



Weekly Newsletter

November 3rd 2017

OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS COMPASSION

NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who came to our parents' evening on Wednesday. It was great to see so many of you at both schools and I am delighted with the very positive feedback I received. As Head, I really missed not talking to parents this time – it is such a privilege and joy being a teacher and feeding back all the positives about your pupils to their parents. Thank you also for respecting the 10 minute slots.

Thank you to Mrs Cockrell who forwarded a piece which is of interest to anyone with soon to be unwanted pumpkins! You can put these at the bottom of the garden where they will provide food for nearby wildlife including birds, badgers, hedgehogs and foxes. A great idea.

We will be celebrating and supporting Children in Need Day on Friday 17th November. Our theme will be spots, stripes or any combination of the two. It will be a non-uniform day with contributions please for the good cause.

Sharon Brown
Federation Headteacher



Photos of the week



Playtime



Owls

Hedgehogs have had a great first week back after our break. We have enjoyed the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears and all enjoyed talking in the different bears' voices. In computing we began our topic 'Finding Out' by discussing the different ways to take photographs then we went on a photography walk around the school, sharing our favourite photos afterwards.

For show and tell on 12th November, please can children bring in something linked to autumn; this could be an autumnal item they found while out an about, such as a conker; a collage/picture made with autumn items; a picture of an autumn event, such as a visit to a firework display or dressed up for Halloween or anything else on an autumn theme.

Mrs Gould and Mrs Weston



NEWSSELLS



We were all very excited to get to forest schools this morning and had to start with a quick look at our habitats to see if any of them had survived half term! We then moved on to our main activities which were knotting and orienteering. The Barkleys class were set a challenge to build a tripod for a toy person to sit on. They worked really well in teams and will be checking to see if any of their tripods are still standing next week. Years 1 and 2 were learning how to tie a knot to use on later activities this term. They all have a piece of string to bring home with them so please help them practise a simple reef knot (right over left, left over right) this week.

Mrs West

Future Dates

- 8th November Youth Speaks Yr4
- 14th November – individual photos
- 17th November – Children in Need
- 1st December - Occasional Day
- 7th December – Christmas party
- 14th December– Nativity am and eve
- 15th December – Christmas jumper day
- 18th December – Pantomime at Hertford. Nursery parents needed.
- 19th December – Christmas church service at Barley Church

In Squirrel Class the children have returned to school full of enthusiasm. They have been particularly interested in finding out about the history and traditions of Halloween. In maths everyone is making great progress, the year 2's have been using their improved understanding of place value to help them with subtraction and year 1's have been really quick to grasp how we can show one more and one less with Cherry diagrams.

Mrs Pearce and Mrs West



Robin class have had a 'scary' week of learning, creating witches, designing wands and planning potions. Using super sentences, we wrote spooky stories and recorded facts about the how and why of Halloween.

Mrs Wallace.



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FOBBS are meeting on Monday 6th November at 8pm at White Posts, High Street, Barley. All are welcome especially new parents who want to get involved in fund raising, volunteer to help at events or just to meet some more new parents. We are going to be discussing the up and coming Barley Christmas market.



Owl class have really enjoyed our story "pumpkin soup" this week. All the children worked together to make our very own pumpkin soup. With a few extra ingredients from our cook it tasted delicious! We also made "silly soup!" We had to find things that rhymed to go into this soup.

Next week we will begin our topic "What's my job?" We will start by finding out about doctors and nurses.

Nursery and reception will now take part in PE on a Friday morning. Please make sure they have a PE Kit.

Mrs Gleadow and Mrs West



What great team work at Newsells! Today the year threes and fours used their knot tying skills to help them build little wooden tripods which then became the frame for a little home fit for Elvis, our Playmobile test person. Next week, we plan to add some walls, as at present Elvis was getting a tad cold!



Christmas dinner dates

Barley's Christmas dinner is on Monday 11th December and Barkway's Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 13th December.

If you usually have a packed lunch on this day but would like a Christmas dinner, please could you let your school office know. (Free for Reception, Year 1 and 2, £2.20 Nursery and £2.35 Year 3 and 4)

REMINDERS

Please make sure all belongings are named.

PE kits should be in school every day.

Please try to read every day.

Please remember a water bottle every day.

We always welcome parents/grandparents coming in to hear children read. Please contact Mrs Harris or Mrs Grinyer.

Congratulations to all the children from R - Yr4 who have received certificates to recognise their achievements in swimming. Where a particular stroke has been perfected, this is recognised on the certificate.



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