



Dear Parents/Carers

This week, Mrs Shaw (Phonics Lead) and I have been working closely with a specialist teacher from the Ramsbury Primary English Hub to develop the teaching of phonics and early reading in Reception and Year 1/2. We introduced our new phonics programme, Sounds Write, last year. We are very pleased that we are continuing to make positive progress. If you would like to find out more about how to support your child at home, there is an information video available via your child's class page on the school website (select the 'Children' tab at the top of the page and then 'class pages')

Educating the children to learn how to make the most of the digital world that we live in, whilst keeping safe, is a key priority for us. As a parent, navigating your way can be challenging so we have added some useful resources to the E-safety page of the school website which we hope you find useful (select the 'Parents' tab at the top of the page).

A reminder that it is our school Christmas fayre next Friday and we hope as many of you as possible will come to support this event. Funds raised will be used towards resources for the children - in particular new books and iPads/tablets.

Lou Rhodes, Headteacher

Santa's Grotto...

Santa will be visiting our Christmas Faye on Friday 2nd December.

We will be selling tickets after school between 3.10-3.30pm on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th November from inside the entrance to the school by the school hall. The tickets are £3 per child.

This week's attendance:

93.78%

Reception Maths Workshop...

This week we held the final workshops for our Reception parents. This time it was all about Maths! We looked at what this looks like in school and how parents can support their children's learning at home. The children and grown ups had fun playing and learning together. It has been brilliant to see all three of our workshops so well attended and we hope that you found it useful.



Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

This week Robin and Wren class have been exploring how we celebrate birthdays through the story 'Kippers birthday'. The children have shared what they do on their special day and noticed how we all celebrate differently. The children have enjoyed making and writing cards independently and have been exploring writing lists in their focussed writing. It has been great to see the children inspired to write! In Maths we have been continuing to develop our understanding of the composition of number; how an amount can be split into smaller amounts i.e $3 = 2+1$ or $1+2$. We have also started going in to the hall to rehearse our Nativity. The children have really impressed us with many of the children already knowing their lines. You are in for a real treat in a few weeks!

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

In History this week, all three teachers brought in their childhood toys to show us. We compared them to toys we like to play with. We also sorted pictures of old and modern toys. During our English lessons, we innovated the story of 'The Ugly Duckling' with our own ideas. We are making our teachers proud with the progress we are making. In Computing, we have used the Chromebooks to complete a safe search for different animals on the internet.



Skylark, Housemartin & Swift






This week it has been lovely to all come back together! We started the week by reminiscing about Braeside and updating each other about what we got up to at the end of last week. The children have been completing assessments this week; they have all shown brilliant positivity and resilience throughout this important process. The children have developed their understanding of fossils and rocks, as well as undertaken investigations about different types of rocks. In English, we have just started preparing for our next unit - newspaper writing. Year 4s have been doing their times tables, competing in some world cup Maths and even started learning about area. The year 3s have continued their addition and subtraction learning. Finally, we have been gearing up for the Christmas Fayre and started our crafts; we can't wait for you to see what we have made!



Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

This week has been another busy week in year 5/6. In our DT 'Make Do and Mend Unit', we have continued to work on our projects, developing a range of skills: practising various stitches, creating templates for our designs and starting to make our toys or cushions. In English, we have been planning a suspense piece of writing in which Daniel explores a new Wonder in the Nowhere Emporium. In Maths, year 5 have been investigating and comparing area and year 6 have been working on formal methods for calculations.

Celebrations

	Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values	
	Wren	Esme T – Respect	Mila - Independence	
	Robin	Luna L - Positivity	Oliver McM - Independence	
	Woodpecker	Boril D - Honesty	Carter C - Independence	
	Kingfisher	Riley R - Kindness and respect	William C - Positivity and Resilience	
	Nightingale	Charlie L - Kindness and Respect	Hanna K - Positivity and Independence	
	Skylark	Lawerence - Kindness	Logan - Positivity	
	Housemartin	Starla B - Respect	James H - Positivity	
	Swift		Isabelle T - Positivity and Resilience	

		Jessica P - Positivity
<i>Osprey</i>	Alex J - Independence	Dylan R - Kindness
<i>Falcon</i>	Callum B - Independence	Dexter M - Kindness
<i>Kestrel</i>	Harry R - Kindness	Kajetan W - Resilience

Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Evie L – all values

Rory S – all values



Diary dates for Autumn Term 2022

Tuesday 29th November	Santa Grotto Tickets for sale 3.10 - 3.30pm
Wednesday 30th November	Santa Grotto Tickets for sale 3.10 – 3.30pm
Wednesday 30th November	Trowbridge Museum Visit to School
Friday 2nd December	3.15 – 5.30pm Christmas Fayre
Friday 2nd December	Photograph Order Deadline
Tuesday 13th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 13th December	6pm - Reception Nativity Performance
Wednesday 14th December	1.45pm - Reception Nativity Performance
Thursday 15th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Dinner
Friday 16th December	Last day of term
Mon 18th December – Monday 2nd Jan Christmas Holidays	
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	TD Day. School Closed to all pupils

Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Start of Term 3.	
Letters & Communications issued this week		
Item	To	For
Nativity Ticket Collection	Reception	Information & Action
Non School Uniform Reminder	Whole School	Information
Active Trowbridge Inflatable Party	Whole School	Information
Photograph Orders	Whole School	Information & Action
Headlice	Y3/4	Information
Y1/2 Museum trip change	Y1/2	Information