

Friday 20th November 2020

Dear all,

The children have been having a lovely time in school this week. It is national anti-bullying week so all the classes have taken part, in the younger classes they will have talked about it as friendship week. All the classes have taken part in the online NSPCC assemblies and follow up lessons. Usually at this time of year we have the NSPCC in school but this year we have accessed them online.

Oak and Acorn Class have been learning about how to be a good friend. They have done lots of talking and drawing about looking after one another, being kind and one of the children used the great quote 'Team work makes the Dream work'. So next week they are carrying on and they are looking at working together. This will include reading The Enormous Turnip which is all about teamwork.

Rowan Class have been learning about being a good friend and made posters about what qualities a good friend has like kindness, compassion, being able to share etc

Sycamore Class have been learning about penguins so they can write a non-chronological report. They have researched penguins and made penguin collages. They have even been practising how to waddle like a penguin which has been very entertaining to watch in the corridor!

After the NSPCC sessions Cedar Class made posters about how to keep themselves safe. The posters included details like who a trusted adult is that you can speak to if you are worried and the Childline phone number.

In Forest School this week the children made Popcorn over the fire! This was a triumph of engineering from Mrs Turner who made the popcorn maker out of long sticks and sieves – we were all very impressed!

Maple Class have been measuring each other and comparing how our bodies change over time. They have also been looking at team work and instead of The Enormous Turnip, on the playground they acted out The Big Carrot!

Beech Class have been doing practical science experiments looking at how light travels and trying to prove how it travels in straight lines. They were using lots of different tubes and hoses to test out their hypotheses.

Christmas decorations

Due to the current circumstances Christmas will be looking very different in schools this year as we can't gather the children together or invite parents in as we would usually. As this year has been very stressful for families that has a knock on effect for the children. So this year we want to make Christmas a bigger event in classes. Whilst we won't be doing the performances we want to celebrate more in class with fun Christmas activities. This includes decorating the classrooms. We have a limited number of decorations in school but if you do have any spare old decorations in the attic which you don't need any more we would love to have them. If every child could bring in one or two decorations for their class then we can make sure the classes are well and truly decorated. The decorations really don't need to be anything fancy or expensive just something we can easily stand or hang up. Please can we have any donations by Friday 27th November.

If you ordered Christmas cards, they arrived earlier this week and have been quarantining in my office. They have been sent home with the children today so please make sure you check their bags for them! Many thanks to Adele, Theo's mum for organising this and to everyone who has ordered as part of the money raised goes to the PTA.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Friday 27th November – Christmas decoration donations in please

Friday 11th December - Flu vaccine

Friday 11th December – Christmas jumper day. Children to come in wearing uniform and Christmas jumper. £1 donation for Save the Children charity

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas lunch. Please book on ParentPay

Headteacher's Award: Rowan – Poppy W, Sycamore - Damian

Bronze Awards: Rowan – Chloe, Evie, Douglas, Oto, Cedar – Harry He

Stars of the Week: Oak – Joseph, Rowan – Harry, Sycamore – Ethan, Cedar – Annie, Maple – Justas, Beech – Nell