'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'



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Dear Parents,

What a week it has been weather wise - certainly good weather for ducks!



Well done to the school council for organising the MacMillan coffee afternoon and thank you Mrs Stevens for co-ordinating everything - £164.14 was raised. The cakes you and the children made were terrific. Congratulations to Charlie K who won the space themed cake – it was very difficult to choose the winner.



Badgers had a wonderful time creating their sculptures. We do hope they last for quite some on the school field – please remind your children not to touch them. Thank you to everyone who sent in

materials for the sculptures and thanks to the parents who were able to help with the construction.

4 children in Year 5/6 enjoyed an afternoon of dance at a workshop in Trowbridge. This was organised by Swindon Dance Academy.

We have been made aware by a parent that a social media site called 'Tic Toc' may not be suitable for your child to access due to the racist and sexual lyrics of some of the songs to which the children innocently sing along. Please monitor what social media your child is accessing.

We had a very busy 'Open Day' this week for prospective September 2020 parents. Some of the year 5/6 children were tour guides and they did a fantastic job – well done!

Next Thursday, 17th October, is our Harvest Festival. We would kindly ask for donations of tinned food, boxed cereal, pasta sauce, pasta, tea, coffee or squash for Warminster Food Bank – please bring these into school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. You are welcome to join us for the harvest celebration at 9.15.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Godfrey and Team

House Challenge

Our first house challenge of this academic year is a **pumpkin carving competition!** Every entry earns 5 house points. There will be a KS1 and a KS2 winner.

Carve the pumpkins at home and bring to school by 9.00am on the last day of term – Tuesday 22nd October.

This is a great opportunity to gain house points for the team! Good luck!

This term's worship theme: Belonging

Those who have a strong sense of love and belonging have the courage to be imperfect. Brené Brown

At the moment we are learning about the British value of democracy – how everyone has their say. We linked this to the story of the lady who touched Jesus' coat hem – he did not mind that she had pushed through the crowd for he wanted her to feel God's power. The children said it was bit like the paralysed man being lowered through the roof and the tax collector – Jesus wanted everyone to have their say.



Colby and Barney played a match during half time at Bath Rugby.



<u>SCHOOL DIARY — TERM 1</u>

October 11th – second instalment for PGL due (this is live on Wisepay) October 14th – Acorn football tournament years 3,4,5+6 Tuesday 15th – HEFA Meeting 3.15 October 17th: Harvest 9.15 October 18th: Stay & Play session for Sept 2020 intake 9.00 - 10.00 October 22nd Mufti Day – please donate a bottle of something eg shampoo, wine, sauce October 22nd – end of term 1 for children October 23rd: Teacher training Day – school closed November 4th: Otters to take Guy Fawkes to the 'lock-up' November 8th: Remembrance Service by church 10.50 November 8th Hedgehogs cake sale November 11th: Anti-Bullying Week November 13th: NSPCC 'Speak out & stay safe' workshops with children November 13th: online safety workshop for parents: 3.30 (childcare available) November 15th Children in Need Day November 22nd Open Day for 2020 intake November 28th Stay & Play Session November 29th: HEFA 'PJ or onsie day' – please donate a filled jar December 6th Hedgehogs to celebration worship December 6th: Disco December 7th Church Christmas Bazaar December 14th School Christmas Bazaar December 9th – y5/6 netball tournament



<u>PGL</u>

The deadline for the second instalment for the trip is today; you can pay on Wisepay or cash or cheque to the office.

WELLY BOOTS

Please ensure your child has a named pair of welly boots in school for playtimes

Learning Corner

Badgers:

Science and topic have merged this week with a focus on human activity and the impact this has on the environment and living things. We learnt about what happens at landfill sites and how different materials break down at different rates. We investigated endangered species and what can be done to protect them and sustain their numbers.

We had a great time constructing our sculptures this week and learned about joining materials as well as stability of structures.

In English, we have learned about characterisation for we are going to write stories about a sculpture that comes to life.

Y5/6 maths has been about problem solving this week. Next week, we will move on to multiples and factors – please have a 'brush-up' on times tables!

Foxes:

This week, Foxes have been learning about how London has changed since the 'Great Fire' in 1666. We compared an old and current map of London and thought about how the buildings have changed.

In English, the children have been using their 5 sense to describe what it would have been like during the great fire of London. Together they have created a word bank of vocabulary to use in their writing.

In maths, year 2 have been learning about different ways of representing numbers using number lines and a variety of resources. Year 3 have been learning how to count in 50s and 100s. They have then used this to solve word problems and discuss patterns with numbers.

Otters:

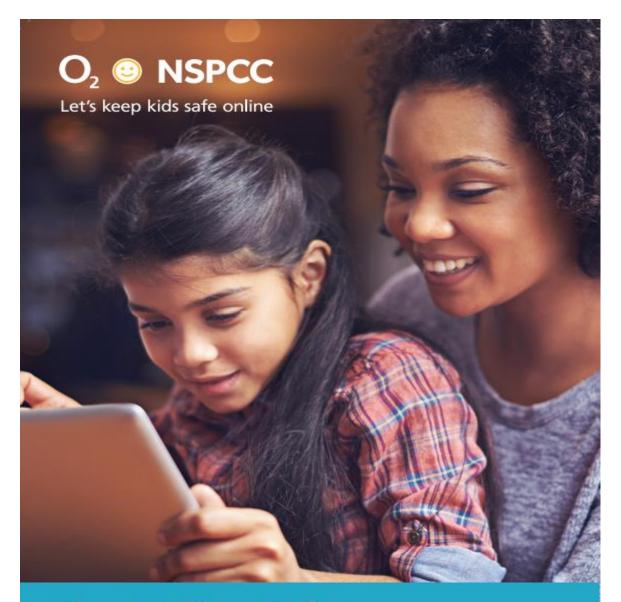
Last Friday, we enjoyed our autumn walk. We were treated to a range of autumn weather and found a wide range of natural objects. There were some weary children when we returned to school for our lunch. Thank you to Miss Park and Mrs Vincent who came with us.

This week, the EYFS children have learnt to read and write k and ck. They have also been segmenting (splitting) words into sounds and are beginning to write the sounds they hear in order. Year 1 revisited the sounds oy and aw. Then they were introduced to the ir digraph. In English, we have all become very familiar with our story. The EYFS have talked about and labelled the parts of the story they enjoy. Year 1 planned the story and have begun to investigate the language used by the author e.g. alternatives for went. On Monday, we identified the leaves we collected on Friday and named a variety of trees. In RE we began to think about why Christians celebrate Harvest Festival.





Heytesbury School – Wednesday, 13th November, 3.25pm



Our Online Safety Workshops for Parents

We want to help every family in the UK talk about and understand their children's online world and help keep them safe.

Online Safety Workshops for Parents

Our free workshops will give parents the skills and knowledge to understand the internet and technology as children do – from online games and cyber bullying, to setting up privacy settings and controls.

Will you join us and help keep all children safe online?

O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces in a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online.

Delivered by trained NSPCC staff and volunteers, the free workshops enable parents to come together to learn how to keep their children safe online.

Can you help us set up a parents' workshop?

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We'd love your help in setting up a workshop at your local school to bring together a group of around twenty local parents. If you are interested please email **schools@nspcc.org.uk** with your name, contact details, position at the school, school name and LEA or board area.

To find out more about the O2 and NSPCC online safety partnership, please visit **nspcc.org.uk/o2**

O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline If you have a question about parental controls or concerns about a social networks, our Online Safety Helpline advisors are here to help. If you have a question about parental controls or concerns about a social networks, our Online Safety Helpline advisors are here to help. Call 0808 800 5002 for free, available Mon–Fri 9am–7pm, Weekends 10am-6pm and Bank holidays 10am–4pm. If you have a question about parental controls or concerns about a social networks, our Online Safety Helpline advisors are here to help.

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