

Newsletter 7 - Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Families,

It was really lovely to see all our children back to school on Friday. The Year Twos had been saying to me how much they were looking forward to seeing everyone again, even if it is from the other side of the playground! Unfortunately, as you are now aware, another one of our staff members has tested positive for COVID19 and as a result we have had to close our Nursery bubble while the children and staff members in there self-isolate. This is obviously very disappointing and worrying for all concerned as we were just getting back to a bit of normality. However, we have to follow the guidance given by the Department of Education Coronavirus line which we have to phone whenever there is a confirmed case.

Home Learning: Thank you again to all of our parents for their sterling effort with the Home Learning. You really have done a brilliant job and we've been so impressed with what the children have been doing! Thank you also for your incredible support at what has been a very challenging time. The teaching staff have really enjoyed catching up with you by phone and have passed on your good wishes to the staff that have been affected by this.

Harvest Festivals: Unfortunately, we were unable to do all of the Harvest Festivals this week. Hopefully we will make up for this with some lovely Christmas performances in the near future. The Year Twos did a great job on Tuesday and although it's not quite the same as being there in person, it was still lovely seeing what they have been up to recently in class and hearing them sing. There's nothing more uplifting than hearing the children sing with such gusto and without a care in the world! The Nursery Harvest Festival was on Friday morning and again they did such a great job of Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow! The biggest challenge was trying to keep them within the carpet area so they could be seen by the camera! All good fun!
We will do our best to keep improving the technology every time we do events so that we can give you the best experience possible until we're able to meet in person again.

Reception Phonics Information Session: Part Two of the information sessions took place on Wednesday. Thank you to all those that joined us for it. We look forward to working with you to help your child learn to read.

Parents' Evenings: On Tuesday and Thursday next week, we have our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings for Reception, Year One & Year Two. Mrs Blackshaw will be in touch this week about Nursery appointments and when they will be. As you know, there were a few problems setting up the electronic system so a sign-up sheet is on the 'Student Share' Team. There are still a lot of parents that need to sign up for their appointment so the sheets have been printed off and will be available outside your child's classroom door at the start and end of Monday to make it more convenient for you in case anyone is experiencing any problems with Teams. Please remember social distancing when waiting your turn to sign up. Can I also ask that when chatting to staff, please do your very best to maintain a 2m distance? I know that this can be tricky especially when talking about something confidential, therefore, the staff are more than happy to find a quieter spot on the playground to discuss such matters. The meetings will be on Teams. All parents that have signed up by the end of the day on Monday, will have a meeting link emailed to them on Monday evening.

Year 2 Pirate Day: is on Wednesday. I can't wait to see them all coming dressed as pirates. There was great excitement on Monday when their classroom had become a crime scene after a pirate had broken in and stole Miss Pollitt's cutlass. Perhaps Miss Pollitt is a secret pirate as

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why else would she have a cutlass? I had a lot of fun reading their letters of complaint about how unfair it was that the mystery pirate did this!

Year 1 & 2 Spelling Shed: There may be a slight break in service of this. We had a free trial to see how successful it was and after such great feedback from you we have bought a subscription for it. Hopefully this will be activated shortly.

Open Events: After much consideration and discussion with our Trust, REACh2, we have decided to hold a limited number of open events throughout November for next year's Reception intake. We know how much you value this as parents and we want to be able to provide some way of showing our school off but in a safe way. Therefore, we will be offering tours outside of school hours only with a thorough clean after each event. There will be a limit to 5 people per tour and only 1 member per family so that more families can see the school. If you know anyone that is looking for a Reception place next year, please tell them about the following dates and ask them to contact us:

COVID safe
SCHOOL TOURS

NOV. 7 | 10AM - 1PM
NOV. 10 | 3:30 - 5:30PM
NOV. 12 | 4 - 6PM
NOV. 25 | 6 - 8PM

Contact the school office to book and for more details
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Harrier Award: The Harrier Value for this half term is Resilience. Please see below who has been chosen by the staff to receive this special award that was presented in our virtual assembly this morning. Congratulations to the following children:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Luke	Luke has shown brilliant positivity when faced with a problem! Well done Luke!
Reception	Atlas	For showing resilience during self-isolation. He has enjoyed lots of home learning and activities with his family throughout this time with a happy smile and patiently looking forward to coming back to school!
Year 1	Jessica	Jessica has shown resilience in her Maths Home Learning this week by doing additional tasks. She's also been super helpful around the house this week!
Year 2	Kacie	Kacie's concentration has been brilliant! She wrote a super letter of complaint to the pirate who broke into our classroom!

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Best wishes,
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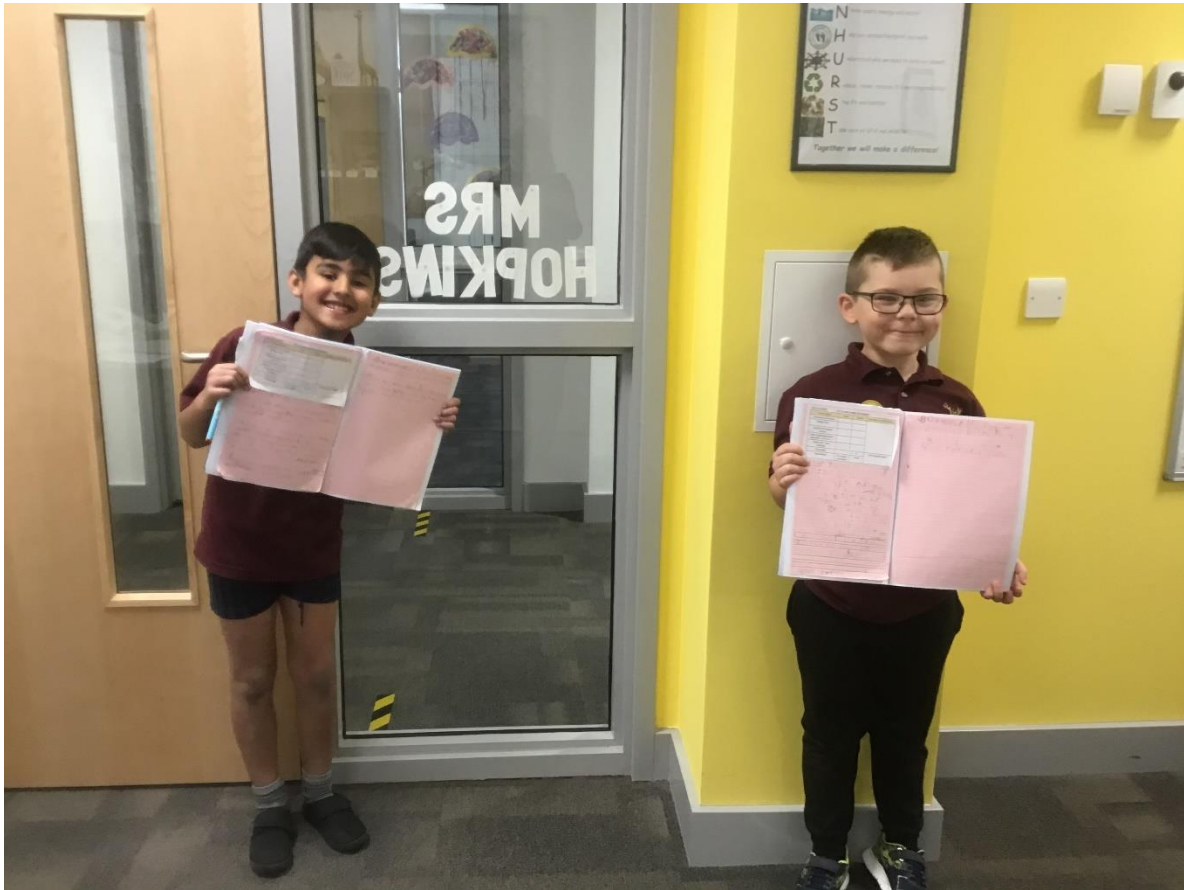
#Hello Yellow - Year 2 showing off their best dance poses whilst learning a dance all about keeping our minds as healthy as our bodies!



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Super proud of these two! Isa and Leo's letter of complaints were amazing and they have both shown so much resilience with their writing! Look how happy they are with their achievements - well done boys - you made my day!

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