



# November in review

3RD DECEMBER 2019

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Christmas Film Club For Reception & KS1 - Friday 13th December

Christmas Party Day - Thursday 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 20th December

School Re-opens - Monday 6th January

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

December is here and soon we will all be getting ready for Christmas. Please check the dates and times for your child's performance and attend if you can. Remember it can be upsetting for your children if you turn up late so we have set times that enable you to drop your child off in class and then come round to take a seat. The children's Enterprise items will be on sale before and after the performances which will enable each year group to save up their profits and use them on something of the children's choosing for their class.

Hopefully we are over the worst now with sickness, but please remember to phone up everyday if your child is unable to attend school so we can keep accurate records. Despite the illnesses of recent days our attendance is still looking good across the school. The children get very excited during Fridays assembly when finding out who will be looking after the attendance bear for the following week. Lets keep up the good work.

Christmas is one of my favourite times of the year so I am very much looking forward to all the planned activities we have in school between now and the end of term and I hope your children come home even more enthused about their learning. Please remember to keep reading and sharing books with your children at home and if they complete any work at home that they want to bring and share with their class then they can do so. I saw an amazing illustration of the Solar system by one of our children this week and he was very excited when he shared his home learning with his teacher and class.

Wrap up warm when coming to school, keep smiling because after all it is the season to be jolly.

Thank you.



## Overview Of Nursery This Term



The nursery children have had great fun learning the stories about the Gruffalo and the Gruffalo's child. They have been very creative and have made a giant-sized picture of the Gruffalo and pictures of the snake and the fox. The children have also loved playing in the Gruffalo's den. No doubt they have come home retelling parts of the story. Learning words through rhyme is a wonderful way for children to explore new sounds and develop their understanding.



Children are now busy practising for the Christmas Sing-a-long and have been making Christmas decorations for parents to buy before and after the show. We hope that you will be able to join us on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please remind yourself about the arrangements for the dress rehearsal and the performance.

## Overview of Reception This Term



In Reception this November we came back from half term with a bang, when fireworks inspired our artwork. We enjoyed splattering paint to create a whole wall of fireworks. Continuing the firework theme we learnt about Diwali; the festival of light.

We designed and drew our own Rangoli patterns and made Diwa lamps. Beegu a little yellow alien stimulated lots of talk and discussions; she wasn't supposed to be here you see; she was lost. The children have learnt the whole story off by heart and can re-tell it with actions. We have written captions and simple sentences.



In maths we have been learning to add and take away and also name 2D and 3D shapes. We can set off into space on special missions in our class space station we love exploring it and role-playing with our friends as we learn about Space. Please please keep reading at home with your children - it really does make such a difference.

## Overview of Year 1 This Term



In English we have been writing letters to the Green Crayon from the story 'the day the crayons quit'. We have been completing instructional writing for our rainbow pizzas. Finally in English we will be writing letters to Mrs Orbell to ask for possible equipment we would like for the school.



In Maths we have spent a lot of time on addition and subtraction. We have used objects, number lines and 100squares to help consolidate the learning. We have learnt about the 2D and 3D shape properties as well.



During topic time we have spent a lot of time creating word mats for each season which has resulted in us making wonderful seasons poems. We have looked at two different artists Andy Warhol and Andy Goldsworthy creating pieces of art based on their work. We have looked at colour mixing and primary colours linked to these.



We have looked into how Diwali is celebrated, why we celebrate bonfire night and we will finish looking at the Christmas story. For Science we have completed science experiments to see why flowers need water and how the water travels through plants.

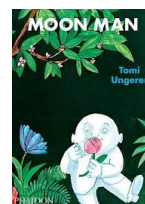
## Overview of Year 2 This Term

In Year 2 this term we have been learning all about Space! Our topic started off when a nose cone from The International Space Station fell into our outdoor area! The children wrote an article about it (please see page 6).

We have been learning all about life aboard the International Space Station, and we have designed and made space helmets. We have studied the properties of materials to help us design our Space helmets. We carried out fair tests to see which materials can change shape and we identified materials that were transparent, translucent and opaque.

Next we are going to find out how astronauts train before we find out more about the lives of famous astronauts Neil Armstrong, Tim Peake and Helen Sharman.

In English we have used the book Moon Man as an inspiration for our own writing. Earlier in the term we wrote free form poetry about fireworks. We have also been practising our handwriting and spelling skills twice a week.



In Maths we have been consolidating our addition and subtraction skills and we are now learning about multiplication. We spent some time solving problems about money. This is getting more challenging to learn as coins are not used as much because of contactless cards. If you do use cash for your shopping please involve your child to help them with their learning.



## Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November

We were incredibly proud of all the children in our school. On the Monday 11th November we remembered those who lost their lives to make our lives better.



## Shepherdswell Christmas Fete Friday 6th December

Ho, Ho, Ho!  
I am excited to announce that the  
Shepherdswell Christmas Fayre is coming  
soon!  
Join us for lots of festive fun, including  
visiting me in my grotto!

Face  
Painting

Raffle

Gifts

Secrets  
Room

Food &  
Drink

Games

and  
much  
more!

**Friday 6th December 2019**  
**Shepherdswell Academy**  
**3:15pm - 5:00pm**  
To book a stall (£10 per table) or for further  
information, please contact the school office.





All money  
raised will fund  
our new  
Playground  
Equipment!

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## Diary dates

Tuesday 3rd December	3.00pm–4.15pm	Time to Shine Finishes
Wednesday 4th December	3.00pm-4.00pm	Computer & Board Games Club Finishes
Thursday 5th December	3.00pm-4.00pm	Cheerleading Club Finishes - Parents are invited to watch their children at 3.45pm
Thursday 5th December	3.00pm-4.15pm	Cloud Niners Finishes
Tuesday 10th December	3.00pm-4.00pm	Martial Arts Club Finishes
Friday 13th December	3.00pm-4.45pm	Christmas Film Club - Full
Tuesday 17th December	AM	Reception Christmas Nativity - A letter has been sent out
Wednesday 18th December	PM	KS1 Christingle - A letter has been sent out
Thursday 19th December	9.15am	Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long - A letter has been sent out
Thursday 19th December	All Day	Christmas Party Day
Friday 20th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January - Christmas Holiday</b>		
Monday 6th January	8.50am	School re-opens

## Attendance

November Attendance 2019				
Year	Class Name	% Week Commencing 25th November Attendance	% Whole Month of November Attendance	Lates Whole Month of November
Rec.	Badgers	93.6%	97.5%	12
Rec.	Hedgehogs	97.3%	98.4% 	8
1	Squirrels	88.3%	94.9% 	4
1	Rabbits	97.8% 	96.6%	9
2	Owls	93.3% 	96.5%	14
Total attendance		94.1%	96.9%	47

Well done **Hedgehogs** with an attendance of **98.4%** for the whole month of **November**

Well done **Rabbits** with an attendance of **97.8%** for the week beginning **25th November**

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

For the whole month of November there were 47 occasions when children were late. Time lost in the mornings can mount up quickly in lost education and cause disruption for other children in the class.

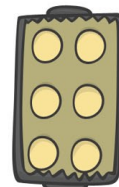
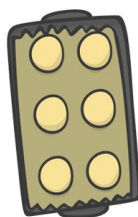
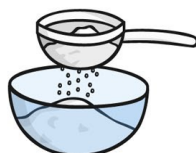
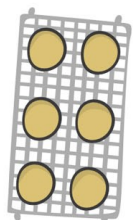
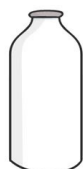
### Year 2 News Report of Fallen NASA Nose Cone



On Tuesday Morning Year 2 Children had a really exciting time. First they heard a beeping noise and a warning popped on the board, it was from NASA. It said a nose cone had fallen off the international Space Station. Do not touch it. It will burn you! After break the children had received an email from Miss NASA, while reading it smoke appeared from outside the classroom. The children raced outside to see a smoking nose cone. Mr Morris sprayed it with the fire extinguisher and put it out. The children have written an email back to Miss NASA and are waiting to hear back to know what to do with the nose cone.








# Miss Finch's Marvellous Menu

## Chocolate Yule Log



- Butter for greasing
  - 5 eggs
  - 140g light muscovado sugar
  - 100g self-raising flour
  - 25g good quality cocoa powder such as Green & Black's or Oxfam Fairtrade
  - Caster Sugar, for dusting
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- A close-up photograph of a slice of chocolate cake resting on a white rectangular plate. A gold-colored fork is placed to the right of the plate. The cake is dark brown with visible layers and a crumbly texture. The background is a solid magenta color.

### For the icing and filling

- 285ml/9½fl oz carton double cream
  - 450g fondant chocolate, such as Lindt Lindor
  - Icing sugar
1. Heat oven to 190C/fan 170/gas 5. Butter and line the base and sides of a 30 x 35cm Swiss roll tin with baking parchment.
  2. Separate the eggs, putting them into two large mixing bowls. Add the sugar and 2 tbsp water to the yolks. Using an electric whisk or tabletop mixer, whisk the sugar and yolks for about 5 mins until the mixture is light in colour and thick enough to leave a trail when the whisk blades are lifted. Sift in the flour and cocoa, then fold in lightly, using the whisk blades or a large metal spoon.
  3. Using a clean whisk, beat the egg whites until they are stiff, then fold into the cake mixture in three batches, again using the blades to preserve as much air as possible.
  4. Pour the mixture evenly over the prepared tin, then carefully spread to the edges. Bake for 10-12 mins, or until the cake feels firm to the touch. Put a large sheet of baking parchment on the work surface and sprinkle lightly with caster sugar. Turn the cake out onto the parchment and peel off the lining paper. Cover with a clean tea towel, then leave to cool completely. Trim a little cake from all the edges, then score along the edge of one of the long sides of the cake and roll up from there, using the paper to help you, rolling the paper inside the cake.
  5. To make the icing and filling, bring the cream to the boil in a small pan, remove from the heat, then break in 400g of the chocolate. Stir until it is melted and smooth. Leave to cool, then chill until it is spreadable, about 1 hr. Chop the remaining chocolate, spoon a third of the icing into a bowl, then stir them together to make the filling.



## Victorian Christmas

**Quiet Hour Santa Bookings for children and adults  
with special needs**

**1st & 7th Dec 12—1pm**

**See Santa in his Grotto – £7.50 (Entry fees apply)**

**Please contact the office for further details and to book  
01908 316222 (Monday—Friday 9.30am—4pm)**

General Opening Friday 4.30pm—7pm. Saturday & Sunday 1.30pm—6pm.  
Adults £10.00, Children £7.00, Concn. £8.00,  
Families £30.00—THESE ARE ANNUAL TICKETS

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