

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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You will hopefully have seen the information which was sent out on Monday with regard to an increase in Covid cases within school. We are liaising with Public Health Lincs and ensuring we following guidance and our Covid contingency plan to try to minimise cases. If children display any symptoms, please do ensure that you arrange a PCR test. We have to provide numbers of positive cases to the Public Health Team, but they only collect data related to positive PCR test results. In school, we are minimising opportunities for children to mix and they are operating within Key Stage bubbles. Staff are wearing masks in communal areas and we continue with ensuring appropriate ventilation in classrooms and frequent hand-washing/sanitising. We are also limiting visitors to the site. We will review these measures and case numbers next week and make a decision about whether clubs can resume in week 5 of term, as many of these were cancelled for a couple of weeks to prevent children from different key stages from mixing. It is a concerning time but we are doing all we can to ensure school remains safe and open for our children. Mrs Martin

Open Days

We were disappointed to have to cancel the Open Morning on Tuesday. Hopefully, we will be able to welcome more visitors to school soon but in the meantime, please see the link to a virtual tour <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dpNusPrgCfltsAW6cotpWNrWtdgDEZA6/view?usp=drivesdk> and feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

Key Dates

w/c 22nd Nov

Sat 27th Nov - Spinney Tree Dressing

w/c 13th Dec

15th Dec - Panto trip

16th Dec - Christmas lunch and Christmas outfit day

17th Dec - last day of term

Christmas Holidays

Monday 20th December to Tuesday 4th January

Term 3

Tues 3rd Jan to Fri 11th Feb

This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

Jessica for her beautiful letter formation and hard work during her phonics lessons.

Zara for her outstanding role play interactions, discussions and working as a team.

Squirrels Class

Leo for working so independently in Maths, thinking carefully about what he is doing and showing great concentration skills

Eddie for his excellent dedication to his reading which has enabled him to make super progress

Foxes Class

Esther for brilliant work in Grammar lessons all week.

Kensi for super maths work.

The Bythams' Value Award for Friendship goes to Harvey and Poppi.

Eve has displayed fantastic handwriting this week!

Badgers Class

Lily-Anna for her wonderful singing in music lessons and when we sing our times tables in maths.

Archie R. for trying so hard all week in our writing lessons which has meant he has made a great start to his non-chronological report on emperor penguins.



PE for Term 2

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Squirrels - Friday

Foxes - Wednesday

Badgers - Friday

Please remember to send your child into school wearing uniform and with a separate bag for kit to change at school this term!



We understand that children are sometimes ill but we are going to begin celebrating attendance each week. If your child is well enough to be here, please ensure that they are! This week's attendance: 86.7%

Hedgehogs Class

Our book focus this week has been 'On Sudden Hill' which prompted our question—What can you do with a box? The children have worked in pairs, then as a group, to make fabulous creations. They also used their imagination and creation skills in junk modelling.



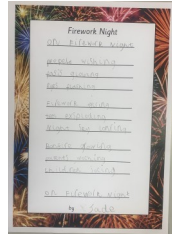
In PE this term, we are focussing on gymnastics, particularly different types of jumps. This week, we progressed to using our jumping skills to jump off the horse.

We are improving every week.



Squirrels Class

It has been another busy week in the Squirrels class! This week in English we finished off writing our own poems about 'Firework Night', thinking about lots of great vocabulary we can use to captivate our audience, before working on our presentation skills by writing our poems out in our best handwriting.



In Science we continued our topic of 'Plants', looking at common garden plants and trees. We had a go at labelling all the different parts, using a magnifying glass to observe the different plants we have in the allotment and writing up what we found.



Foxes Class

The children in Foxes class have been brilliant this week!

In English lessons, children have had a focus on grammar and have been learning about adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions.

In maths, the children have been practising recall of times tables to help them with multiplication and division problems.

In PSHE, the children created some fantastic 'anti-bullying' posters to link to 'Anti-bullying week' and Mrs Martins assembly 'one kind word'. Well done Foxes, a super week of learning!



Badgers Class

This week, Badgers Class have made a great start on their non-chronological reports on emperor penguins. They are now experts on these amazing birds and can explain how they have adapted to survive the harshest conditions on earth.

On Wednesday, Year 6 enjoyed a workshop on e-safety, led by the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership. They looked at social media, appropriate use of mobile phones and transition to secondary school. Whilst Year 6 were enjoying this session, Year 5 learnt how to play "Happy" by Pharrell Williams on the glockenspiels. They also practised their times tables by singing multiplication songs. They loved it so much so much that they all joined with an impromptu conga around the classroom - whilst sing the 8 times table!

