



Two Village and Mistley Church of England Primary Schools Newsletter - 13/10/23

School Dinners

16/10/23 - Week 1

Diary Dates

Half term: 23/10/23-27/10/23

Meet the teacher sessions: Wk/c
6/11/23

Autumn School Disco: 9/11/23

Children in Need: 16/11/23

Parents evenings: 28/11/23 &
30/11/23

Nativity performances: 6/12/23 &
7/12/23

Christmas Jumper Day: 7/12/23

KS2 Carol concerts: 13/12/23 &
14/12/23

Reading Challenge

Pine -

Sycamore - 44%

Chestnut -

Willow - 26%

Hazel - 21%

Ash - 68%

Birch - 70%

Oak - 30%

Congratulations Birch Class!

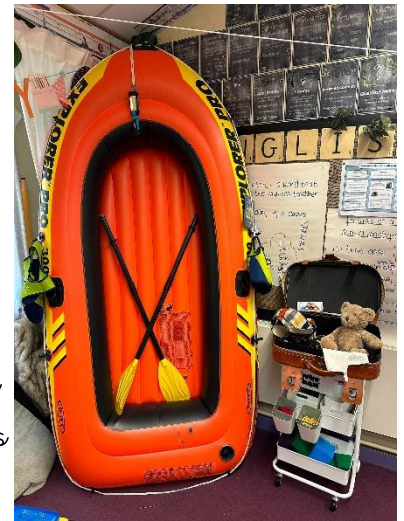


Dear parents and carers,

It looks like the weather might be on the turn now and that Autumn is finally arriving. I think for most of our children, this will be a welcome relief. Please make sure that all coats, hats and gloves are 'named' because it is almost impossible to return mislaid items, to the right children, unless they have their name in them. Thank you.

'Oar and Wonder'

Hazel Class were in absolute awe this week, when they arrived at school to find a boat and a filled suitcase in their classroom, as a hook for their new writing unit. The children wrote predictions, using the clues, about what they thought their class story was going to be about and who the characters might be.



Celebration Assembly

This week, we had our first celebration assembly of the year and it was fantastic to have the opportunity to have some of you in to share in our celebrations. We also had some children, who were very pleased to have earned their pen licence. Celebrating children's birthdays, our new addition to celebration assembly, was very positively received by the children.



Weduc

Everyone here is very excited, and relieved, to have finally found a solution to getting our digital parent communication system up and running. Weduc will make communication between parents/carers and teachers far easier through the messaging system. It also has a safe, social media-style newsfeed where teachers will share photos and captions about learning with the option for parents to engage through 'likes' and comments. Important messages and reminders can also be shared. We aim to begin using Weduc no later than Friday 20th (the last day of half term).



Our 3 Words

Earlier this week, Miss Thompson led a worship all about the importance of rules. Following this, the children have been busy in their classes deciding on key words they feel could be used to reflect upon and reward the behaviour of our children. This will help to have a greater consistency in the way that good and poor behaviour choices are managed and ensure the children's understanding of our expectations is clear. This is a collaborative process between our children, school team and our families. We welcome your votes and ideas via the google form sent out in an email this week. Just in case

Harvest

As part of our Harvest celebrations, if you would like to donate a tin or packet of food, for the food bank, please could they brought in no later than Thursday 19th October. Thank you



Online Safety

In our computing lessons and in other areas of the curriculum, we teach the children about how to keep themselves safe whilst online. We also provide support and guidance for children on this important matter. We are aware that, whilst using Highrise, one of our children in a Vine Trust School has been contacted by an adult and that this contact has raised concerns, which have been acted on appropriately. If your child is using Highrise, please do monitor their use of it. We also encourage parents to talk, in a way suitable for the age and development of their children, about not having any contact, online with anyone that they have not physically met. Further advice and support, for parents and carers can be found on these pages of our websites:

<https://www.mistleynormancofe.co.uk/key-information/information-hub/#safeguarding>

<https://two.village.essex.sch.uk/key-information/information-hub/#safeguarding>



Autumn Disco

Our Autumn Term disco will take place on Thursday 9th November. Tickets will be sold at £3.50 each. There will also be tickets for our ever-popular nail painting and a snack and a drink which can be purchased alongside the ticket. If there are any members of Mistley PTA who would like to help, please email the school office.

EYFS/KSI Reading

Read Write Inc (RWI) is a phonics programme which helps all children learn to read fluently and at speed so they can focus on developing their skills in comprehension, vocabulary and spelling. The programme is designed for children aged 4-7. However, we will continue teaching RWI to children beyond the age of 7 if they still need support in their reading.

When your child is learning to blend, they will be given a RWI Blending book and a book of their choosing from the library to be read to them. Once confident in blending, children will bring home:

1. A RWI Story book they have been using at school on a Wednesday or Friday
2. A Book Bag related to the sounds and blends your child knows but an unfamiliar book
3. A Reading for Pleasure book
4. An additional book band book to develop fluency and vocabulary / fiction or non-fiction

Please refer to our EYFS and KSI Reading Guide for more information.



EYFS Gate

We have had some enquiries about opening the EYFS gate this week. Until at least the end of this half term, the gate will remain closed as safety is our priority, while we have our solar panels fitted. This will be reviewed during half term. We appreciate your patience.

