



## MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a brilliant week in school and have all enjoyed Mental Health Week. Children have enjoyed participating in some #HelloYellow activities, learning more about resilience and also spent time in the Haven.

I have seen many of you on the gate over the week and I have very much appreciated your good wishes and messages of support - this just embeds how special and unique our wonderful school and community is. I know that Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lawrence will do an outstanding job with driving the school forward with the continuation of our very high standards. They have both supported me in my role during the last 6 years and, with the full backing of the most dedicated staff team, the future is incredibly bright for our very special and unique school.

Can I please draw your attention to the note below about our Virtual Parent Consultations and as always, if you do have any concerns at all about your child, please do use this time to speak to your child's class teacher.

Finally, I would just like to remind everyone that it is an Inset day on Friday 16th October.

Have the most wonderful weekend!

**Mr Ellis**

## VIRTUAL PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations will be held virtually via Google Meet. Please book your slot in the usual way via Arbor. Once you have booked a slot, you will receive a Google Meet invitation - this invitation will go to your CHILD'S SCHOOL EMAIL (GOOGLE MAIL). Meetings will take place on Thursday 15th October after school from 3.30-7.00pm and also from 9.30-12.00 on Friday 16th October. Please note that Friday 16th October is also an INSET day. The booking system for parent consultation slots will open at 9am on Wednesday 7th October and closes on Wednesday 14th October at 3.30pm.

## LOOK OUT FOR:

**Children's stories on our YouTube Channel**

**This week:** stories from Miss Reed and Miss Wigfield.

**Next week:** stories will be provided by Mrs Helps and Mrs Sargeant.

**Team Point Winners: *Attenborough***  
**Attendance: 97.3%**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Georgia Y**

Beatrix Potter: **Daniel-Junior P**

Emily Gravett: **Cammy T**

Eric Carle: **Florence P**

Abi Longstaff: **Heidi S**

Michael Rosen: **Bella C**

Helen Cooper: **Theo P**

Jeremy Strong: **Leo B**

Berlie Doherty: **Luca W**

Adam Frost: **Eva L**

Michael Bond: **Tommy R**

Katharine Woodfine: **George C**

Abi Elphinstone: **Nellie W**

Andrew Donkin: **Katie D**

Sinead O'Hart: **Daisy G**

## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children have enjoyed learning more about mental health, taken part in the #HelloYellow Challenge, learnt about resilience and made a class sunflower to promote good mental health and wellbeing.



## PUPIL VOICE



**This week, our Pupil Voice was held with some of our Reception children.**

**What has it been like to start school?**

*"When I first came in I was a bit nervous."*

*"Good."*

*"Really fun!"*

*"Really fun and I like school."*

**Were you worried about anything?**

*"I was."*

*"No."*

*"I was a bit worried about making new friends."*

*"No."*

**What do you enjoy most about school?**

*"I enjoy making lots of friends."*

*"I enjoy learning."*

*"Playing."*

*"Everything!"*

**How do you know if you have done well?**

*"The Traffic Lights tell you."*

*"Because you get a stamp when you have done a good piece of work."*

*"If we do good work, you get team points."*

**Do you feel safe in school?**

*"Yes."*

*"Yep."*

*"Yes, really safe."*

*"Yes."*

**Is there anything you want to tell me about school?**

*"I love learning and playing with my friends."*

*"I love P.E and Forest School."*

**Tell me something you have mastered?**

*"I have mastered doing the 'C' all by myself."*

*"I have mastered all the songs we have been learning and the phonics lessons."*

Today children in Reception, Year 3 and 5 have enjoyed a Space Workshop and had the opportunity to enjoy a visit to a mobile planetarium. I must thank Miss Reed, Science Coordinator, for arranging this for our school.



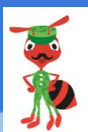
## YEAR 3 TRANSPORTED BACK TO THE STONE AGE

Last Friday year three were transported back in time to the Stone Age. We learnt how Stone Age people would have communicated to each other by drawing and making marks on cave walls.



We found out that cave drawings have been discovered all over the world and that most drawings are of animals or people. We created our own cave drawings by using sandpaper as the cave and brown, red and black crayons.

**Mrs Sanford and Mr Day**



## RECEPTION OWL BABIES AND ANIMALS

This week we have been reading the beautiful text Owl Babies. The children joined in with the repeated refrains throughout the book and put on good voices too! In our role play area we have had a woodland - with lots of nocturnal animal masks. It has been lovely seeing the children reenact the story with props and sounds.



For our Understanding the World session we sorted different animals into nocturnal and diurnal.

The children should now understand what nocturnal means - see if they can remember! Well done Reception, you have had a great week!

**Miss Powell, Mrs Clark and Mrs Gilham**

**The Festival of the Girl 2020** virtual event is taking place online on **Sunday 11th October.** <https://www.festivalofthegirl.com/>

The website has loads of information about exactly what kind of sessions will be running but they include: what it is like to be in the police, making a bridge from your living room, a day in the life of a vet, song writing, neuro-diversity, being a racing driver, baking, women in politics...and this really is the tip of the iceberg! **The Future is Hers! Sign up today!**

**HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND AND KEEP SAFE**