

15th September 2023 - No. 462

A message from Mrs Bone, Deputy Headteacher

Thank you for our first full week in school; it has been a very busy and quick week! We are still holding onto summer so that has been a blessing to still have some sunny days to guide us through.

We are so proud of the way that the children have settled into school and have engaged with their new learning.

Year 4 have been writing poetry and have really enjoyed performing it to their friends; it was lovely to see their enthusiasm for their work. Well done!

After a tricky week with the Kent Test last week, Year 6 have been enjoying learning about WW2 and thinking about the legacy of those times. It is great to see how much knowledge they already have.

Year 5 have been learning about composition in music and have enjoyed listening to and thinking about the stages in this to how a finished piece is produced.

Year 3 have been hunters and gatherers, exploring what Stone Age people may have used in order to survive.

We have also welcomed our youngest children to school. They have done incredibly well this week and will be very tired by the weekend I am sure!

Huge congratulations also to all children in Year 1 for a smooth transition into their new classes. I have really enjoyed the chances to join them in a couple of their afternoon sessions.

I hope that you have a restful and safe weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 18th September; the day our youngest children start school full time. An exciting week ahead!

Things to Remember

Year 3 - PE block week will be next week (18.09.23 - 22.09.23). The children will need to bring in their PE kit on Monday so they can change into their kit at school.

Dates for the Diary

18.09.23 - Year R start full days
21.09.23 - KS1 Parent Reading Workshop
22.09.23 - EYFS Parents Phonics Workshop
28.09.23 - KS2 Parent Reading Workshop
29.09.23 - First Aid Training all year groups
01.10.23 - Garden Force Day
03.10.23 - Y6 Parent PGL meeting
04.10.23 - School Photos
05.10.23 - EYFS/KS1 Parent Maths Workshop
06.10.23 - Year 3 Harvest Service
06.10.23 - PFA Autumn Disco Y1-Y6

ACHIEVEMENTS

Learning Award

1A Sophie R, 1M Sophia W, 2H Seth C,
2K Olly W, 3B Derin A, 3G Olly J,
4C Felicity R, 4MP Ella-Rose P, 5N Bobby M,
5R Poppy K, 6C Harry W, 6L Gracie C

Values Award

1A Tilly R, 1M Hollie-Jane M, 2H Tegh R,
2K Laura R, 3B Alice H, 3G Jamie HB,
4C David AJ, 4MP Lilly W, 5N Chloe W,
5R Deborah A, 6C Thomas D, 6L Erdi M



The trophy this **term** is for the most read minutes each week.

This week the trophy goes to **5R**.

House Points

Beckett	155
Dickens	134
Churchill	171
Harvey	119
Holmes	149
Shakespeare	145

CONGRATULATIONS TO
CHURCHILL
This week's Winners

A reminder of some of our School arrangements:

- The school gates open at 08:40
- The school gates close at 08:50
- Lessons start at 08:50.
- If your child is late, after 08:50, an adult **MUST** sign your child in on the sign in screen in the school office.
- Drop off zone: Please do not park here. This is for children to be dropped off only. Please use the car park if you need to leave your vehicle.
- Parking: please be considerate to our neighbours and fellow road users; please do not park across driveways, on private roads or block car in.
- We have had some near misses this week with cars speeding up Church Hill and in and around the car parks in front of the school. Please can we ask you all to watch your speed for the safety of our children.

We sent out an email on Thursday 14th September explaining a new programme the school is introducing called OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Primary Programme. Before we begin the programme, we need to hear your views about playtimes as they are now. Please can we ask that you click on the link below to complete the survey before 4pm on Thursday 21st September. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZTDMWJD>

Year 6 Learning

Year 6 researched, designed and created Anderson Shelters that were waterproof and that could withstand 1kg of weight. We had a blast!!



Year 3 Learning

In History we have been learning about how hunter-gatherers survived during the Stone Age. We went outside to experience what it might have been like to hunt or gather food.



Year 4 Learning

This week the children were learning how to use their observational skills and were having a go at drawing botanical illustrations.

