



Dear Families

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We have just got back from our Harvest Festival at Emmanuel Church led By Reverend Sarah, a little wet but really happy. It was a lovely service which explored Harvest in lots of different cultures, being thankful for our food and beautiful singing from our children. We look forward to making the most of our relationship with the church in the future. Thank you for all the food you donated which will be a huge help for the local foodbank – very generous indeed.

I can't quite believe today is the end of a seven-week term, it has gone so quickly and so much has happened and been achieved. This week we welcomed Steve Lomax, Maths Lead for Balcarrass Teaching School and creator of CAN DO Maths, to our school to conduct a review alongside the Maths team. It was day of celebrating great achievements in maths across the school – of which there were many. In the staff meeting that followed we focused on securing and deepening children's understanding of maths and how we can further improve as a school. We saw some excellent teaching and we are now focused on developing maths on track meetings and challenge for all.

The team have been so hard working this term with several reviews of the school's curriculum. This has enabled us to develop a clear picture of where we are and the direction we wish to move in. The teaching and leadership of English and Maths is strong and rapid improvements have been made in such a short space of time. There are exciting plans afoot for the development of our EARLY Curriculum and next term I will begin training on our new whole school curriculum which we will launch in January. I will be holding an evening with parents in December to share this with you.

So, a huge thank you to the whole team. The pace of improvements and the will from the teachers and teaching partners to get new initiatives right has been brilliant. We still have a lot more to do but the momentum will continue and further great practice and great outcomes will be because of this.

A huge thank you to the PTA – the school quiz was a great success raising lots of money for our children whilst having a very funny and entertaining evening. We had lots of fun and I am looking

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forward to the next one. We have been receiving items from the Amazon Wishlists - I cannot thank you enough for these they are making such a difference.

A huge thank you to you, our families, for your support and understanding in these challenging times with the building works. From a personal point of view, I have been made to feel very welcome as part of the Naunton Park Primary School community. I have a great sense of pride for this school, it feels like home already and I look forward to us achieving great things, in a great way. Your children are an absolute credit to you all, they have worked so hard producing amazing work. They are kind, polite, funny and a pleasure to teach and work with.

Lastly, a recording of the headteacher's talk will be uploaded to the website during the holidays. As this has been sent out later than I originally anticipated I will extend the consultation period for two weeks. Thank you for your patience, it has been a busy term!

I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful half term.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Fletcher

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School News

Thank you!

A huge THANK-YOU to everyone who supported the quiz last week, helping to raise an incredible £1,000 for the school.

During the evening we launched two wish-lists offering the opportunity to donate item(s) of your choice to school. THANK-YOU to all those who have already purchased items. If you would still like to make a donation check out:

Let's Read...

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/30MNMWIDVMFEJ0?ref=wl_share

Let's Play...

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2LLFMKR4S7RYK?ref=wl_share

CHRISTMAS CARDS

You will have received your child's Christmas card artwork this week. Remember to place your order before Tuesday 1st November. Money raised from this project will be used to support the school's exciting new curriculum development.

www.apfsorders.co.uk

FESTIVE FRIDAY HELP NEEDED

We are in urgent need of someone to help distribute letters to local businesses (Bath Road and the Suffolks) and then collect any donations in prior to the fair.

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We are also in need of someone to send out donation request letters further afield. This is done largely via email.

If anyone can offer a raffle prize (could be cash, items or services), please get us in touch via www.facebook.com/nppta or pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk

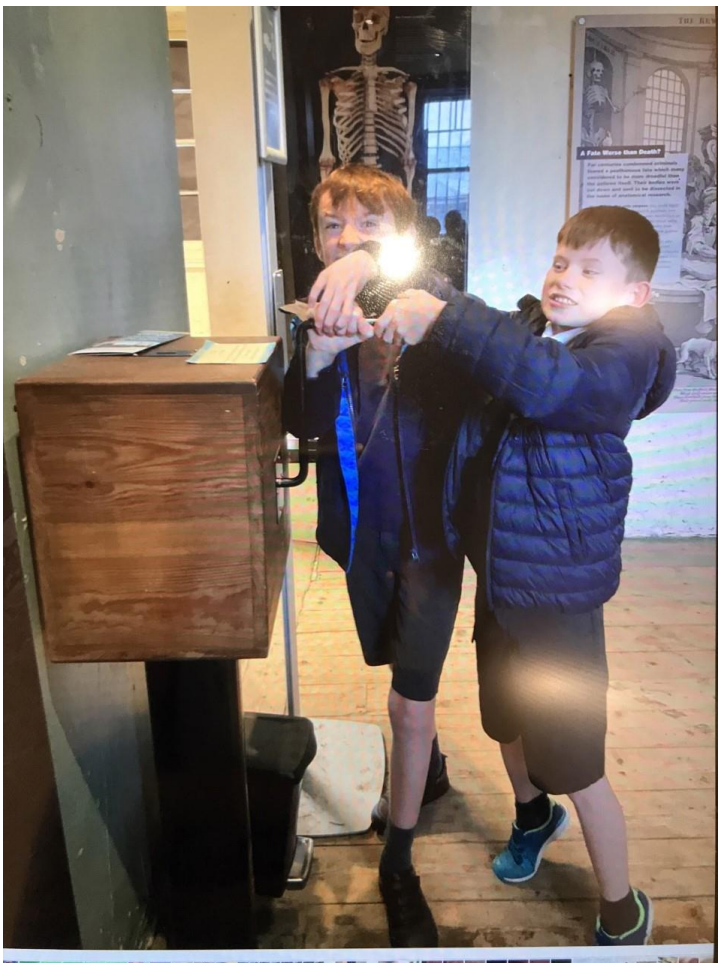
Festive Friday will be on Friday 25th November - Bar, BBQ, Grotto, Stalls

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A letter from GCC about the building works will be sent you separately.

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On Thursday 20th October, year six visited Oxford Castle and Prison Museum to bring to life this term's history topic - Crime and Punishment. We had a fabulous day touring the prison and learning stories about different prisoners throughout the ages and seeing the cells they would have stayed in. We also looked round the museum, had a go at some of the punishments and took part in a workshop. It was the perfect end to term.



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Green class have been very busy this week, listening to and joining in with the Talk4Writing actions when retelling the Little Red Hen story.

On Wednesday we helped to draw a class story map. We even had a go at drawing our own. We were very excited to have the opportunity to make windmills from Duplo and art straws, just like the one in the story.

To finish off our term of reading Julia Donaldson books, the witch from Room on the Broom came to read her story to us on Thursday. She was great, loud (with a cackly laugh), but very friendly. What an end to our first term.

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This week, we received a letter from the Three Billy Goats Gruff!

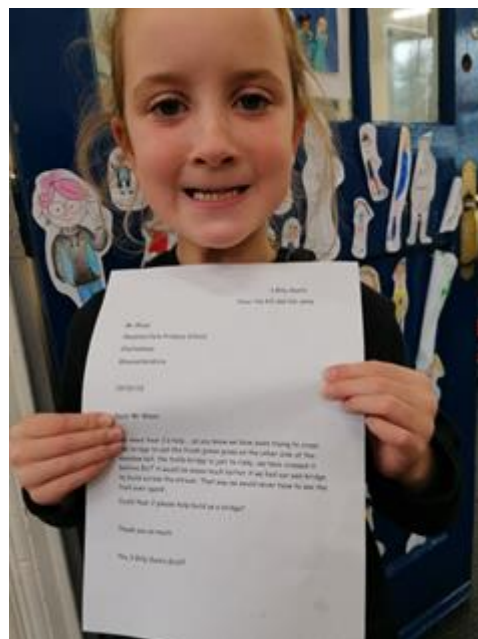
They were writing to us to ask for help to design and build a new bridge for them to use, instead of having to cross the Troll's bridge every day.

We made predictions about the materials we were going to use, deciding if they would be strong enough to support a goat's weight, or if they would be weak and break.

Then, we chose our materials to make our bridge in groups, choosing from: Lego, Unifix blocks, Art straws and Construction straws and created our designs and then began to build.

Finally, we tested our bridges to see if they would be suitable for the task.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff, now have plenty of bridge designs to choose from!



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This week Thames have mummified tomatoes! This ties in with our Egyptian topic and we look forward to watching the mummification process taking place right in front of our eyes in our classroom. We scooped out the insides delicately, wiped and sanitised the tomato thoroughly... we think we did a pretty good job that would make the Ancient Egyptians proud! The class are keen to observe their progress. We have also been creating and sculpting beautiful clay scarab beetles which have hopefully crawled home for half term!

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Orange class, as part of our Science topic, have been exploring our senses and we went on a fabulous Autumn walk using these!

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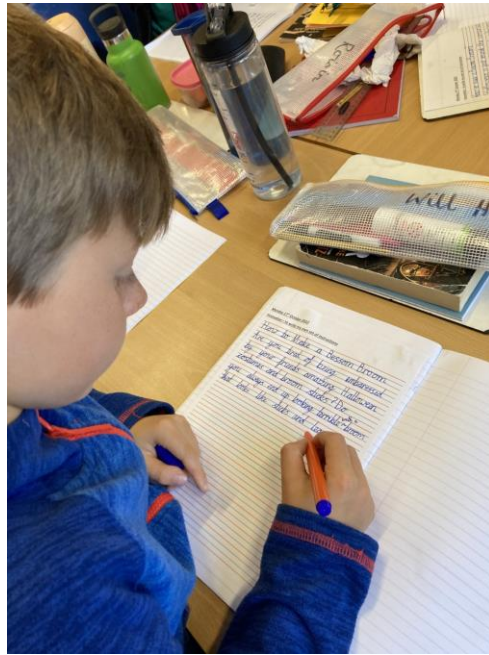
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In Frome this week we wrote out instructions to an activity from Forest School last week where we made Halloween/Harry Potter brooms. We also got to paint the art work on our Greek Pots; attempting both the black figure and orange figure designs as well as adorning it with stylish patterns.



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Whole School Annual Attendance: %

Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	School Rules	Attitudes to learning
R	Ollie Beake Florence Wilmer	Rosie Grant Seth McWilliam
Y1	Pheobe Butcher Stephy Dzhurelova	Busby Buchanan Maya Oldroyd
Y2	Jessica Dodd Aurelia Preece-Smith	Vivi Cowley Joel Mokrzan
Y3	Evie Snuti Beatrice Forster	Freddie Barrett Stanley Batsford
Y4	Sophia Shotton Ethan Theyer	Jack Gilliamham Noah Bentley
Y5	Tom Barrett Alessia Lascoschi	Lottie Fletcher Harry Mason
Y6	Liam Faulkner Mabel Collard	Isabella Berry Elizabeth Thomson

Something to Celebrate

We now have our Friday assemblies in the afternoon before the children go home. It is a lovely way to end the week celebrating and recognising the achievements of our children. Recognition certificates focus on two aspects – demonstrating our new school rules and attitudes to learning. In addition to this we would like for parents to send in any club certificates or medals to school so we can share this in assembly. Children can give them to their class teacher on Friday morning - this is a better way than it being on the newsletter as not all children get to see it.

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