

Compton All Saints' C of E Primary

Newsletter Friday 20th October 2017

Hello everyone, I hope you are all well.

This half term has flashed past – the start of September seems light years away and our new children are now very much 'part of the furniture'. It has been very busy and productive as usual, with some great topic work going on and lots of use of the outdoors, especially by Ladybirds class.



ADVENTURE
HOLIDAYS

Falcons class

The children and teachers in Falcons class have had a lot of different things to get used to this term but are now much more settled into the new routines. The residential trip to PGL in Osmington Bay was a great success and a super opportunity for everyone to get to know each other better in a more informal environment. The children certainly excelled themselves in terms of working together as well as overcoming their anxieties about four nights away from home. Big thanks to all the staff that attended, giving up time with their own families to spend it with members of yours: Mrs Blachford, Mrs de Zoysa, Miss Walkinshaw, Mrs Snowdon and Mrs Fisher. It's an exhausting week for everyone but so much fun as well.

Over the last couple of weeks, Falcons have been creating advertising leaflets for PGL, drawing on all their skills as persuasive writers and editors. They have also made periscopes in Science and been working on fractions and calculations in Maths.

Foxes class

Children in Foxes class have loved their Romans topic and the homework display in their classroom is testament to their enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge. What they've learned will feed beautifully into next half-term's topic which is about volcanoes - starting with Vesuvius. This will give the children the chance to link how much was learned about the Romans through the artefacts that were preserved when Vesuvius erupted. The Romans topic also promoted some great Maths work on Roman numerals.

The 'Katiri School' day we held on Thursday provoked a great deal of thoughtful discussion in the class and the children have made posters that find differences and similarities between Katiri school and ours.



Hedgehogs class has been working on retelling stories (as you might remember from Celebration Assembly), through which they learn story phrases that they can use in their own writing. Do go and have a look at the super portrait work they have been doing in art; in one activity the children had to draw pictures of each other without taking their pencil off the page which produced some very interesting and entertaining results! The children have also been creating a photo journal for their Science work, recording the changing of the season and how it affects nature around them. They have taken a photograph of the same part of the school each week and are making a leaflet to show the changes in the trees and hedges as the days draw in.



Ladybirds class has had a theme of 'Mirror Mirror on the Wall' this half term. Over the last week or two they have been using the story 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' to help the Year 1s to write sentences using full stops and capital letters and the Year Rs to become really confident about the number seven – recognising it, knowing how it's made up and why it's different from six or eight. They have also been hearing and talking about some bible stories, with a particular focus on Jesus's special friends.



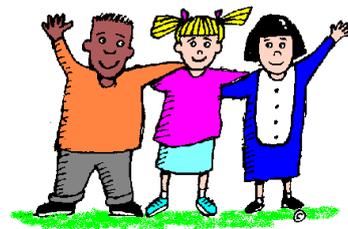
Mrs Cooke has established a mini 'Forest School' down on the field this term so that more learning can take place outside. Learning outside always has a significant impact on children's engagement and it is proving to be a very popular and successful site for all sorts of learning adventures.

Nurture Room News

Some of you will have noticed that the furniture for the Lodge arrived and was assembled this week. It has a lovely informal, non-school feel, with sofas and cushions and a stereo (to be installed very soon). We are also still looking for an oval table, though not too big; if you think you might have something suitable lurking in your garage please contact Mrs Fenwick in the office.

It is being used in the afternoons for emotional literacy support sessions and in the mornings for phonics and other interventions. Children and staff report that its seclusion and comfort really enhance whatever activity is taking place and we are really thrilled with it so far.

We have decided to call it the Lodge to continue the 'animal home' theme that is already present in school – eg the Den and the Burrow. Once the final finishing touches are made to the interior, we intend to have a formal opening ceremony – do keep your eyes open for details within the next couple of weeks.



A request from Mrs Cooke..

Does anyone have any child-sized bike helmets that they no longer need for use in the Discovery area? Please bring them in after half term if you have any that you think would be suitable. Thanks.

And finally, a request from the CSA..

For this year's Christmas Fair we have secured the sponsorship of Winchester Estate Agent, Dybles. They have agreed to pay CSA £500 for the Christmas fair and another £500 for the summer one. In exchange, we provide them with a list of addresses where they can place an advertising board. This mutually beneficial arrangement is dependent on our ability to give them enough addresses.

It is a completely painless process: two to three weeks before the fair an agent from Dybles will put the sign up outside your house, removing soon after the fair. No access to your home is necessary, nor does your house need to be in a prominent position. It doesn't need to be your family home; addresses of grandparents, friends and other relatives are welcome. Finally, if you are in a rented property, this is not a problem, simply ask permission from the rental agency, who are usually very accommodating.

If you would like to support the school with their fund-raising effort in this way, could you please email Jan Hepworth (jkh@wincoll.ac.uk) with the following information:

Name

Address

Postcode

Mobile number

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and a chance to re-charge your batteries before the run-up to you-know-what!

With very best wishes

Allison Driver

