

Mears Ashby School News

November 2022



Dear All,

November seems to have passed in the blink of an eye, with many exciting events having taken place in the last month. It was lovely to see so many parents in school for our first face to face parents evenings since before the pandemic. The long awaited toilet refurbishment has finally be completed - much to the children's delight. We raised money for Children In Need in our pyjamas and came together for a Remembrance service at the church. We have also taken part in many sports events including KS2 cross country and Year 5/6 athletics. And of course our Year 5/6 football team is gearing up for the county finals next week. We wish them the best of luck!

The busy season of Advent is once again upon us and we are looking forward to many upcoming events and celebrations over the next two weeks. The post box is now open for Christmas cards and classrooms are set to be decorated over the coming days!

We'd like to take this opportunity to say a big 'Thank You' to Mrs Isherwood for her support over the last few weeks in Otters class. We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs Cuthbert on to the team as the new Otters class teacher alongside Mrs Stapleton,

Miss Green & Mrs Stapleton Heads of School

Ladybirds

Another busy term in Ladybirds and we are working hard with our Phonics skills. We have started to learn some digraphs now and are persevering with blending. The Nativity practise is well under way and we are so excited for all of our grown ups to come and see us perform next week.

Hedgehogs

In Hedgehogs, we have been busy practising for the nativity in December - how exciting! In English, we have been writing reports about mythical creatures and have loved sharing our knowledge with each other. In Maths, we have learned about addition and subtraction and have just started learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. In science, we have been learning about animals and are beginning to classify them into groups.

Otters

Otters have enjoyed learning all about the Geography of the UK in their Farm to Fork topic this term. They have also been learning about healthy eating and the journey of food from where it starts to how it ends up in our supermarkets. Mrs Stapleton was very impressed with the homework projects completed last term and is looking forward to seeing what Otters bring in for this terms topic homework!

Dolphins

Dolphins have been working super hard this term, we have continued learning about the Ancient Greeks. All of the children have had opportunity to take part in sporting events this term and I am so proud of your resilience and team work at every competition! We have also been designing our own experiments in science to test out the cause and effect of different quantities of components within a circuit.

Congratulations to all of the following children who have been Special Stars in their year group for this month:

w/c- 1st - Finley , Katie , Angus and Imogen Wa

w/c - 7th - Rose, Parker and Leo

w/c-14th - Ella, Faria, Eleanor and Jacob

w/c -21st - Mourya , Max, Phoebe and Theo J and Megan



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Children In Need

Thank you to everyone that took in the pyjama day held on Friday 18th November for Children in Need. In total as a school we raised a total of £95.10 and you all looked great in your pyjamas and loungewear.

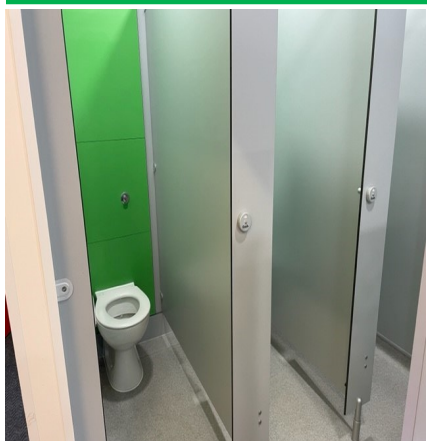
***IMPORTANT* If your child has sickness and diarrhoea please keep them off for 48 hours after symptoms.**

November Birthdays

Shaun and Arthur

Harvest Festival **Donations for the Hope Centre**

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for Hope Centre's Harvest Appeal. We've had a great response in donations of food and toiletries for the centre in Northampton. All that was donated filled the Hope Centre van.



The New Toilets

The children are benefitting from the new bathrooms in the school.

(Pictured to the left)

IMPORTANT - ParentPay

After several system errors, we have now decided to go back on to ParentPay for lunches, trips and other events.

We will be sending your child home with new codes next Wednesday 7th December in readiness for lunch menus being bookable from Monday 12th December. Any bookings made after this date On ParentMail will not be valid, so please rebook for final week of term on to ParentPay.

Please can you make sure any outstanding payments for the Pantomime and music lessons are made ahead of next. Thursday, 8th December. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Last day of Term - Friday 16th December

Staff Training Day - Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January 2023

Start of New Term - Thursday 5th January 2023

Family Reading 2nd December

Nativity Reception & Hedgehogs - Tuesday 6th—1.30pm

Nativity Reception & Hedgehogs - Wednesday 7th —9.30am

Christmas Dinner Day - Wednesday 7th (Book online by 2nd December)

Christmas Parties & Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 9th December

Christingle Service at the Church - Tuesday 13th December at 2pm

Whole School - Pantomime Trip - Thursday 15th December at 10am