



NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Gathercole

It has been another busy but wonderful first half term. I am keeping my fingers crossed for the coming half term that we can invite you all back in again and return to something more like normal. I need to say a huge thank you to parents from both schools for your overwhelming support, efforts in 'ground force' working parties and incredible support during Talbot's recent OFSTED inspection. I am amazed by the amount of work that parents, grandparents and members of the community have managed over a couple of weekends to vastly improve both schools' grounds. The staff and I have been incredibly moved and the simple word thank you doesn't really express how appreciative we truly are. Thanks must also go to both the TSA and FOMS for their tireless support and we welcome a new FOMS committee, exciting times ahead!

We had a fantastic response to the Breakfast competition and for all uptake of meals on census day was tremendous, This will make a real difference to the funding the schools receive, we are looking at, roughly, over £400 per Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupil, which is a considerable amount. We will run a similar competition and theme ready for the Spring and Summer census days too.

Very well done to all of our children too, they have worked incredibly hard, remained motivated and represented themselves, you and the schools brilliantly with all of the visitors we have had. Comments from our visitors have been extremely positive and moving, even prospective new parents on our open days were amazed at the confidence, politeness and care that our children display...they are wonderful.

Have a lovely, safe and restful half term break, I will try to find some synonyms for thank you ready for after half term!

Stay safe and keep well.

Mr G

FOMS News

We just want to thank everyone for their continued support, it has been a busy few weeks forming the new committee and we have lots of ideas going forward we can't wait to share with you.

Thanks to all who donated snacks for the Mr Stink Mini Theatre and for joining in the Hello Yellow day as well as the daffodil planting. We hope the children had a fantastic day. If you would like to get involved, have an idea for fundraising or know of any grants that we can apply for please contact a member of the committee. Everyone is a member of FOMS and we would love you to join us at our next meeting. Wednesday 3rd November 7.30pm at The Bulls Head Marchington.

Thankyou -FOMS

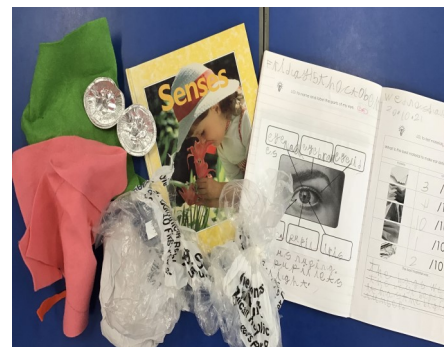
Half Term

We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you on the 1st November.

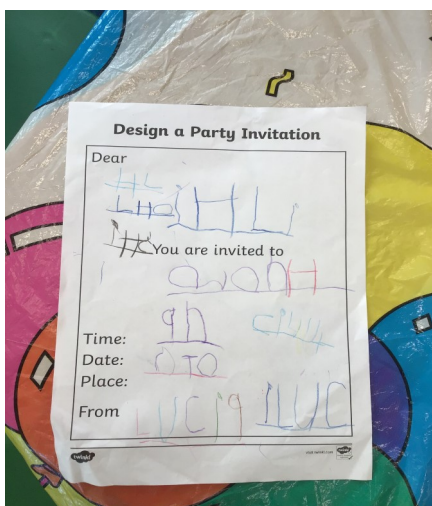
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Ash Class News

The year ones and Reception have been learning about how marvellous their bodies are. They have been learning about their senses and have so far learnt about their eyes and ears. This week we tested materials to see which would be best to make an ear defender. We listened to sounds of drilling and tested the materials. We then rated the materials out of 10 with 10 being the best. The reception children did this practically and talked about the materials. The year ones tested the materials and recorded their results. They then thought about which would be best and wrote a conclusion to our test. After half term we'll explore our other senses!



In Ash class our Theme is marvellous Me. This week in Nursery and reception we have had a birthday party, we have been making invitations and cards on the writing table, making birthday cakes out of play dough and making 'Marvellous me' in the art area.





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Birch Class News

Birch class celebrated National Poetry day on the 7th October. The children all read poems throughout the day and had great fun listening to each other and laughing at the funny ones. Some of the children really impressed us with their speedy reading of tongue twisters.

Topic

Birch class have really been enjoying their new Anglo-Saxons topic and learning about the origins of England. They wrote persuasive letters from a British King to Anglo Saxon chiefs using language devices including rhetorical questions and superlative adjectives to encourage settlers. They stained the letters and tore the edges so they looked like historical artefacts.

