

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 11th February 2022

Last day of term! Phew! What a busy one! It has been quite a challenge at times but thank you for your understanding and continued support.

We bid a sad farewell to Mrs Blewett today. We are sorry to see her go but wish her lots of luck and every happiness.

Thinking about the new term, we've already got lots of things to look forward to, including World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Mrs Shepherd will send more information nearer the time but we will be asking children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and they will need to bring a favourite bed time story to share!

On Friday 18th March, we will be asking the children to wear something red with their school uniforms as we celebrate Red Nose Day. We will send a reminder nearer the time but please make a note of the date!

For now, please enjoy a happy and safe half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 21st February.

Mrs Martin

Key Dates

14th—20th Feb

Half Term

Term 4 Monday 21st
Feb—Thurs 31st Mar

Thurs 3rd Mar

World Book Day

Fri 18th Mar

Red Nose Day

Thurs 31st Mar

Last day of term

This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

Arabella for her amazing improvement in phonics.

Zara-Louise for her wonderful handwriting and hard work when forming her sentences.

Squirrels Class

Poppy for working hard to join her handwriting all of the time.

Award of excellence goes to Leo, for becoming more confident in his reading.

Award of excellence goes to Aaron, for challenging himself when working on number bonds to 100.

Foxes Class

Ernest has won the Award of Excellence award for his skills and enthusiasm shown during swimming.

Poppi has won the Award of Excellence award for her perseverance and determination in Maths.

Bobby has won the handwriting award this week for trying hard to join his handwriting.

Badgers Class

Zack for his excellent contributions when we had a paramedic visit Badgers Class.

Lois for her fantastic attitude in school - she is always smiling, friendly and helpful to everyone.



PE for Term 4

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Squirrels - Friday

Foxes - Wednesday

Foxes - swimming -

Thursday

Badgers - Friday



We understand that children are sometimes ill but we are celebrating attendance each week. If your child is well enough to be here, please ensure that they are!

This week's attendance: 90%

Hedgehogs Class



We have focused on the book Jack and the Jelly beanstalk this week to learn lots of new vocabulary. On Wednesday, we had a sweet shop set up in the classroom, and we described the flavours and colours of our jellybeans.

Hedgehogs have thought of some amazing sentences to describe Jack's journey in the story using their new vocabulary.



As part of the natural world, we became scientist and looked at water beads and discussed what would happen when we added water. We were amazed at how much water they absorbed. Then, we planted beans in them, we are looking forward to



seeing how much they grow.



Squirrels Class

Squirrels have had a very busy week! They had lots of fun with Hedgehogs on Monday and enjoyed their music session with Mrs Foster - they have been learning a new rock song and performing using the glockenspiels this term.



In English sessions this week, children have been practising using correct punctuation, linking sentences using and, but and or and using adjectives to make writing more interesting. Today,

children wrote a descriptive paragraph about Robin Hood and his home at The Major Oak in Sherwood Forest!

In RE, children learnt all about what Muslims do to celebrate birth, including finding out about a special blessing ceremony called 'aqiqah' and a special prayer which is whispered into a baby's ear 'Adhaan'. A great last week of term, Squirrels - well done!

Foxes Class

This week has been a great week in Foxes class. The children began the week by writing a diary account as if they were a child in 1066. They really got into character and enjoyed learning about the differences between life for children in 1066 and life now. Children then typed up their diary accounts; Miss Pappas has never seen Foxes class so quiet whilst the Authors were at work!

We finished our week with a Computing day. We learnt to use the programming software 'Scratch' and children created their own mazes which they programmed and debugged any errors. We have a number of Computer Technicians amongst us!



As with Badgers class, Foxes class are incredibly energetic and they love our 10 minutes of exercise each day. They dance away to different songs on 'Jump start

Johnny' and each day they learn a new routine.

Can you guess the latest song?

Badgers Class

We had an interesting day in Badgers Class on Wednesday. It began with a socially-distanced visit from a paramedic, who talked to us about the importance of looking after our hearts, as well as what to do in an emergency. He praised the children on their attentiveness and their questions. Thank you to Mr Anderson for giving up your time and sharing some of your equipment with Year 5 and 6.



In Badgers Class, we currently have 'fitness breaks' using a website called 'Jump Start Johnny' to get us moving. However, on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Gray, our supply TA, taught the class

some dance routines instead.

Mrs Gray is a dance and drama teacher, so she had some very energetic moves, which



the class loved!