



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd October

Discussion of the Week

If we weren't sure autumn had arrived last week, I am certain now! We have had many wet playtimes this week. We do aim to promote playing outside as much as possible, and this is helped by having the right clothes, in particular coats, waterproof if possible. Layers in school and warm clothes for outdoor PE are essential now that the temperature has cooled significantly.

I continue to be impressed by how well the children are coping with the routine of being back at school full time. The new YR children are settling well into their mixed YR/1 classes – Acorns, Conkers and Pinecones. I would like to thank the children in Y1 who have been our experts in helping them to settle in. They have risen to this challenge brilliantly. All children have been working incredibly hard on new topics and also revision of skills and knowledge from last year as part of the return from the summer holidays. In looking at childrens' work in their books, I am impressed with how well the children are focusing on completing the work that is set and their attitude towards building up their resilience for learning again. We continue to have high expectations of our children, encouraging them to aim high, supporting them with their learning at the right time when they need help and support. Under normal circumstances, we would create many opportunities over time for you to come and see what your child is learning and to find out how well they are doing. As it stands, the guidance continues to clearly state that undertaking these usual whole school events is not allowed.

Bike to School week has shown an increase in the number of children coming to school using their bikes, despite the weather's best attempt to thwart this! There are clear obvious health and emotional wellbeing benefits to children as well as an improvement in traffic around school and a cleaner environment from doing this. Thank you if you have been able to participate. This has led us well into **Walktober** (which is an annual challenge) which as a result of the pandemic is focused this year on walking to improve your wellbeing. These are incredibly important messages at all times, but even more so this year.

Earlier in the week you were sent a reminder for drop off and pick up times. Please help us adhere to these guidelines in order that everyone in our school community can be safe. Picking up and dropping off has been very efficient in the rain this week – thank you for your help with ensuring that we can keep the site as clear as possible at all times.

Teachers have been busy recording audio to run alongside the **Meet the Teacher** PowerPoint that we usually do as a meeting around week 3 of the autumn term. These should, we hope, answer any outstanding questions about your child's upcoming year. These will be loaded onto Google Classroom over the weekend and will be emailed to you on Monday.

Hayley Ferguson and Team Kings Copse

"Anyone can be a hero if they want to be and help the world be a better place."

Oheneba (Y3)

Merits

Silver - Elias Y4

Gold - Brody Y4

Sapphire - Grace Y5, Christopher Y6

Diamond - Amelia, Noah & Rubie Y5

Opal - Tyler & Eleanor Y5

Emerald - Esmail Y5 & Ollie Y6

Granite - Daisy Y5

Price Increase for School Dinners

As of the 1st November there will be a slight increase of 10p for the price of a school meal. This will mean that the healthy school dinners which are freshly cooked here at school will rise to £2.50. The rise is due to increasing costs of ingredients and sourcing single-use plastics.

We are continuing to try to plan how events that are normally conducted in school will happen. Thank you for your patience as we interpret the guidance and establish how these things will happen.

Harvest Collection

We will be collecting for the local Food Bank for Harvest this year – we will send you a letter about this next week.

INSET dates 12th February 2021, 7th & 8th June 2021