

6th October 2017

Tues 10th October

Meet the Caveman Experience Year 3

9th Oct-10th Nov

Taking Care Project

18th & 19th October

Parents Evening 4-7pm

Friday 20th October School closed, Teacher Training Day

23rd – 27th October

Half Term Holiday

Thurs 2nd November

One Day Creative E-Safety performance

Tues 7th November

Open Evening 6-7.30pm

Weds 8th November

Year 6 Health Questionnaires

13th Nov-17th Nov

Anti-Bullying Week – All different- all equal

Mon 20th November

Flu Jabs Reception to Year 4

Weds 6th December

St Nicholas Night

Sat 9th December

Choir - Ragley by Candlelight

Weds 13th December

Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance 5.30pm

Thurs 14th December

Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance 9.30am

Friday 15th December

'Xmas Grotto' Friends of St Nicholas

Next Newsletter

3rd November

Staffing News

Alex Kolb is now the Phase Leader for Yrs 3 and 4 but will remain as class teacher in Year 1. After a successful interview, Sally Long has taken on the role as Phase Leader for Yrs 1 and 2. At half term, we say goodbye to Mrs Sparkes who will be leaving us to start a new career as a fully certified personal trainer at Arden Fitness. She has been a Teaching Assistant for 3 years. We wish her lots of luck in her new venture.

Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School

Year 5 Peer Mediation



Year 5 children completed their peer mediator training this week. They all interacted, collaborated and responded well to the learning. Peer Mediators will receive their badges in Celebration Assemblies on Friday 13th October and 3rd November.



On Tuesday the 3rd of October, Year 5 met a gentleman called Mr Timms. He taught us how to be a peer mediator by giving us a variety of activities to do. First, he showed us the main 5 questions we should ask when being a peer mediator. Then, he taught us the rules when sorting out a situation. We then took part in some drama, where two of us were pretending to have an argument and the other two were peer mediators and asking the questions. It was really useful to role play the scenario because then we know what to do when we have to do it for real. It is important that we understand how to solve problems, so that we can make sure everyone is happy at school. I really enjoyed the peer mediation training and I can't wait to start solving problems in the playground.
By Corris and Luca

Harvest Festival Service

5th October

Our Year 3 and 4 children presented an excellent Harvest Festival service at St Nicholas Church. They performed bril-

liantly. Thank you to all the parents who joined us. This afternoon the Year 4 children went to visit the residents at Jubilee Court who gratefully received your kind harvest food donations.

Year 3 and 4 learnt some really good songs and had lots of fun practicing for our Harvest Festival. When the music unexpectedly stopped, we carried on singing until the whole song was finished! We are very excited about going to Jubilee Court on Friday to share our performance with the residents and give our donations of food.

By Caja, Emmy-Lou & Ava

Year 6 Pupil Workshops—

The year 6 children took part in their second day of Resilience & Growth Mindset workshops on Monday 2nd October.



Staff PE/Sport Training

As you are all aware, our staff are always striving to improve their own teaching skills. At the moment they are taking part in Real Gym training with a county expert. Along with this training, the school will receive new equipment to support the delivery of gymnastics. Thank you to Miss Witts for organising the training. We cannot wait to start sharing all our new ideas with the children.

ArtBase After School Club

We mentioned on the last newsletter that we don't have enough numbers to run this after school club. We are proposing to run this club after half term for 6 weeks from 1st Nov to 6th December at a cost of £30.00. If you are interested please let the office know by Monday 8th November. Unfortunately if we don't get enough children this club will be cancelled.



Taking Care Project—

From Monday 9th October we will be delivering our Protective Behaviours lessons. This program will run across the whole school during PSHE lessons over the next 4 weeks. Your child should have brought a letter home today, detailing this. Reception parents received theirs last week. Please see the office if you don't receive one.

Debt Recovery Policy

There is an updated version of this policy on our website.

Scooters on the Playground—

We would like to remind everyone that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the playground. At the beginning and end of the school day, there are so many little children around that we need to be mindful of their safety. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Reminder Parents should not use our car park.

We take our children and staff's safety very seriously and have become concerned that some parents are driving into the school carpark. We have a number of parents who need to use our disabled parking bays at the moment and this has been agreed.

Other than these families, I respectfully ask that you do not drive into the car park.

School Closed—A reminder to parents and carers that the school is closed on Friday 20th October. This is the last day of half term, school will reopen as usual on Monday 30th October.

Parents Evening 18th & 19th

October 4-7pm. A separate letter has been sent home with details of how to book on the online booking system with your child today. Please ask at the office if you don't receive one.

MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY



Well, what a day we had last Friday! Thank you so much for your generosity. We could not believe how many cakes we had in school. Mr Kolb and I had cake for breakfast, lunch and dinner and off course added our money to the funds.



On Monday, all the children in school had a cake or cookie of their choice to thank them for all their support.



Through your kindness and generosity we raised an amazing £600. This will be sent off to MacMillan this week. Thank you also to last year's school council for their idea.



Birthdays —Celebration Assembly Birthdays falling between 7th Oct—27th October will be celebrated next Friday 13th October.

Year 5 &6 Film Night is Friday 13th October—This is a fabulous evening, wearing onsies, eating popcorn and sharing a great film with friends. The film that has been chosen is 'Boss Baby'.

Relief Midday Supervisor

We are looking for a relief midday supervisor who will cover if one of our present staff are ill. If you are interested in this role, please come in to the office and let us know.

Jo Farrand from the Parenting Project will be holding some drop in sessions in the music room every Tuesday and Wednesday between 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3pm. If you would like to come along please go to the school office.

The Parenting Project provides support services for children and young people aged 0-19 years and their families. They work across the Stratford District for families with children from 0-19 years and offer a wide range of services to help make parenting that little bit easier.

What they can help with;

- ◇ Families at risk of breakdown and/or separation.
- ◇ Children or a young person experiencing difficulties at school.
- ◇ Support with transition stages in education.
- ◇ Support with special educational needs.
- ◇ Understanding and managing children's/young people's behaviour.
- ◇ Referrals to appropriate services

How we do it;

- ◇ 1-1 Family Support
- ◇ 1-1 Work with children and young people
- ◇ Group work with families and young people
- ◇ Advice, guidance and sign posting to services



More information can be found on www.parentingproject.org.uk or 01789 490845.