



# October Newsletter

## Dates for you Diary

- Friday 21st October - School closes for Half Term
- Monday 31st October - INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 1st November - School reopens
- Tuesday 1st November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- Friday 4th November - Great News Assembly (9am)
- Friday 4th November - FOSS After school family activities with a Firework theme
- Wednesday 9th November - Individual Photos
- Monday 14th November - Antbullying Week begins
- Friday 18th November - Great News Assembly (9am)
- Friday 18th November - Children in Need
- Wednesday 30th November - Wellbeing Wednesday
- Saturday 3rd December - Federation Christmas Event
- Further information about Christmas Events nearer the time.**
- Friday 16th December - School closes for Christmas
- Wednesday 4th January - School reopens



What a busy half term it has been!

We have seen some amazing learning and we are looking forward to what is to come after half term.

We would like to say a big thank you for all the kindness you have shown since September by supporting 'Jeans for Genes', 'MacMillan' and the generous donations that you sent into school for 'Smartmove'.

We hope that you all have a great half term and we will look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 1st November.**

### Can you help?

We are looking for small toy cars and other small world toys such as dinosaurs, animals and figures for the children to play with outside at



lunchtimes. If you have any that are no longer being used we would love to give them a new home!

### Class Dojo

We love being able to share learning and information with you via Class Dojo.



Please remember that if your child is ill and will be absent from school you need to ring the school office.

Teachers will be setting up learning for the day and may not see messages.



### CALDER FOOD SUPPORT AT HEBDEN BRIDGE GROUP PRACTICE

Have you been hit by an unexpected financial burden?

Are you finding it hard to put food on the table?



Calder Food Support will be distributing food parcels at Valley Medical Centre, Valley Road, Hebden Bridge on Wednesday mornings, 10-12.00. Please feel free to call in.



# Wellbeing Wednesday

The children have loved our Wellbeing Wednesday activities. We read the Kindness book and discussed what gratitude and generosity are. The whole school gathered in the hall to decorate some flowers and write things down they feel grateful for, and these will make a lovely display for the hall in the near future!

Acorns set themselves a challenge at the beginning of the week to think of one thing each day that we are grateful for. They started this in school and then we asked families to help their children with this each day. The hearts keep coming in and are shared with the class and look beautiful on our tree. They are wonderful reminders of all that we are grateful for. We learnt that it makes us feel happy to talk about and remember these things.



## The Big draw

We had great fun getting together as a whole school and drawing together. We talked about how much we enjoy drawing and how it can calm us. We enjoyed reading the kindness book and then drawing the ways that we can show kindness. We will be creating a kindness garden with this on our kindness board

## Harvest

Thank you for joining us for our Harvest Assembly and for the kind donations for 'Smartmove'

It is wonderful to give the children an opportunity to perform in front of an audience and we hope that you enjoyed the songs and poems.



# Acorns

In Acorn class we have been learning to see, hear and chant patterns. We loved joining in with patterns such as stumble trip, splash splosh, hoo woo in our book of the week *'We Are Going on a Bear Hunt.'* We even got to go on a real bear hunt! We have made amazing patterns with our autumn treasures, and we got to eat our patterns! Check out our fruit kebabs and fruit pattern bread rolls! We have been solving lots of problems which has mind boggled us! We experimented with seeing if our pattern would fit in a grid and if the number of colors or spaces in the grid affected whether our pattern worked. We also tried out making patterns around a circle and thought about why they did or did not work.

## Woodland Wonders:

We have been learning about the woodland creatures and how they survive the winter when they hibernate and when not much food is around. We have been carefully observing and listening to see what we notice and what we can hear. Last week we were amazed to observe leaves turning golden in the sun light fluttering down from the trees.



# Oaks

The Oaks have loved experimenting with materials this half term. They have investigated absorbent and waterproof materials when they discovered which material would protect Samuel Pepys' diary from the rain. Children observed that some materials change in colour, texture and some even fall apart when they get wet.

In English the Oaks have been writing some incredible diary entries in perspective as the main character in Toby and the Great Fire of London book. They have worked incredibly hard to include Toby's thoughts and feelings as well as the things he would have sensed being in London during this time. Children have used sentence openers, conjunctions and some fantastic description in their writing. We have been blown away!