

Friday 1st November 2019

Dear all,

We have had an exciting week in school. At long last the contractors have been in and revamped our old climbing wall into a water play and science area and chalk board. The Monkey bars have been changed into a sensory seating area and the stage area has been turned into grass seating. Next week they are returning to finish the wall and bring a grass sofa! The previous equipment was getting old and would have needed to be taken down so it is lovely to be able to provide some new resources for the children. We're sure they will have a great time using them! When we have managed to raise some more money we would like to provide a new climbing system for the children as some of the trim trail will need replacing in the future.

Many thanks to everyone who helped their child dress up today for All Saints Day. The children looked fantastic and I was really impressed that some of the children had researched their Saint as well so could tell me about them! It was great that Father Philip could come over and visit all the children and chat to them and see them all in their costumes.

Absence

Just a reminder that please can you ring everyday your child is off ill (unless it is the 48hr rule or you have already told us the return date). As our duty of care we have to be able to account for where your child is every school day. If we haven't heard from you we have to continue trying to ring you and your contact list, if we still haven't heard from you we then have to do a home visit and/or contact the Education Welfare Officer. This is because of cases you may have read about in the news where children have been at home alone with an adult who has had a seizure, heart attack etc. Please remember you can leave a message on the phone the night before if that is easier.

Internet safety

Whilst there are games and social media which children should not be accessing until they are in secondary school, I am aware I cannot control what children access outside of school and there are some games children can access which are age appropriate but still need profiles setting up. The UK Safer Internet Centre shares advice for parents and carers when helping their child set up a profile on a new site or game. Key points include: using a family email address; not using personal information (full name or date of birth) in a username; and making sure that profile pictures don't include personal information clues such as school uniforms and house or street names. Please see <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> for more information.

Diary dates

Please find attached updated diary dates for the rest of this term. These dates include the Christmas events and an extra mufti day. For the mufti day we are requesting instead of bringing in £1 the children bring in something for the Christmas Fair. We will send out further information about this nearer the time.

Next week:

Monday 4th November – Willow parent activity session 2.15pm

Tuesday 5th November – Environmental workshops for Oak, Rowan, Sycamore and Cherry classes

Tuesday 5th November – **POSTPONED** Tag rugby, group from Rowan and Sycamore

Wednesday 6th November – Rowan parent activity session 9.10am

Thursday 7th November – CAP UK assembly, teaching children about keeping themselves safe

Friday 8th November – Beech parent activity session 9.10am

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: FSU – Oto, Olivia, Rowan – Lusi, Barney, Jonah, Cherry – Zach, Adam, Willow – Annie, Charlie Ha

Bronze Award: Cherry - Lucy

Stars of the week: Oak – Rowan, Rowan - Louie, Sycamore - Teddy, Cherry – Ella, Willow - Niamh, Maple - Emmie, Beech – George R.

Breakfast Club star of the week: FSU - Rowan