



Seven Fields Primary School-Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the last two weeks of this academic year, change is in the air. Of course the political landscape is in turmoil and I have never known there to be 3 different education secretaries in one week! Whatever the external landscape looks like, our job is to make sure that the children in our care are well prepared for the next stage of education whether that be in another school or another class within our school. During school transitions this week, your child got to meet their new peers and their new teacher.

Class structure 2022-23

Our staffing structure throughout the school is changing next academic year. We are switching to all mixed year groups and I wanted to take this opportunity to explain the reasoning behind this move. Research strongly supports the idea that mixed-age classrooms are better for pupils. Not only pupils out-perform peers of the same age academically, studies also show that they thrive socially. Children are more likely to cooperate than compete, which makes it possible for children to see each other as individuals. Sometimes children in classrooms may be labelled as "below the expected level" or "low." As a result, these children may stop trying. Conversely, those labelled as "above the expected level" or "high" may not feel challenged, also resulting in a lack of effort. Some of you may have heard of the Vygotsky term ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development). The ZPD is the distance between a pupils' ability to perform a task under adult guidance and/or with peer collaboration and their ability to solve the problem independently. Mixed-age classrooms free children to take pride in their abilities as individuals, giving them constant motivation to improve. In order to ensure consistent provision between classes, teachers across the school are able to plan jointly and use their skills to teach subjects to a deeper level. With the introduction of our 2 year curriculum cycle last year, it is important pupils do not repeat what they have learnt already and the knowledge they acquire is embedded in their long term memory. Finally, I believe that multi-age classrooms are socially and psychologically healthy because they promote friendship and provide extended contact with adults and peers of varying ages. These groups show a notable increase in self-esteem.

Support

As always, there is a fear factor associated with change but I ask once again to guide your child to think about what they can do and how they can achieve more than worrying if their friend is in their class. This was the focus of my assembly. At the end of the day, we have a responsibility to decide how best to teach your child. We have considered the class teaching and mix carefully and ensured that support staff are deployed to aid progression. This week our staff meetings are all about handing over information from one class teacher to another about your child's needs. There will be many times when your child will work alongside different teachers and pupils next year and of course they will be with their old friends (and hopefully new) at break and lunch. I'm confident that if we work together and remain positive, seeing this new change as a new challenge we can continue to produce pupils who are independent, confident and resilient. The transition days have gone well despite some initial trepidation. Do not forget that your child's new class teacher will be available on dojo to sort out worries and concerns in September.

Jubilee books

Today we are distributing books that have been delivered to the school in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Please do take time to read it with your child. It is a lovely memento.

Sports day

I look forward to seeing many of you at next Thursday's sports day. Please be aware that we remain in charge of your children at all times and you are invited as spectators.

Enjoy the weekend sun everyone

This week's certificate nominations are as follows:

Early Years	Lacey for being a superstar during transition	Jaxson RS for being very sensible during transition
AM and PM	Jaxon L for being very independent during transition	Edie for being an excellent role model during transition
Bumblebees	Dylan for working well in his new classroom	Jaya for being independent when meeting new teachers
Robins	Kyran for being independent when meeting his new class teachers	Charlie for being independent when meeting his new teachers
Sparrows	Harry for always being willing to help adults and children in the classroom	Bleux for following the magnificent 7
Wrens	Landan for having a great attitude towards learning this week	Eli for good sustained writing
Puffins	Jesse for always being kind and caring to others	Alexia for an impressive effort to improve her reading
Kingfishers	Riley for working really hard to improve his joined, cursive handwriting	Holly for doing some excellent coordinates work in Maths
Humming-birds	Amirah for always settling to learn quickly and striving to do her best	Alexie for being an excellent role model for the magnificent 7
Falcons	Tyler for his excellent behaviour this week	Jake for his excellent work in French and Geography
Eagles	Luca for working hard and making good contributions in lessons	Alaina for being mature in difficult situations
Kestrels	Lily F for an excellent game of football rounders	Mazie for creating an excellent board game



Attendance

Bumblebee Class	89.09
Robin Class	90.65
Sparrow Class	92.90
Wren Class	93.85
Puffin Class	92.79
Kingfisher Class	94.32
Hummingbird Class	92.13
Falcon Class	94.70
Kestrel Class	91.49
Eagle Class	93.18

And the attendance cup goes to:

Falcons



Dojos gained this week

Class Total Dojos Class Winner

Miss Mitchell	639	Jersey 35
Miss Goss	283	Bailey 26
Miss Bickle	602	Archie 44
Mrs Wright & Miss Neville	110	Kaurasi 9
Miss Smith & Miss Roberts	289	Eira 18
Miss Jessop	498	Abdul 28
Mrs Branscombe	499	David/Amirah 40
Miss Martin	260	Freyja 22
Miss Grimwood	130	Ella 17
Mr Donnelly	30	Preston 15

This week's winners of the Dojo cup are:

Bumblebees



Congratulations and well done

Certificates
Congratulations to anyone who has been nominated by your teacher this week

Well done to you all on your achievements !



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House points totals this week and overall totals so far:

Snowdon 12

Slieve Donard 9

Ben Nevis 16

Scafell Pike 14



This weeks behaviour cup winner are:

Bumblebee class nominated by Miss Mitchell for their wonderful transition to year 1.

She is very proud of you all



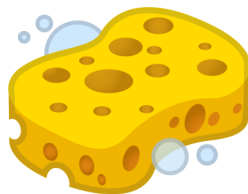
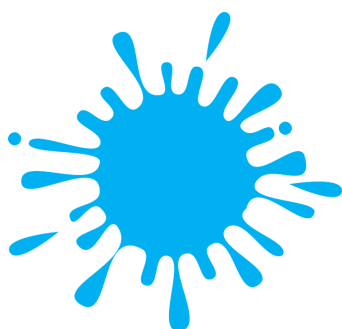
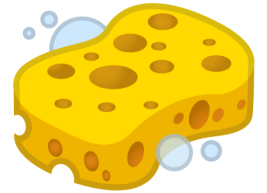
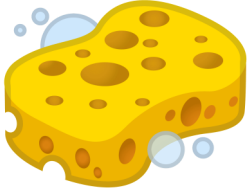
They are back! Hot chocolate Fridays have returned and we would like to say a huge well done to the following children:

Jersey, Eira, Freyja, Archie, Amirah, Kaurasi, David, Abdul, Bailey, Preston and Ella.

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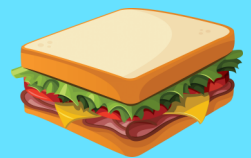
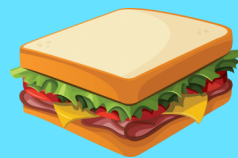
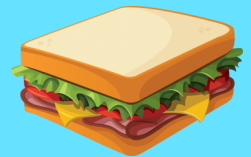
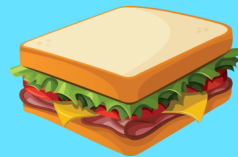
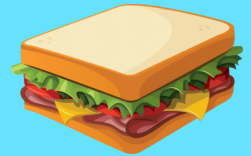
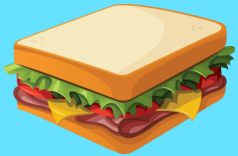
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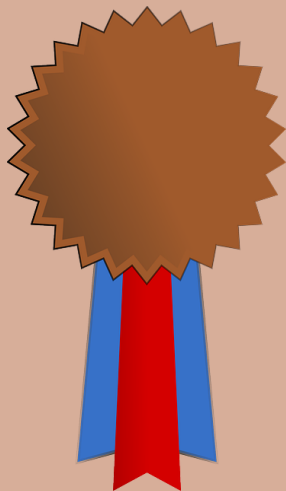
Bumblebee class have worked together as a team to build a path and took turns walking along it.



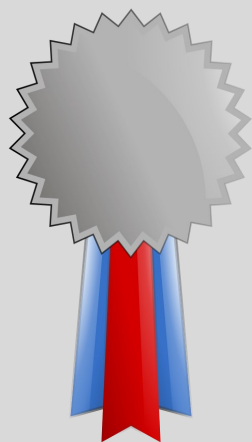
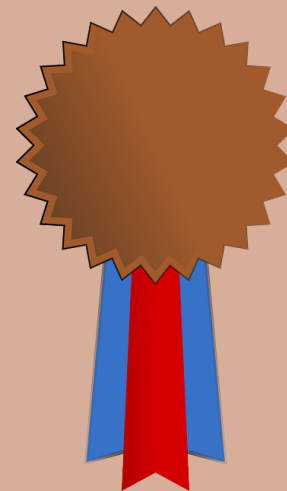
The children in Sparrows have been making scrumptious sandwiches in class.



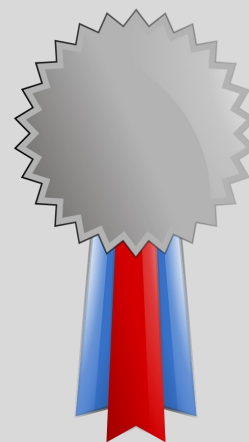
After raising the most money for penny wars Wrens were treated to there 30 minutes party this afternoon and were joined by our lovely PTA members Charlotte and Tracey.



Alexia, TJ, Alexa, Noah, Jake, Logan, George, Kayden, Matilde and Lola all received bronze badges for reaching 30 house points.



Maaz, Ellie, Liam and Annalise received silver badges for reaching 60 house points



Congratulations to Annalise who shared with us today in assembly that she has worked very hard to receive her purple belt in her martial arts class.

Well Done