

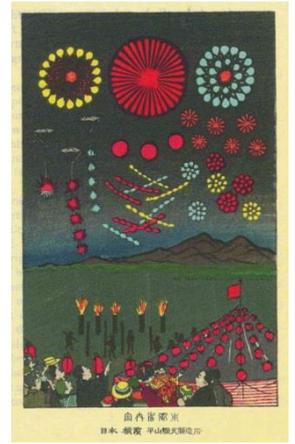
COMPTON ALL SAINTS' C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

November edition 7/11/16

Hello everyone, I hope you are all well.

And so the final half term of 2016 has arrived and - until Friday - in a blaze of beautiful autumn glory. I do hope that you all had a lovely half term holiday and managed to get out and about on the sunny days that we had. For those of you with children new to Key Stage 1 or in Reception – be prepared – Christmas and the Nativity will start to feature quite heavily in everyday conversations from now on! There will be glitter; there will be PVA; there will be endless repetitions of the same song and the same few lines from the play. It will be quite magical!

Please see below for information about what our classes have been up to over the last week or so.



Ladybirds Class

The children have been making the most of resources from outdoors and using autumn leaves to make prints and pictures. They have also been practising their understanding of 'anti-clockwise' by making brushes out of branches and painting in water. The Year 1s have been working very hard on their number bonds to 10 and writing about some fantastic models they have made using the big construction toys.



Hedgehogs Class

Bonfire Night is a fantastic starting point for all sorts of writing. This week, the children have been practising and developing their skills in different ways, including producing written instructions about how to stay safe around fires and fireworks. The children have also learned about the Gunpowder Plot and looked at photos of the actual lantern that Guy Fawkes was using in the cellars of Parliament four-hundred and eleven years ago. In DT the children had lots of fun making balloon rockets which, much to everyone's delight, shot across the classroom in all directions. Preparations also began for the nativity.



Foxes Class

This week children have been reviewing their learning from their topic work about the Stone Age and the Iron Age and have planned and written an information text about living in the Stone Age. In RE, the children have been discussing the concept of Heroes and comparing and contrasting Rama (a hero from the Hindu Diwali story) and David (from the Goliath story in the Old Testament). In Maths, the children have been practising doubling and halving numbers using partitioning.



Falcons Class

Pupils in Falcons class have been tackling long division this week which these days has to be taught the old-fashioned way involving columns of calculations threading their way down the page. The children have also started their map-work topic and learning about the meaning of the symbols on OS maps. They have been exercising their imaginations and literacy skills by inventing new and original machines and writing explanations of how they work. A particularly popular example was a 'Do your homework' machine.



Harvest Collections

We were delighted with the quantity of provisions you all donated to our two main charities this Autumn – the Basics Bank in Winchester and a food charity based in the Jungle in Calais. Our contact in the Jungle, a former pupil of the school, reported that they were able to make 'hundreds of meals' from the food we sent over. She also reported that one of the teenagers she had befriended in the camp has made it to England and will be able to stay here and join his family members.



Rotary Shoe Box Appeal 2016

Thank you to all the families who donated a shoe box. We had a grand total of 34 boxes all beautifully presented. I'm sure they will be the source of much excitement and pleasure when they are opened at Christmas.



Stand Up to Cancer 2016

Our Non School Uniform Day raised a total of £137.61 Thank you for all your contributions, especially to those children who brought in money of their own on the day.



Head Lice

Head lice have become an increasing problem in school. Please can **all families** check their children's (and their own!) hair **every week**. If lice are found it is recommended that you treat the whole family and repeat the medication after 7 days .



Regular wet combing as part of routine hair washing is the best way to prevent the problem recurring. Tea tree conditioner is an effective deterrent as they do not like the smell of tea tree oil!

Bags2School

Don't forget that collection day for this is **either Thurs 17th November at 3.30pm or 18th November at 8.45am**. This is to make it easier for those in Key Stage 2 who are bringing in cakes for the cake sale on Friday 18th November.

See the CSA pack or the school website if you need more info about what can be donated and what can't.

School Website and app – www.comptonallsaints.co.uk

Our school website is the first point of call for information about the school. We hope you find it helpful and easy to use. Please do let us know if you think of a feature that we could include or a way of making the site more user-friendly.



The school app is available to download free of charge from iTunes or Google sites.

Concerned about your child's mental health? MindEd for Families can help.

MindEd for Families is an online resource providing evidence-based advice and information for family members or caregivers about their child's mental health. It can be found on the homepage of the MindEd website. The website provides a range of easily accessible topics with video clips and links to other resources. Areas covered include coping in crisis situations, supporting a child in difficult circumstances and building resilience.



Helping your children thrive and grow

Don't miss the chance to see Lorraine Lee again this year. Her sessions are good fun, reassuring and so useful for helping with the everyday ups and downs of being a parent. This time you also get the chance to influence the topics that are covered for two of the sessions. See attached poster and please respond by 18th November. Thank you.

Staff news

I am sad to have to tell you that Mrs Fielder-Smith, who has been covering Miss Hewitt's management time over the last year, has not been well recently and has therefore resigned her post. Mrs Matthews will be covering the class until the end of the year and an advert has already been placed on Hantsweb for a replacement to start in January 2017. We are very sad to lose Mrs Fielder-Smith's enthusiasm and creativity (and Lego expertise!); I'm sure you will all wish to join me in wishing Mrs Fielder-Smith a speedy recovery.

Foxes class will have a new arrangement from the 1st December. We are delighted that Miss Metcalf will be back from her maternity leave and sharing the class with Mrs Mordecai. Mrs Mordecai will teach Monday – Weds and Miss Metcalf will teach on Thursdays and Fridays. Between now and December Miss Metcalf will also come into school to spend time with Foxes class.

Children In Need Friday 18th 2017

Non school uniform day – Suggested donation £1. REMEMBER! Please bring in **coloured** circular objects such as bottle tops for our whole school collage.



Some Key dates for Autumn Term II & Spring Term

- Open Morning (for YR 2017) Tuesday 8th November – 9.30am -11.30am
- Celebration Assembly Friday 11th November – 3pm – 3.30pm
- CSA Quiz night Friday 11th November
- Year 5 Forest School Monday 14th November
- Bag 2 School drop off Thursday 17th November 3.30pm
- Year 5 & 6 Team - Quick Sticks at Kings' School Thursday 17th November – 1pm – 2.45pm
- Bag 2 School charity collection Friday 18th November – 8.30am – 9am
- Children In Need Day Friday 18th November
- CSA Cake Sale Friday 18th November KS2
- Celebration Assembly Friday 18th November – 3pm – 3.30pm
- Falcon class at Beaulieu Residential Monday 21st – Friday 25th November
- Year 1 – Forest School Monday 21st November
- Celebration Assembly Friday 25th November 3pm – 3.30pm
- Year 2 – Forest School Monday 28th November
- Open Morning (for YR 2017) Wednesday 30th November – 9.30 – 11.30am
- Year 3 to 6 Team – X- Country at Kings' School Thursday 1st December 1pm – 2.45pm
- Whole School - Fantastic Mr Fox trip Friday 2nd December (all Morning)
- Celebration Assembly Friday 2nd December – 3pm – 3.30pm
- CSA Film Night Friday 2nd December – details to follow
- Foxes Class last swimming session Monday 5th December
- Parents Information Evening - 'Life without Levels - Part 2' Thursday 8th December – 7pm – details to follow.
- Celebration Assembly Friday 9th December
- CSA Christmas Fair Sunday 11th December – details to follow
- Year 4 – Forest School Monday 12th December
- School Choir - Carols at Brambridge Tuesday 13th December – 11am
- Nativity Dress rehearsal Tuesday 13th December – 2pm
- Nativity Wednesday 14th December – 2pm
- Whole school Christmas lunch Thursday 15th December
- Last day of Autumn term II Friday 16th December - 1.15pm
- INSET Day Tuesday 3rd January 2017
- First Day of Spring I term Wednesday 4th January 2017

INSET Days 2017: Tuesday 3rd Jan, Friday 27th Jan, Friday 23rd June, Monday 26th June

Best Wishes

Alison Driver