



### Streetsbrook Value of the Term *Happiness*



Governors ratified the Online Safety Policy at the recent Standards Committee Meeting, this is now available to read from the Polices page of our website.



This includes the Acceptable Use Policy, something all children in KS1 will be asked to sign, along with Staff and Governors on an annual basis.

Two new safeguarding procedures will be put into place from Monday. An Incident Form has been developed to capture any incidents that happen in school along with an Existing Injury form, which parents will be asked to complete should their child arrive at school or childcare with an injury. We will also be developing a 'Missing Child Policy' which will be discussed at the next Parent Partnership meeting.

### DIARY DATES:

- Monday 16 - 3.15pm Magical Maths (last one)  
- Reception 'Shellibration' dress up day!
- Tuesday 17 - 9.00-10.00am - Reading Workshop for Reception parents  
- 4.00-7.00pm – Parent Consultations  
No Football
- Wednesday 18 - **PANTS Special Day**  
- 9.00-10.00am - Reading Workshop for Reception parents
- Thursday 19 - 9.00-10.00am - Reading Workshop for Reception parents  
- 4.00-8.00pm – Parent Consultations  
- 4.30pm – Governors Personnel Committee Meeting
- Friday 20 - INSET DAY, School Closed, Childcare open  
Children return to school on Monday 30 October

### Uniform Accessories

Please can we ask that hair accessories match the colours of our uniform, such as grey, yellow or black -thank you

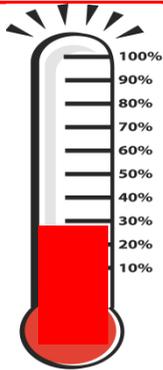


**PTA NEWS**  
There are a few remaining tickets available for the KS1 Halloween Disco!



### October Half Term

**Holiday Club** - places still available. See separate attachment for themes & activities!



### NEW TO THE NEWSLETTER! Our Voluntary Contributions Thermometer

Thank you to those parents that have already made payments to the Voluntary Contributions payment item in ParentPay. These enable us to enrich the curriculum meaning fun and exciting lessons can be delivered to our children. We are thrilled to have received 28% of the expected amount so far – this is fantastic!

**Sadly**, it has been brought to our attention that some parents are under the impression that voluntary contributions are used to pay Teachers' salaries. May I take this opportunity to make you aware that Voluntary Contributions are collected, monitored and managed separately to our school budget. These funds are used to pay for all the wonderful enrichment activities children are privy to at Streetsbrook, for example, these pay for our weekly Swimming lessons, and most recently they paid for the visiting pantomime. If any parents need further clarification about this matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch, however our Chair of Finance Governor will soon be writing to you regarding this topic.

**KS1 Curriculum Meetings** – Thank you to those parents that joined us for these important meetings - please note the staff presentations are now available to view from the website – Click on CLASSES, then selecting the appropriate year group.

### Harvest Celebration



Thanks to those that joined us on Tuesday for our annual Harvest Celebration at Shirley Methodist Church; our retiring collection raised **£192.31**. Children on our School Council decided that this money would be split three ways - The Children's Society, Food for a local Food Bank and a donation given to Shirley Methodist Church. Thank you to those that contributed and to those that helped the children walk to and from the church. Our IT technician will soon be uploading photos of the morning to our website – accessed via a protected page with password – information coming out shortly.



**A BIG THANK YOU**



Thank you to all those who joined us on the morning, bought raffle tickets, sent in cakes and helped raise the wonderful amount of **£430.74** - £202 on this was from the raffle and £228.74 on cake sales. What a super event as always, thank you PTA!

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

## YEAR 1

Thank you to all of the wonderful Parents that helped to walk the children to the Harvest Festival on Tuesday. A big thank you also to those of you that came to watch the performance - the children were fantastic!

This week in phonics, we have started to teach Phase 5 of the Letters and Sounds programme. We have looked at: ay, ou, ie and ea. Please reinforce these alternate sounds at home but continue to recap phase 3 sounds too.



In our English lessons, we have read the story of 'The Little Match Girl.' The children have listened carefully to the story and discussed how The Little Match Girl was feeling at different stages of the story. The children have then written sentences using the conjunction 'because' to explain how and why she felt a particular way. It would be great to recap writing sentences at home with your child.

Within Maths, we have discussed addition and subtraction and how important it is to use different resources to support you with finding the answers to problems. Some examples of resources that the children have used are:

number lines, the part-part-whole model and counting beads.



## YEAR 2



This week, as part of our Science learning, we went out to look at an Autumnal habitat. We are going to revisit the same habitat across the four seasons to notice the changes in weather, living things and any other observations we can spot so we can notice how the same habitat changes

across the year. Mary Seacole has been our main learning focus in English and History this week, and we listened to her inspiring story of how she defeated many barriers to ensure she saved countless lives during the Crimean War at the time of Florence Nightingale doing the same thing, albeit at a different hospital. The children were both fascinated and also shocked to learn about how Mary was treated by some people, but ultimately inspired by her bravery and courage.



## Streetsbrook Childcare



This week **Little Rockets** have loved exploring and investigating messy play in our 'cooking area'. They have been pouring, mixing, measuring and role playing and having a wonderful time!

Next week we will be encouraging the children to extend their role play into our brand new construction area - please feel free to take a look when dropping your child off!

With the weather getting colder and wetter this season, staff would like to remind you that you are welcome to bring in an

all in one 'puddlesuit' to protect your child from the elements should you wish to do so. This will help to protect children's uniforms as we do encourage sand, water and messy play inside and outside whatever the weather! **Little Stars** explored the woodland area, played hide and seek and read some stories in our woodland den. Our focus of the week has been communication and language, we have asked open ended questions during children's free play.

## NURSERY



We have had another busy week in Nursery! This week the children have been learning all about autumn. They enjoyed a lovely woodland walk to look for signs of the changing seasons.

We have also been creating artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Next week the topic will be Diwali! We are very excited to learn about and explore the festival of light. **If any parents would like to come along and talk to Nursery about Diwali on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** then we would LOVE to have you! We will also be learning more about 'ourselves' and our families.



After October half-term, we will be starting our Nursery library. The children will receive a book of their choosing every Tuesday, in order to extend their reading skills at home.

**We need fantastic parent volunteers** to make our Nursery library possible! Please let Mrs Ward or Miss Palmer know your availability. Thank you!

## RECEPTION

We have had a very creative week in Reception. The children were set the challenge to design and build a boat for Pirate Jack! The children had to ensure the boat had a mast, a sail, a pirate flag and most importantly, was it able to float? We had lots of fun testing the boats in the water tray. Some were more successful than others.



Later in the week the children applied their phonics skills to write a list of some of the materials they used for this engineering project. The children have been developing their problem solving skills by choosing their own criteria and sorting the pirate treasure in different ways.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our fabulous end of topic 'Shellabration'. The children are invited to come to school wearing a sea themed outfit. E.g. sea creatures, mermaids, pirates, sailors. We have lots of exciting activities including a costume parade, making pirate grog and a treasure hunt. Ahoy there!

**Reminder:** Reading Workshop for parents will be led by Mrs Newsome on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday Morning 9-10am. Please book up via the office.