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Our School Community Newsletter!



Autumn A - Week 7 - Friday 19th October 2018



Thought for the Week

When it looks like your
child is struggling...
pause a moment
and watch.

Your child may amaze you
with their problem-solving
or they may ask for help.

Your pause allows your child
the JOY of figuring it out
on their own.



A huge thank you!



Wow! Wow! Wow! We are absolutely blown away with the amount of sponsorship money that has been raised this year through our sponsored circuits event! You have all raised an amazing...

★ **£1157.95!!!!** ★

This is the MOST we have ever raised through a sponsored event! Thank you, thank you, thank you! This money will now be used to reduce the cost of the Christmas theatre trip for every child. Every child who has sent money in will be presented with a certificate at next week's Tuesday assembly, so if you still have the money sitting on the side then please send it in by Monday. There will also be special prizes awarded for those children and families who have gone the 'extra mile' and raised incredible amounts. Thank you again for your very kind and generous donations!

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In every way.



Harvest Festival Celebrations



The children are really excited to warmly welcome you to this year's Harvest Festival. It is on Thursday 25th October and starts at 2.00pm prompt in the school hall. Everyone is welcome but we do respectfully request that if a baby or child in the audience gets upset or noisy, that they are brought out to the office area to settle them. This helps ensure that every child on the stage can be heard and seen. Due to space restrictions, we also request that prams and pushchairs are left outside. Thank you for your support in this.

Because it is a Harvest festival, we are requesting donations of non-perishable food which in turn will be donated to our local food bank - The Kingfisher Food bank. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

The food bank have requested donations of the following...

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Cartons of squash or fruit juice
- Pasta/curry sauces
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned meat or fish
- Tinned vegetables/potatoes
- Sugar
- Rice pudding/custard
- Dried rice/savoury rice
- Biscuits and snacks

They also urgently need donations of toilet roll, shampoo, deodorant, shower gel, toothpaste and washing powder. Please bring any donations into school ready for the Harvest display on 25th. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.



As previously communicated, we are thrilled to be offering a brand new Magical After-School Maths Club for children in Years 1 and 2. Last week the children learnt all about what happens in Maths Club when the 'Professor' came along for an introductory assembly.

The club will run from 3.00pm - 4.00pm on the following dates 08/11/2018, 15/11/2018, 22/11/2018, 29/11/2018 and 06/12/2018. The cost is £39.99 for the 5 sessions and will need to be paid in full to reserve your child's space. The spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis (12 spaces available) and will be based on when the online payment is made. This club is run by an outside provider so payment needs to be made direct to them. Please follow the link below...

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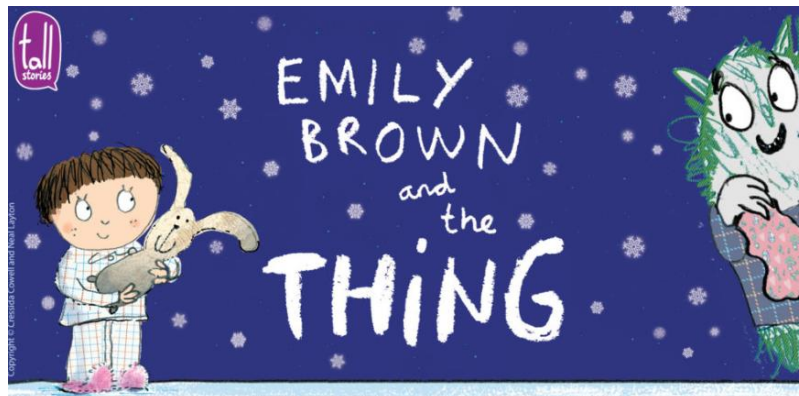
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Christmas Theatre Trip

We are thrilled to share with you that this year enough sponsor money has been raised to cover the cost of the tickets for the Christmas Theatre Trip (£12.50 per child). Coaches have been booked to take us to and from the Theatre at a cost of £5.00 per child. This also covers the cost of sweets and drinks during the performance. We are therefore requesting a total payment of just £5.00 for your child to visit the Hippodrome Theatre in Birmingham to see Emily Brown and the 'Thing'. This is the cheapest we have ever been able to offer this trip at due to the generosity of everybody who contributed to the sponsorship money. Last year the charge was £9.40, this year it is just £5.00! Please pay this amount by Friday 30th November. By paying through the Schoolgateway online payment system you are also consenting to your child attending the trip. Thank you again for the sponsorship money donated which this year totalled an amazing £1157.95. Click on the picture below to see a trailer of the theatre performance....



'Based on the much-loved book by Cressida Cowell (author of How to Train your Dragon) and Neal Layton comes Tall Stories' highly acclaimed production of Emily Brown and the Thing, the perfect treat for all the family this Christmas.

One winter's evening, Emily Brown and her old grey rabbit Stanley hear a Thing crying outside their window. He just can't get to sleep. Emily Brown and Stanley set off on incredible adventures to the Dark and Scary Wood, the Whirling Wastes and beyond, to find the Thing's cuddly, his bedtime milk and his medicine... but nothing seems to help him settle.

What's really troubling the Thing - and will anyone ever get to sleep? Find out in this magical, musical show by the company that brought you The Snow Dragon in the Patrick Studio last Christmas. Catch the show here this the festive season before it transfers to New York and embarks on a North American tour in 2019.

Presented in association with Birmingham Hippodrome'

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Reception Robins Phonics Workshop



Thank you to everyone who came along to the first Reception Robins phonics workshop. We hope you all found it really useful and will now be able to transfer many of the strategies discussed in helping your child learn to read and write.



Blue Cross 'thank you'



Thank you to everyone who sent filled boxes in for the Blue Cross pet charity! They were over-whelmed by the response and Jason from the Blue Cross sent this lovely e-mail this week...

Dear Mrs Kumada,

I arrived last Friday a little later than intended with the traffic and weather making it all a lot worse but when I did get there and walk in I was utterly blown away and rendered speechless with what you and the children had created. The care with every box, the loving notes and sheer amount of them knocked me for six, I did not expect it.

I cannot thank you, all the school children and their parents that have helped enough. My sincere gratitude and appreciation goes to you for your time and help organising them and if there is ever anything I can do to support you and the school whether it be talks, visits or assemblies please do let me know.

Photos of the pets enjoying the shoe box contents will follow along with a letter of thanks in person from the staff and manager at Bromsgrove in the post soon.

Kindest regards

Jason Cortis 🐾

Blue Cross Education Officer (Central & Wales)



Art Attack! Arts and Crafts Club



We are thrilled to be able to offer our Art Attack Club after school to children in Years 1 and 2 only as follows...

Dates - Monday 5th November - Monday 10th December (6 sessions)

Time - 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Cost - £3.50 per session Total cost - £21.00.

There will be 10 spaces which will be filled on a first-come-first served basis. This will be based on the first ten parents to pay the full amount on the School Gateway.

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The full amount will need to be paid and no refunds will be offered if your child starts and then decides that they do not wish to continue. Please collect your child from the school office door at 4.00pm prompt.

Date	Art Activity
Monday 5 th November	Air clay modelling
Monday 12 th November	Painting and glazing the models created
Monday 19 th November	Still life painting on canvas 1
Monday 26 th November	Still life painting 2
Monday 3 rd December	Christmas Decorations 1
Monday 10 th December	Christmas Decorations 2



The Wooden Spoon Cookery Club



We are thrilled to be able to offer our Wooden Spoon Cookery Club after school to children in Years 1 and 2 only as follows...

Dates - Wednesday 7th November - Wednesday 12th December (6 sessions)

Time - 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Cost - £3.50 per session Total cost - £21.00.

There will be 10 spaces which will be filled on a first-come-first served basis. This will be based on the first ten parents to pay the full amount on the School Gateway. The full amount will need to be paid and no refunds will be offered if your child starts and then decides that they do not wish to continue. Please collect your child from the school office door at 4.00pm prompt.

Date	Cookery Activity
Wednesday 7 th November	Fruit and chocolate kebabs
Wednesday 14 th November	Rocky Roads
Wednesday 21 st November	Pudsey Bear biscuits
Wednesday 28 th November	Pizza
Wednesday 5 th December	Jam tarts
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas biscuits



Educational Events and Activities



Date	Time & place	Event
Friday 19 th October	All day	Y1 visit to a farm

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Wednesday 24 th October	9.00am - 4.00pm 10 minute appointments	Y2 parent consultations
Thursday 25 th October	2.00pm In school hall	Whole school Harvest Festival
Friday 26 th October	All day	Teacher training day
Monday 29 th October - Friday 2 nd November	All week	October half term
Monday 5 th November - Monday 10 th December (inc)	3.00pm - 4.00pm In Y2 classroom	15 x Y2 children Relax Kids Workshops
Tuesday 6 th November	Morning	Y2 Visit to Mosque
Wednesday 7 th November	6.00pm - 7.15pm	Parents Maths workshops
Friday 9 th November	2.00pm	Whole school Remembrance Assembly
Sunday 11 th November	Time tbc	Coleshill Remembrance Parade
Monday 12 th November	All day	Children's individual and class photos taken
Friday 16 th November	All day	Children In Need Day
Wednesday 21 st November	Morning	NSPCC Anti-bullying assembly
Friday 23 rd November	All day	Wear Green for NSPCC Buddy day
Wednesday 28 th November - Tuesday 4 th December	3.00pm - 3.30pm daily By school office	Book People Book Sale
Monday 3 rd December	From today	Christmas Post Box opens for children's cards
Friday 7 th December	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Christmas Fair
Friday 14 th December	2.00pm 5.00pm	Whole school Christmas performances (2 tickets per family)
Tuesday 18 th December	From 1.00pm in the classrooms	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 19 th December	12.00pm - 1.00pm	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 th December	Morning and afternoon	Christmas trip to the theatre
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term	

Christmas holidays from Monday 24th December 2018 - Friday 4th January 2019

Teacher training day - Monday 7th January

Children back in school - Tuesday 8th January

Important note - please be aware that these dates and times are subject to change. Please read the weekly newsletters for most up-to-date information. Class trips and visits will be communicated separately.

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Attendance - 'Every Child Attending Every Day'

Good attendance (97%+) is key to academic success and missing just one or two days each half term can have a detrimental impact on a child's learning and progress. The LA may send out fines to families who are deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website if you need further clarification. Our target for this year is 97%. This week we achieved 97.2%, well done everyone! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Position	% attendance	Class
JOINT FIRST PLACE	99.7%	Y1 Blackbirds
JOINT FIRST PLACE	96.3%	Y2 Barn Owls
THIRD PLACE	95.7%	YR Robins



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We are kind and helpful, we don't hurt anybody's feelings'

Our Value for this half term is 'GENEROSITY'

Our Personal, Social and Emotional 'Jigsaw' theme for this half term is

'Being Me in My World'

We are learning to...

- Help others to feel welcome
- Help make our school community a better place

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- Think about everyone's right to learn
- Care about other people's feelings
 - Work well with others
- Choose to follow the Golden Rules

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend,

Kindest regards

Mrs Debby Hughes - Head teacher head2569@welearn365.com

Mr Jonathan Smith - Chair of Governors governors2569@welearn365.com

[Find out more about how to keep your child safe on-line](#)

The screenshot shows a website header with a dark grey navigation bar. It contains the following elements:

- Navigation menu: What we do, Preventing abuse, What you can do, Services and resources, Helpline, Search.
- Breadcrumbs: Home | Preventing abuse | Keeping children safe | Online safety.
- Main image: A woman and three children looking at a tablet together.
- Section title: **Online safety**
- Text: We've teamed up with O2 to help you keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more.

The screenshot shows the UK Safer Internet Centre website. It features the following elements:

- Logo: UK Safer Internet Centre.
- Navigation menu: About, Safer Internet Day, Blog, Research, Get Involved, Training & Events, Translate.
- Secondary navigation: Advice Centre, Hotline, Helpline, Pupil powered e-safety, Search.
- Main image: A woman and a young girl looking at a tablet together.
- Section title: **Parents and Carers**

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