





Key Dates Monday 19th October -

Bank Holiday - school

closed for Queen Eliza-

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Friday 16th September 2022

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our 'open classrooms' sessions on Monday and Tuesday after school this week. It was lovely to see the children so proud of their learning environments and wanting to share these with you.

There are other events we hope you will be able to join us for this term: on Friday 30th September, we will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning from 9:15 until 11am in the school hall. I do hope you are able to join us for some, or all of this event. Tea and coffee will be available and I am hoping there will be lots of delicious cakes to purchase too. As I am a dreadful cook, I would really appreciate donations for the event - please let the school office know if you are able to help by providing a cake/tray bake or perhaps a plate of cookies on the day!

On Friday 7th October, you are welcome to join your child to 'share a story' in the classroom for the last half an hour of the school day. Again, we hope you are able to join us for this.

The children have had another good week at school and have been enjoying the Inspire + sports sessions as well as our after school sports clubs which are running this term. Its not too late to sign up to these if your child is interested - please contact the school office. Young Voices choir club will begin next Thursday, 22nd September, for children in Badgers who would like to attend the Young Voices concert in January. Im looking forward to it already!

Hopefully you will have seen the parent mail which went out earlier this week advising that in line with DfE guid ance, we shall be closed this coming Monday, 19th September, as the day has been announced as a Bank Holiday as a mark of respect for Queen Elizabeth IIs funeral. School will resopen as normal on Tuesday 20th September.

Have a good weekend, Mrs Martin.

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This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

 \bigstar Daisy has shown great determination at trying new activities in the classroom this week. She $\frac{1}{2}$ \bigstar has happily and excitedly joined in with tasks that the adults have asked of her and her confidence is building every day. Well done Daisy! \bigstar

Squirrels Class

Darcey receives the award of excellence for showing excellent independent skills in her learning.

Oliver P receives the award of excellence for his excellent recall of facts in RE

Foxes Class

Badgers Class

Ethan has been awarded the Award of Excellence this week for his fantastic efforts in Maths. Peter has been awarded the Award of Excellence this week for his great contributions in class. Tilly has been awarded her pen licence for consistently joining her handwriting in all written work.

beth IIs funeral w/c 30.9.22 Fri 30th/ Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:15-11am w/c 3.10.22 Fri 7th⁄ Share a story time 2:30pm - all classes w/c 10.10.22 Tues 11th/ Parents' Evening Wed 12th Flu immunisations R-Y6 w/c 17.10.22 Wed 15th Oct Parents' Evening Term ends Friday 21st October

PE for Term 1 Hedgehogs: Tuesdays Squirrels: Mondays Foxes: Tuesdays Badgers: Monday and Friday (Friday is at Witham Hall)

Well done to Hedgehogs

class with <u>attendance</u>

this week!

Our whole school

attendance this week was

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Hedgehogs Class

In maths this week we have been looking at things that are the same and things that are different, then trying to find the odd one out. We also completed our self portraits talking about whats the same and what is different about of faces. Our focus text in English is Owl Babies and we have enjoyed listening to the story and talking all about owls and other nocturnal creatures. We loved our first session of PE with Inspire all about dance this term.

We started learning our sounds and have been prac-



tising saying these and even having a go at writing these down!

Squirrels Class

We are looking at Spirals this term as part of our art topic.

We will be looking at large scale and small scale spirals, drawing outside on the floor and exploring a range of different mediums and drawing techniques.

This week we explored spirals using graphite sticks, finer liners and charcoal and the children loved trying them all out and exploring how they are all different. We will share an update at the end of the term to show how they have progressed.







Badgers Class

We have had a great week in Badgers class this week. We began our week starting the P.E topic of outdoor adventures; which we had to complete indoors due to the weather! We learnt the importance of team work, communication and good listening in a variety of different team activities including; verbalising clear instructions to a blind-folded partner and moving from one side of the hall to another, attached in teams. It was a great giggle seeing the caterpillars move as each team attempted to make it to the other side of the hall without coming undone!





We also began our topic of 'Startgazeres' where we learnt about the planets in our solar system. We learnt facts about how far each planet is from the sun and what each planet is made from. We created a fantastic, informative booklet about all 8 planets.

Foxes Class

This week we were geologists and volcanologists as we began our curriculum project 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles.' We examined a variety of different rock types, shared and compared our observations, categorised and photographed rocks and wrote captions for an informative classroom display. We have been

learning some fantas tic new vocabulary and facts about Earths crust and how volcanoes are formed.

located volcanoes

fire.



We also enjoyed PE this week. This term our theme is outdoor and adventurous activities. We had great fun orienteering in our teams and finding the stars hidden in the outdoor area.

