

Autumn 1 Update... 16th October 2020

Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly this half term is flying by- only four more school days for the children until the half-term break. Thank you for everything you continue to do to enable them to access their education as fully as possible. I am delighted to tell you that our attendance to date is **96.5%** which is amazing!

These are indeed strange times and as we head into an uncertain Autumn/Winter I want to reassure you that school is and will always remain focused on all the **positive outcomes we can achieve for each and every child and for our community.**

Thank you to Nursey and Reception parents for completing your settling in questionnaires. We are so pleased that you are happy with what we have done to ensure your children have had the best start to their school lives. For one family to describe the nursery as '**a wonderful safe haven that the children get to escape to each day**' makes us feel extremely grateful and humbled -thank you.

We will soon be in touch regarding arrangements for the **Autumn Parent Consultations**; these won't be able to be held face-to-face on site unfortunately, but you will be given an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their learning, progress and well-being.

Next week will be **Mrs Smart's** last week at school before she commences her maternity leave. Arrangements for covering her teaching days will be sent separately to the class. As Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Smart plays a significant role in the leadership and management of the school; until Mrs Smart returns, her leadership duties will be covered by Mrs Dodds, who underwent a rigorous selection process for this position. We wish Mrs Smart and her family all the very best and can't wait to meet the new arrival!

On **Wednesday and Thursday** next week we will be collecting food items to donate to the **Tamworth Foodbank** as part of our Harvest Time reflections. The foodbank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. There will be containers available at each school gate for your child to deposit their donation- thank you for any help you can give – it is such a vital life-line to families experiencing difficulties, especially now.

Our Covid-19 page on the school web-site is kept **fully up to date**, so please use this as your first point of reference. We always send a text with a link to alert you to any new content.

Please remember **we are here for you**. If you are worried about anything, experiencing any difficulties and want to talk, just drop us an e mail or call the office number.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Llewelyn- Cook 😊

Awe and wonder in the forest this week...

The Nursery children searched for hidden 'conker creatures' in the forest. They enjoyed looking high and low to find people, hedgehogs and spiders. They then worked in groups to build a shelter for the conker creatures to protect them from the squirrels! The children used leaves, logs, tree trunks and other natural materials to build and decorate their shelters. The children loved balancing across the logs, taking it in turns to cross the bridge!



REMINDER...

Please make sure your child brings a coat into school every day. The weather is very changeable and we want them to be able to be outdoors whenever they can.

Have a lovely weekend!