

September Newsletter

A Great Start

Thanks to all our families for helping us to make a great start to the new school year!

The KS1 children have very quickly got used to our 'Soft Start' at the beginning of the day—they are really enjoying making their way to their classroom and settling into their learning at their own pace.

We are so excited that school is returning to normal - with assemblies together in the hall celebrating the children's achievements for the week. It means a lot for the children to celebrate their **Good News** with the whole school!



It has also been exciting to return to special events such as our cake sale - thanks to everyone for your generous donations! As you can see we are planning lots more special events in the coming weeks! Thanks for all your patience, support and positivity.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 8th October** - Young Minds 'Hello Yellow'
- Thursday 21st October** - Harvest Celebrations, more information to follow
- Thursday 21st October** - School Closes for half term
- Friday 22nd October** - Training Day
- Monday 1st November** - School reopens after half term
- Wednesday 10th November** - School Photos
- Friday 12th November** - Children in Need
- Monday 15th November** - Anti-bullying Week begins
- Wednesday 17th November** - Wellbeing Wednesday
- Wednesday 17th November** - Flu vaccines
- Wednesday 15th December** - Christmas Dinner
- Friday 17th December** - School closes for Christmas

Nuts

We are a nut free school. **This includes peanut butter and chocolate spread that contains hazelnuts.** Thank you for helping to keep all of our children safe.



Free School Meals

Children can get free school meals, if their parents or guardians get:

- **Universal Credit - your net earned income must be less than £7,400.**
- **Income Support.**
- **Job Seeker's Allowance (income based).**
- **Employment and Support Allowance.**
- **Child Tax Credit. (With an annual income of less than £16,190. As assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.)**
- **Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit.**
- **Support payments under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.**
- **Working Tax Credit Run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).**

Please visit the Calderdale website to apply online:

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals>

If you are eligible for the benefits listed above, please do apply as it really helps us to support our children's learning! Eligible children also receive free milk, school book bags and subsidised school trips.

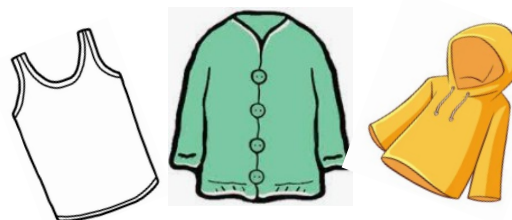
Don't forget to send your child to school each day with a named water bottle. Please ensure they are filled with water



Ventilation

The doors and windows will be open around school as much as possible. This is one of the main ways that we have to prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

Please send your child to school with layers to put on as the classrooms maybe cooler than usual.



When the weather does get cooler we will keep the window closed as much as possible; opening them when the children are outside at playtime and lunchtime.



We raised an amazing £80 for MacMillan Cancer Support. Thank you all so much for your generous donations.

We also showed our support for Jeans for Genes by raising £ 23.

Thank you for your kindness



Who does this belong to?

Please name the items of clothing that your child brings into school, it really helps us to be able to reunite lost items with their owners!



TRADES CLUB SMART PHONE APPEAL

We need your old smart phones!

We're urgently collecting for refugees coming in from Afghanistan so they can be in contact with friends and family.

They will be wiped / restored to factory settings so you don't have to worry about that.

Cracked screens - not a problem
Power supplies / leads / sim cards not essential

Please bring your old smartphones to the Trades Club
WE'RE OPEN EVERY DAY FROM MIDDAY

By the people, for the people



Acorns

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Acorns, making new friends and getting to know each other. I want to say a huge thank you to all of the children for being superstars and making me feel so welcome. I am so proud of you all!

We have been thinking about the question 'Who am I?', with an emphasis on how we can be kind to everyone around us. The children have created hearts to take home, kindness cakes in the playdough area and we have completed a toothpaste experiment. We have seen each and every child being kind to their friends, sharing and supporting each other. Well done Acorns!

We have had great fun exploring the classroom, outside areas and apparatus in the hall. The children have created ramps, worm houses, cakes and castles. I can't wait to see what you create next!



Oaks

What an amazing start to the school year it has been! I am so proud of all the lovely children in Oaks. They have settled in quickly, making new friends and learning new routines.

In English we have been sharing the book 'Peepo' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. They used 'peepo' frames to look at pictures from the book before acting out something they had seen for us to guess, some were easier than others. Look at their photos, can you guess what they are doing?

Next week we are going to write a class poem inspired by the book.

