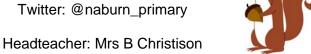


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A Nut Free School

Dear Parents.

Last week the children did us proud with a mature response to **Remembrance Day** and a sensible and thoughtful walk to church with the laying of a wreath. It was very special to walk there and learn more about our local area and the weather was kind to us, which is always a bonus. Some of the children's work is on display on the school railings, so do pop along to see it if you can, obviously at a safe distance.

This week is **Anti-Bullying Week** so we will be spending some time reminding children about the definitions of bullying and how to talk to someone if they feel they are being bullied. Our value is Friendship this term and our discussions will centre on this and how to be a kind friend who is sensitive to the feelings of others and passionate about standing up against bullying. We are asking all children (and staff) to wear odd socks one day this week (or every day!) to celebrate the fact that we are all unique.

Celebrations

Last week, the awards went to:

- Saffiya (in Rowan) for always being helpful
- Jack (in Willow) for super effort in everything
- Tilly (in Oak) for fantastic writing

Birthdays

We are very conscious that children are unable to bring in cakes to celebrate their birthdays at the moment and birthdays are a bit strange right now. With this in mind, each class will be having a class 'birthday party' to celebrate all children who have had a lockdown birthday. Your child's class teacher will let you know when this is.

Picture News

Story: Personal trainer Joe Wicks is running his at home workouts for a second time during the second lockdown period.

Question: What are the best ways for us to keep active?

Virtual Assembly: https://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss/2020-11-13/

Hello and Goodbye

We warmly welcome Ciara and her family to our school and are already impressed with how well she has settled into Year 4.

We say goodbye this week to Safi in EYFS and Lewis in Year 5, who are both moving out of the area due to their parents' jobs. We will be sad to see these children leave us and wish them and their families a safe journey to their new locations.



Hampers for The Besom

If you would like to make a donation for a hamper we will be taking donated items on Monday 7^{th} December, so could we please ask for items to be brought into school on FRIDAY 4^{TH} DECEMBER. Below is a list of the type of things they would very gratefully receive for the family hampers:

Chocolates, biscuits, selections boxes, mince pies and yule logs etc. Tins, pasta, rice and sauce jars. Toys for the children and gifts for the parents (toiletries, nice towels, stationery or something similar are perfect for the parents). Christmas decorations - some tinsel or fairy lights maybe.

Animal of the Week

This week, our animal is the lizard, so please encourage your child to find out more about this creature.

TT Rockstars - Maths Week England

Well done to all the children who took part in the battles last week. There was much excitement around school and I know many children took part at home too!

The winners are as follows:

Year 6: Felix Dawson Year 5: Max Turner

Year 4: Luke Daniels

Year 3: Thomas Atkinson

KS1: Wilkie and Jasmine

The winning classes overall were Oak and Rowan. They will be having a special treat soon to celebrate so watch this space!

Christmas Cards

As always, we are constantly looking at our risk assessment in response to COVID and in light of this please do not send in Christmas cards for your child's classmates. I realise this may be disappointing for some children, but we will make sure that Christmas is well and truly celebrated this year, just in different ways to usual.

Parish Magazine

Here is a link to the November parish magazine:

https://issuu.com/poppy.green309/docs/escrick_20parish_20magazine_20november_20202

Crisp Collection

Oak Class are busy collecting crisp packets to make into blankets for the homeless. Please continue to place any used, washed packets in the bin at the school gate on any morning at drop off. The last day for this is Friday 27th November.

Small lunch menu change

There is a small change to the current menu. The flavoured yogurt will be replaced by vanilla ice cream (this affects only 1 day per week).

Compassion Trust Perseverance

Displays in School

I am aware that you cannot come into the building at the moment so am regularly updating Twitter and Facebook with photos of what is going on in school so that you can still have a taster of what we are doing. Mrs Marjoram has just created a fabulous 'Future forest' display, so do look out for photos of it.

Many thanks,

Mrs Christison Headteacher UNITED

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