

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had great excitement this week when a seagull came into the school corridor and wouldn't leave! I felt like I was in the story of Hansel and Gretel trying to leave a trail of bread along the corridor to entice it out! Watching Mrs Kerr, Miss Rowe and I with the bread was quite an amusing sight for the children watching from the class doors! None of it worked and we had to reroute children for lunches and no companies would come out. Luckily, our super caretaker managed to remove the seagull later in the afternoon and the children were pleased to know he flew off happily! Thank you Nathan!

In FSU as part of their near and far project the children in Foundation have been cooking traditionally British scones with Miss Atkins. They took them home to eat - I wonder if they had jam then cream or cream then jam! Next week they will be cooking Chinese food and celebrating Chinese New Year.

The Acorn children have been focusing on rhyming by looking at books and playing games. They have read 'My cat likes to hide in boxes' 'Hairy Maclary' and 'The Runaway pea' to name a few.

FSU have asked if anyone has any spare girls' pants, tights or socks for them to keep for spares they would be very grateful.

Maple Class have made journey sticks in forest school and learnt how to say the months of the year in French. They have started a new book called The Princess' Blankets by Carol Ann Duffy and they have enjoyed drawing the blankets and discussing descriptive vocabulary.

Sycamore Class have been trying weaving with different materials as part of a weaving project.

Covid update

We continue to be hit with children and staff being off. Thankfully, none have become extremely unwell. Hopefully, case numbers will start to fall soon.

Thank you to all those who have been carrying out LF tests regularly on the children. It has picked up quite a few asymptomatic cases. This is vital if we are to stop it spreading through more staff and children.

If your child does test positive it is really helpful if you can let us know what day they tested positive and then when they are due back. They can take a test on day 5 – if this is negative and they also test negative on day 6, they can come back to school on day 6 providing they are well with no temperature. **Please remember that day 1 is the day after the symptoms started, or if no symptoms the day after the positive test.**

Due to the number of cases we are still wearing face coverings in communal areas and ask that if you are coming into the office please wear a face covering.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Tuesday February 1st – Recycling workshops year 1, 2 & 6

Tuesday 8th February – Safer Internet day

Week beginning 14th February – SEND parent meetings

Thursday 17th February – Visit by Exmoor Zoo for Rec and KS1

Friday 18th February – last day of half term

Tuesday 1st March – children return to school for second half of the term

Headteacher's Award: Rowan Class – Adam, Cherry Class – Beatrice, Leo, Melissa

Silver Awards: Oak Class – Martha, Ivy, Rowan Class – Louie W, Maple Class - Gemma

Bronze Awards: Cherry Class – Shiloh, Lusi, Isla, Brooke, Quinn, Daisy, Amelia

Stars of the week: Oak Class – Emily, Rowan Class – Lenny, Sycamore Class – Evelyn, Cherry Class – Finley, Maple Class – Elliott, Beech Class – Oliver