

Weekly News - Foundation & Key Stage 1

29 September 2017

It is hard to believe we are halfway through this half-term! The school will soon be celebrating harvest and the Student Council will once again be collecting non-perishable food items such as tinned fruit or vegetables and packet food for our harvest display; this will then be donated to the local food bank. We are appealing for your generosity in supporting this very worthwhile cause and would be grateful if all donations could be handed into your child's class teacher by Friday 6 October 2017.

Harvest Assemblies will be taking place during the week commencing 9 October – please see the section giving details of the Harvest Festival assemblies.

In keeping with the harvest theme, we would like children to work on a home-learning project. Children are being asked to produce a piece of work called 'The Scarecrow'. The work could be anything to do with a scarecrow; a model, drawing, poem, story or a poster - the choice is endless! We will then be inviting parents and carers into school to visit our 'Scarecrow Exhibition'. The deadline for all entries is 9.00 am on Monday 9 October 2017.



Pudsey's Round Pound Appeal

Round Pound Coins are going out of circulation on 15 October 2017 and there are still millions of them in circulation. We are challenging the children to hunt for them in saving jars, piggy banks, coat pockets and down the back of sofas and then put them to good use by donating to BBC Children in Need 'Round Pound' initiative via school before Children in Need Day on 17 November. **Start hunting for your last round pounds and get ready to donate them to make them count!**

The class with the most round pounds will win a Non-Uniform Day for their class.



New School App

We will soon be launching our brand new school app. This will eventually replace the text messaging service and will allow you to receive messages, send consent forms electronically, report absences and more.

In order for us to do this we will need parent and carers email addresses to setup accounts for you and link you to the school app. A letter will be sent out next week with more information.

Andrea Nuttall - Headteacher

Attendance

Group	Pre-sents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
RAPPL	289	0	1	0	99.7
PEARS	280	0	4	6	96.6
1YEW1	306	0	4	0	98.7
1YEW2	304	0	4	2	98.1
2ASH1	289	0	11	10	93.2
2ASH2	272	0	18	0	93.8
Totals	4245	5	111	27	96.9

Whole school attendance since September 2017 is 97.1%

The cumulative school target is 97%

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival Assemblies will be taking place on the following dates:

Year 6 will take place on **Monday 9 October from 9.15 am until 9.35 am**

Year 3 will take place on **Tuesday 10 October from 9.15 am until 9.45 am**

Year 4 will take place on **Tuesday 10 October from 2.45 pm until 3.05 pm**

Year 2 will take place on **Wednesday 11 October from 9.15 am until 9.35 am**

Year 1 will take place on **Wednesday 11 October from 2.45 pm until 3.05 pm**

Year 5 will take place on **Friday 13 October from 9.15 am until 9.35 am**

Reception will take place on **Friday 13 October from 2.45 pm until 3.05 pm**



Acorns



This week, the children have enjoyed threading with pasta. Some children were keen to paint what they had made. This activity supported their creative and fine motor development.

It also helped to develop their perseverance skills as they really had to concentrate on threading each piece!



Reception Unit

The children this week have been learning all about families and have been focusing on the story owl babies. The children have been hunting for 2D shaped owls in the sand and recreating the owl babies scene on the lightbox and painted a picture.

Children also brought in pictures of their families and were able to talk about who lived in their house.



Yew Unit



Yew Unit have been busy sorting animals in lots of different ways. We sorted them by animal groups and then progressed onto sorting by what they eat.

We learnt about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.



Ash Unit

This week Ash unit have continued to look at instructions and have had yet another visit from the Head Fairy – Tink.

Tink hid the ingredients in our teacher's cupboard of all places! Ash unit have used the ingredients to make their very own fairy dust.



We have also been discussing what happens at the different stages of the life-cycle and things we are able to do and things we struggle to do at each stage.

Congratulations to This Week's Gold Book Award Winners For Always Being Respectful:

Apples:	Paige	Pears:	Tayahh-Mae
Yew 1:	Nikodem	Yew 2:	Byron
Ash 1:	Amy	Ash 2:	Brody

Mathematician of the Week:	William (Elm2)
Kindness Cup:	Olivia (Fir2)
Attendance Ted:	Apples

Writer of the Week:	Poppy (Pears)
Sport Award:	Joe (Elm3)

All photographs are on the school website