

Wells-next-the-Sea Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter

22nd September 2016

Dear parents,

Please find below a link to the NSPCC website focussing on online safety for children. One of the most beneficial actions we can take with children is to make them aware of the dangers of social media and how it can be used to deceive adults and children. I hope you find the advice useful.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

A Ogle
Executive Headteacher

School Community Events

Many thanks to the parents and carers who came to 'meet the teacher' this week and who also attended our fabulous Harvest Celebration in church on Tuesday. As a school, we aim to have an 'open door' policy to welcome parents in, we value your support so much as we work together to provide excellent learning opportunities for our children.

The next school event is the **MacMillian Coffee Morning** which the PFA will be running again from 8.45am – 10.00am on Friday 30th September.

Superb sporting achievement!



Well done to the Tag Rugby team Shayla, Elise, Ollie, Dysel, Billy, Charlie, Tyler, Jack, Charlie and Tommy who showed brilliant team work and dedication in the Cluster Event on Monday. The team came an excellent 3rd place and all the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing to represent the school.

Year 6

We have enjoyed looking at photos and descriptions of the Year 6 extreme reading challenge this week. We have been amazed at the variety of weird and wonderful places in which our children have been caught reading! It just proves that you can enjoy reading wherever you are.

This week the children have been researching different cities in Brazil ready to produce their own brochures. We have also looked at a variety of leaflets and brochures so that we know what a good one looks like.

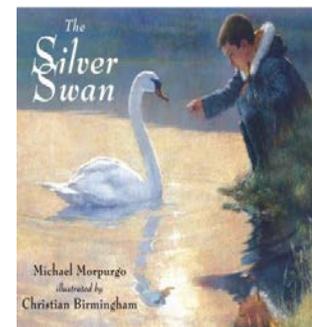


Year 5

Year 5 performed their poem 'The Golden Boy' by Ted Hughes at the Harvest Festival in church on Tuesday. They worked extremely well as a team. The golden boy of the title was a metaphor for the life of Jesus. We have also been considering how democracy can work in schools in the form of the School Council and several representatives have put forward their election promises. In Maths we have been revising column addition and the importance of estimating answers.

Year 4

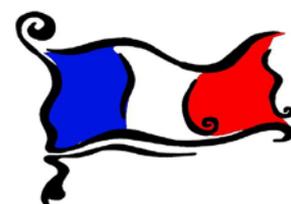
This week we have been enjoying reading *The Silver Swan* by Michael Morpurgo. We are collecting tips from this brilliant author and will be writing our own versions of the story on Friday.



In maths we have been looking at place value, using numbers up to 5 digits. Our latest maths investigation has shown us that the more digits we use, the greater variety of numbers we can create.

Year 3

This week Year 3 enjoyed performing their harvest festival poem in the Church. They have been busy using their number facts to solve addition problems and have been exploring different texts by Julia Donaldson. The children have also started their first French unit this week and have really enjoyed this!



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Year 2

The children sang their song, Harvest Samba really beautifully at church on Tuesday and I was very proud of them. It was great to see



so many people filling the building for this event too.

In Maths we have been working to solve a problem concerning Noah and the number of legs he counted as some animals entered the ark. He counted 12 legs, so how many animals were there? The children enjoyed drawing pictures of various animals then working out how many legs they had in total. Some of the solutions were very ingenious!

Year 1

This week we have continued our work on being super and studied the book Supertato. We have investigated the super vegetables mentioned in the story and compared them. We also spent a lot of time preparing for the Harvest festival as we created our own word association poem to read aloud together!



Nursery



This week we have been thinking about wheeled vehicles. This has led to work on circles both inside and outside the classroom.



PFA

After a really enthusiastic start to the new term our first meeting went really well. Although we are a bit thin on committee members we have had lots of offers of help which is great and gives us a real boost. Our next planned event is the Macmillan coffee morning so please do support us on Friday 30th September we will have some delicious cakes and bakes for sale, the second hand uniform rail and will be on hand for a chat and a quick cuppa (donations please to the Sandcastle Palace in the morning) . Don't forget September is the perfect time to sort out your unwanted clothes for our Bags for School collection; again these will be collected on the morning of Friday 30th September. We are paid by weight so the more you can find the better!

Attendance, Punctuality and School times

May we take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us in not getting your children to school before **8.35am**, we appreciate you adhering to this rule, although a few are still managing to get here too early! Our school day starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.15pm. It is essential that if you are going to be late collecting your child at the end of the school day we are informed.

Parking, Buses and Safety

In order to ensure buses can turn in the allocated turning circle and children can step straight onto the bus without walking between parked cars it is essential this area is kept clear. Telling staff you will move when the bus comes does not help as it means children have to cross the road from between parked cars. We all appreciate that collecting children is difficult at this busy time but please keep the turning circle clear. It is a no-parking zone. A girl in Norwich was knocked off her bike during her first week in school and is still in hospital with very serious injuries. Please help us prevent this happening to one of our children. Thank you.

Alastair Ogle