyone not receiving their weekly newsletter please make them aware of this procedure.

Disclaimer

From time to time we are asked by a range of organisations to give out leaflets. We always agree if we think this could be of interest or benefit to the children. However we do not endorse any of these organisations and parents should always check their credentials carefully to make sure children would be safe and well looked after.

COMBINED SCHOOL Calendar of events for 2021-22

<p><u>September</u> 2nd Children return to School 7th 11+ Practice Paper (Y6) 8th Foundation Stage children start school 9th 11+ Papers (Y6) Week beginning 13th – Clubs Start 17th Roald Dahl dress up day Week beginning 20th - Open House meetings - virtual 23rd Open Morning 9.30-10.30 FOLS meeting 7pm 24th McMillan Coffee Morning 30th Open Morning 11.00 – 12.00</p>	<p><u>October</u> 14th Open Day 11.00 -12.00 15th 11+ Results Week beginning 18th Parent /Teacher Consultations 21st Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30 25th-29th Half term break 31st Last day to apply for secondary school places (Y6)</p>	<p><u>November</u> 1st – Return to school Virtual Parents' Forum this week 11th Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30 12th Children in Need 25th Open Morning 11.00 – 12.00</p>
<p><u>December</u> 9th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 10th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 13th or 14th (tbc) Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert 7pm 15th Pupils' Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 16th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 17th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>	<p><u>January</u> 5th Children return to School</p>	<p><u>February</u> Week beginning 14th Parent /Teacher Consultations 18th School Closed – Training day for teachers 21st - 25th Half term break 28th Return to School</p>
<p><u>March</u> 1st Notification of Secondary School Places 18th Red Nose Day 21st - 27th Shakespeare Week</p>	<p><u>April</u> Week beginning 4th Parent /Teacher Consultations Y6 Y5 Event for parents 8th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 25th Children return to School</p>	<p><u>May</u> Week beginning 2nd Parent /Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5) 2nd Bank Holiday 9th Year 6 SATs Week 16th Year 5 Assessment Week Year 6 residential – dates to be confirmed 27th School Closed Training Day for teachers 30th – 3rd Half term break</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>6th Children return to School 9th Open Day 9.30 – 10.30 13th – 17th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>1st School Closed Training day for teachers 5th Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 8th Sports Day 14th Reserve Sports Day 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Assembly School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u></p> <p>9.05 Start 20th January - Year Six 27th January – Year Two 3rd February – Year Four 10th February - Year One 17th March – Year Five 24th March – Year Three 7th April - Foundation Stage</p>
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<p><u>Values Assemblies</u></p> <p>All Start at 9.05am 21.10.21 – Thurs - Equality 25.11.21 – Thurs - Respect 1.2.22 – Tues – Honesty 8.3.22 Tues – Love 31.3.22 Tues – Forgiveness 5.5.22 – Thurs – Perseverance 25.5.22 – Weds – Trust 29.6.22 – Weds – Self-belief 19.7.22 – Thurs – Friendship</p>
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