



# September in review

DIARY DATES

1ST OCTOBER 2019

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Individual School Photos -  
9th October

Parent Consultations - 16th  
& 17th October

Half Term - Monday 28th  
October - Friday 1st  
November

Inset Day - 4th November

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## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to October. The weather is starting to change so please ensure that the children do have coats and sensible shoes. Our school uniform is black footwear either shoes or trainers but they must be black.

After school clubs have started and all the children are happily enjoying what we have on offer this term. Please remember that children need collecting from the front of school at 4.00pm or 4.15pm, if they are in Time to Shine or Cloud Niners. Children being collected late can make them unsettled, stop staff from being able to work and also incur a late pick up charge of £5.00. We are hoping to offer more clubs from January.

Thank you to the new parents who are wanting to join our Growing Friends and are able to help out with both regular and one off events in school. If anyone is interested please collect a form from the school office as the more support we receive the more we can achieve together.

Please ensure you check the school website or facebook page regularly for up to date information~ particularly term dates.

Thank you.

Thank you Dobbies Garden Centre



A huge thank you to Dobbies Garden Centre for supporting our School Allotment with a donation of £50 vouchers which we spent on lots of seed packets and baby plants. The children from Time to Shine Group have been helping in the allotment and are learning about food being grown in the garden and Mrs Finch is cooking the vegetables for the children to try at lunch.

Thank you also to **Kemp Garden Services** for their donation of two large stones for our rockery. If anyone is able to donate more rockery stones, please contact the School office.

## Global Week Sri Lanka and The Wizard of Oz—Year 2

In September Year 2 finished their topic about The Wizard of Oz by designing and making a scarecrow. They also thought about the contrast between black and white and colour as they mixed their own shades of grey and colour. The children used the mixed shades to paint flowers.

In Global Community Week Year 2 children studied Sri Lanka and learned a traditional dance. They made Kiri fudge and rainbow sandwiches which they ate at their tea party. The children also had a debate about elephants in the wild and in captivity. Thank you to Sanuja and Aakisans's mummies, who helped us to learn facts about Sri Lanka.

The children are now learning about our local community and environment. They are proud of where they live and they are learning that they are an important part of looking after and improving the area where they live, so they will be working with visitors in school on a project called the New Town Heritage Explorers.

## Global Week—Year 1—Poland

Each year group focused their learning on a particular country. Year 1 looked at Poland. The children made gingerbread from Torun and traditional potato cakes. They visited a Polish shop to look at Polish words and practise the Polish words that they have learnt. They also looked at where Poland was on the map and created lovely art work based on the painted village.

Year 1 children also discovered the Wizard of Oz story and learnt about the Tin Man. The children made a scarecrow for the Harvest Assembly.



## Global Week—Reception—Ghana

In Reception the children enjoyed Global week by learning about Ghana. The children found out where it was on a map and decided they would have to fly there as it is a long way away. They shared the story of Anansi the Spider and looked at Ghanaian traditional dress. Mrs Boadi helped us to cook Waakye, a traditional dish of rice and beans. The children with Ghanaian background showed us their special clothes and our wonderful parents cooked traditional Ghanaian food for us and joined us for a special party. The children had lots of fun, the food was delicious and they danced the afternoon away.



## Global Week—Nursery—England and the Local Environment.

The nursery children have been exploring Fishermead, looking at a variety of places they might recognise and buildings such as the local shops, the dentist, doctors, places of religion and creating their own design of buildings using Lego. The children found out about different types of transport - bus, taxi, car, bicycle and created and painted pictures of them. As the children explored the area they listened to and learnt about the different sounds around them.



## Diary dates

Wednesday 9th October	AM	Individual School Photos
Week Beginning 14th October	AM or PM	Nursery Parent Consultations
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th October	PM	Parent consultations and Scholastic Book Fair Sale
Friday 18th October— <b>change of date</b>	By 3.00pm	Bag 2 School Collection
Tuesday 22nd October	9am—11am	Wear Pink for Cancer Charity Coffee Morning
Monday 28th October – Monday 4th November – Half Term and Staff Training Day		
Tuesday 5th November—School re-opens		
Wednesday 20th Nov	PM	Flu Spray Immunisation - Letters to go out soon

## Attendance

September Attendance 2019			
Year	Class Name	% Week Commencing 23rd September Attendance	% Whole Month of September Attendance
Rec.	Badgers	99.1%	96.5%
Rec.	Hedgehogs	99.1%	95.5%
1	Squirrels	100%	97.1%
1	Rabbits	94.1%	92.9%
2	Owls	98.8%	98.7%
<b>Total attendance</b>		<b>98.3%</b>	<b>96.3%</b>

Did you Know: Lateness also affects your child's attendance %

Well done **Owls** with an attendance of **98.7%** for the whole month of **September**

Well done **Squirrels** with an attendance of **100%** for the week beginning **23rd September**