

Dear all,

A huge welcome to new and welcome back to existing families.

It has been wonderful to welcome Mrs Turner and Ms Nutman to our team and thank you all so much for your patience as they start their new roles.

Please drop us an email if there are any issues with club bookings or billing, we may not have the answer immediately but will get back to you as soon as possible.

School lunches have started in earnest, with knife and fork lessons, trying new foods and thinking carefully about healthy eating and food waste. If the children wish to change their choice for a particular day please drop us an email and we can adjust our lists. Steph and Debbie are doing a fabulous job in the kitchen as always.

After such a disrupted period it is a shame that we have started the new school year with the loss of our Queen. As a school we believe that all desired values and behaviours should be role modelled by every member of our community. In recent years, we have found it increasingly difficult to use the example set by our national leaders to do so. Our Queen however, has always provided an example of her Christian values in a very human way and her loss is felt acutely. For the children we had spent time learning about her role and attributes as part of the platinum jubilee celebrations, so reflecting on her life has been quite a natural process. We got together today to share messages for the Queen as individuals, staff and children together and Peregrines leading us in our Celebration Worship this afternoon. On Monday, school will be closed to observe the national bank holiday. Rest in peace your majesty.

Best wíshes Mrs Míles

| Class News | | | | | | | | | |
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| | What a busy two weeks we have had in Goldcrests. We have all settled back well, after the long break and enjoyed welcoming some new friends into our setting. Learning some new songs and rhymes and discovering some lovely stories. We listened to the story, 'Rufus and the Blackberry Monster' and explored feelings of being scared and how we can overcome this by being brave. We investigated how shadows are made from the sun. Then we went for a lovely walk to the church to pick blackberries. Back at nursery we made apple and blackberry crumbles, learning how to use a knife safely to cut our apples. The children are enjoying role-playing in our new kitchen and our fruit shop, developing their imagination with a small world jungle and farm toys, taking turns whilst playing the shopping game, developing our math skills using counting people. | | | | | | | | |
| | Quote of the week | Body & Mind | Wow play! | Words of the Week | | | | | |
| Goldcrests | Goldcrests showing their understanding of the Queen's passing. "The Queen is dead we've got a new King"." My Mum has said that the Queen, the old lady has died"." The Queen is dead, I've got her in my book from Nanny & Grandad." | We went for a walk to the church and foraged for blackberries. | Eleanor's fabulous drawing of a dinosaur. | blackberry crumble muffin scared brave shadow monster | | | | | |

We have had a very busy first two weeks in Wrens. We have had fun exploring the different toys in the classroom with our new classmates. We have enjoyed eating some yummy dinners in the hall, playing on the playground and taking part in PE sessions in the hall. In class we have been playing games to show what we know about rhyming words. Year R have been practising singing different counting rhymes to Class show an understanding of number and the Year 1 children have been practising counting larger sets and **Superstars** writing numerals. We have been thinking about the story of 'The Lost Acorns' by Nick Butterworth and enjoyed planting our own bulbs like Percy the Park Keeper. We have also been drawing portraits of ourselves and our families. We have been thinking about the technology we use in school and had fun Wrens using the musical instruments to accompany some of our music sessions. Words of the Quote of the week Body & Mind Wow play! Week trembling Nina said, "Sadly This Week chuckle the Queen died. We had fun exploring Forest Benjamin shower She looked after School with our new Elsie trowel people in different classmates. structure countries." The children in Robin's class have settled beautifully into the new school year, the year 2's have become great role models for the new children that have joined us. We have been exploring numbers with tens and ones and comparing numbers with the greater than and less than symbols. In English we have been reading the story of the Gingerbread man, the children have been recalling the story they have also shown their brilliant acting skills. Some great questions were asked when we interviewed the fox! We have been thinking about our school value of 'Thankfulness' and this helped us to think about being thankful for the reign of our lovely Queen and wrote a prayer together. In geography we have started to think about our local area and the children have been looking at old This Week maps, aerial views of the school grounds and beyond. In art we have begun to look at the painting of the Hay Wain by John Constable and we talked about using brushes and explored mixing primary Robins Juniper colours. In RE the children have been finding out about the creation story and were amazed to find Robin out that Christians believe that God created the world in just 7 days! Harriet Words of the Quote of the week Body & Mind Wow work! Week Toby said "did you funeral know God created After lunch we are taking part the world in 7 suit in some mindfulness activities days?" Harriet agree we really enjoy cosmic kids added "And on the salute mindfulness 7th day he had a building Children were comparing rest!" different maps of Goodrich. Woodpeckers have made a great start to the year and our Year 3s have settled well into Key Stage 2 and Junior life. In PSHE, we have been working on our whole school value, 'thankfulness' and have created our own thankful trees artwork, which have been displayed in the hall. We have also used our value to help us reflect on Queen Elizabeth's death and used this to write prayers and our thoughts to share with the school. In English, we have been listening to the book 'The Best Part of Me' by Wendy Ewald and used this to help us write about our favourite parts of ourselves. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, partitioning them in different ways and explaining how numbers are made out of hundreds, tens and ones. We have also been working on our x2, x3, x5 and x10 table facts. In Geography, we have started our theme 'Europe' by labelling the lines on a map (Equator and Tropics) and using an atlas to help us locate and label the different continents. We have also started to learn all about This Week Woodpeckers Samba in Music and have been learning how to introduce ourselves and animals in French. Maddy Words of the Millie Quote of the week Body & Mind Wow work! Week Tristen Discussing the best Matthew part of myself-Charlie said; "The best part of me is my thankfulness We have been using mindfulness legs because they and meditation to help us get ready gratitude help me run fast and and focused for the afternoons. continent help me to jump." https://www.youtube.com/watch? landmass Sam said; "The best v=UEuFi9PxKuo nutrition part of me is my mouth because it helps me to eat and Our Thankful Trees Display tell funny jokes".

Owls Class have made a fabulous start to the year! They have settled into new routines very well and have strived to do their best. This week we have been reflecting on the wonderful achievements of the queen and the class wrote very thoughtful comments and prayers for her. In addition to this, in maths we have been extending our knowledge of four, five- and six-digit numbers, thinking about different ways these numbers can be represented. In Science, we thought about how the use of electricity is integrated into our everyday lives and listed the five top electrical items we would miss if we didn't have electricity... there were some surprising answers! In PSHE we have been thinking about our uniqueness and how individuality should be respected. We have also been thinking about the things that we are thankful for and made salt dough leaves to add to our 'Thankfulness Tree.' Words of the Ouote of the week Body & Mind Wow work! Week This Week Owls Carter, Oscar, Henry Ted Eve said, "If you elope We have been thinking about don't agree with infest the things that we are thankful someone you corrupt for. shouldn't be rude participate about it." Beatrix and Freya's super research on Michael Faraday Welcome back! Peregrine Class have had a busy two weeks becoming familiar with new school routines and learning. They have made a super start to the academic year. In maths, we have been extending our knowledge of numbers with up to three decimal places. In English we have been reading effective character descriptions and using these to generate our own ideas. In addition, we have been discussing thankfulness and we have written poems which share reasons why we are grateful - even the simplest of things and things that don't cost any money. In science we have started our theme on Properties and Changing materials. We have been investigating how some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and how to recover a substance from a solution. In Forest School, we problem solved while in P.E we used apparatus to create movements and shapes. In light of Her majesty Queen Elisabeth's death, we spent some time reflecting on her legacy and we wrote some emotive and poignant poems and prayers. On Monday, we had our first lesson learning the This Week clarinet. Peregrines Jake B Elliot Words of the Umber Quote of the week Body & Mind Wow work! Week James, in his poem lure wrote about the surlv Thankfulness Queen's loyalty, deliberate "She was as loyal protrude as her loyalist patronise corgis." Peregrine Class have been Our display of thankfulness actively using the apparatus to poems. create movements and shapes.

| What's Going On? (Please see ourschoolsapp.com for further information) | | | | | | | | |
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| Forest School | | Celebration Worship | | Other Dates | | | | |
| 20/09/22 | Woodpeckers | 16/09/22 | Peregrines lead 2:30 | 6/09/22 | First Day of Autumn Term | | | |
| 21/09/22 | Robins | 23/09/22 | Owls lead 2:30 | 21/09/22 | Swimming - Peregrines | | | |
| 27/09/22 | Owls | | | 23/09/22 | PTFA meeting in the Hub | | | |
| 28/09/22 | Wrens | 30/09/22 | Woodpeckers lead 2:30 | 28/09/22 | Swimming - Peregrines | | | |
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| 04/10/22 | Peregrines | | | | | | | |
| 05/10/22 | Robins | | | 04/10/22 | Ross Community Gardens visit – | | | |
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| 11/10/22 | Woodpeckers | 07/10/22 | Robins lead 2:30 | 05/10/22 | Swimming - Peregrines | | | |
| 12/10/22 | Wrens | 14/10/22 | Wrens lead 2:30 | | | | | |
| 12/10/22 | Goldcrests | | | 12/10/22 | Swimming - Peregrines | | | |
| 17/10/22 | Goldcrests | | | 19/10/22 | Swimming - Peregrines | | | |
| 18/10/22 | Owls | | | | | | | |
| 19/10/22 | Robins | | | 24/10/22 | Half term break | | | |

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Important notice

Reception admissions for 2023-2024

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019?

If so you will need to apply for a school place by **15 January 2023** (to commence

September 2023)



Applications can be completed from 19 September 2022 online at:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions



Please note: a place at a nursery does not guarantee a place at the associated primary school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

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