



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 Week 10

Dear All,

We have had a lovely week at school this week. Mr Boffa and I have been observing lessons and have been really impressed with the children who have shown their resilience in Maths and English lessons. They have set themselves challenges and have been able to show how hard working they are (this also is true of our amazing staff too!!) Reception designed some beautiful Rangoli patterns both in the classroom and using natural resources found in our grounds. Year 4 have demonstrated their superb behaviour as they have moved into their temporary learning rooms and I know that Year 2 were pleased to be back to their classrooms finally. I cannot thank the children, parents and staff enough for their patience and co-operation whilst the builders are in. On Wednesday, the dust accidentally set off the fire alarms! I was so proud of how quickly and silently everyone exited the building—they were lined up within a minute even before I could announce that it was a false alarm. It is great to see that our health and safety procedures work well!



This is how
our corridor
doors will all
look!!



Also on Wednesday, the whole school fell silent at 11am to commemorate the soldiers sacrificed their lives and marking the end of World War 1. The children have all been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and what lessons can be learned today. Year 1 made beautiful poppies and Year 4 wrote a lovely poem following a story they had read.

The children looked lovely in their spots for Children In Need. So far, we have raised £ 213 !!!

Next week, we are focusing on Anti-bullying week in classes. Please do ask you child what they have learnt. This year the focus is called United Against Bullying and focuses on the roll of the bystander. The resource for parents and carers is either attached or as a separate document.

One week of lockdown completed... three to go!



Stay safe! Mrs Mace



This week we have been focussing our learning on Diwali, we have made diva lamps from clay, we have experimented with rangoli patterns using rice and decorated paper hands with mendhi patterns. We have watched videos on the celebrations at Diwali and created books to display around the nursery about the different parts of the Diwali festival.



We also held a two minute silence with the children on Wednesday for Remembrance Day. We spoke about the poppy and what it means to us and decorated a big poppy for the nursery wall. Everyone did really well at sitting quietly while we counted down.



This week's resource for picture news can be found on our website/attached (in email).



Please click the link below for the latest version of The Family Grapevine magazine.

<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/east-surrey/see-a-copy/>



Barnardo's has launched a vital new support service which Barnardo's believe will make a **positive** difference to the lives of many Black, Asian and minority ethnic children, young people and their families impacted by Covid-19.

Please click on the link below

<https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/helpline>

Coming up next week....

- **Anti-Bullying week**
- **16th November — Year 3 Greek Day**
- **20th November—Trainer mufti—donation of a bottle or secret santa present please**

Letters that have come out this week

- **Year 5 data collection**

Attendance:

- 1st Place : Morpurgo (6) 99.2 %**
- 2nd Place: Murphy (2) 99%**
- 3rd Place: Inkpen (R) & Rundell (5) 98.5%**
- Whole School: 97.5%**

COVID testing

If anyone in your household shows COVID symptoms, the household must isolate until the results of the test are known.

Self-isolate for 14 days if someone you live with:

- has symptoms of coronavirus and tested positive or did not have a test
- tested positive but has not had symptoms

This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.

The 14 days starts from:

- when the first person in your home started having symptoms
- the day they were tested, if they have not had symptoms – if they get symptoms after they were tested, self-isolate for a further 14 days from when their symptoms start

When to stop self-isolating

You can stop self-isolating after 14 days if you do not get any symptoms.

Taken from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

Please use the link below for up to date guidance for parents

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Word of the Week

(KS1) **Confess**—to admit to doing something wrong

(KS2 lower) **Captivating**— get and hold attention, charming

(KS2 Upper) **Subjugate**— to bring under domination or control, especially by conquest