

A note from the Head

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children back after half term, as always they have come back refreshed and ready to learn. We are looking forward to this half term as we have so much happening. Next week Key Stage 2 have their skateboarding workshop, which is always a favourite! Children can also wear red next Friday to raise money for the Royal British Legion – donations can be made on the Gateway.

Thank you for your understanding with our decision to close the school on Thursday, it is never a decision we take lightly and as always we follow guidance from DCC. The safety of children, staff and parents is always paramount. There were over 300 schools across Devon closed, whilst we may have escaped the worst there was a significant amount of localised flooding and disruption.

It was rather spooky in school on Tuesday with the amazing Halloween costumes, the children looked great, it was hard to recognise some of them. Thank you to FOKNS for organising the day and the disco that followed. I hope you all had a good time. It's thanks to these fundraising efforts from the dedicated FOKNS committee that we have been able to subsidise events such as the Pantomime and class trips.



Admissions policy for 2025-26: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals which are based on policies for this year and next year and have your say.

Our proposed policy is on the Policies page on our school website: <https://www.woodlandfederation.org.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=139>.

Have a lovely weekend



Mrs V Fenemore, Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES

6TH NOVEMBER 2023



<i>Saturday 4th November</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Deadline for booking before school club and school meals for w/c 13th November
Monday 6th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ PE Class Two◆ Deadline—Skateboarding Workshop Consent (KS2) - via Gateway
Tuesday 7th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ PE Class One◆ Deadline—Utilita Cup Payment, Consent, Medical Form—those involved have received an email.
Wednesday 8th November	
Thursday 9th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ PE Class Two◆ Skateboarding Workshop KS2
Friday 10th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ PE Class One◆ Wear Red for The Royal British Legion—make a donation via the Gateway◆ Deadline - Class 3 Trip to Exeter payment and consent
<i>Saturday 11th November</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Deadline for booking before school club and school meals for w/c 20th November

Emails sent this week: Reception Class—Phonics. Year 1—Phonics. Year 2—Spellings, Preschool Booking Forms for Spring term. CANCELLED—Forest School 3rd November, KS2 Skateboarding Workshop Consent, Whole School Panto parent consent, Class 2 Exeter Educational Visit, School Closure, Skern Lodge Deposit Reminder, Early Years Pupil Premium

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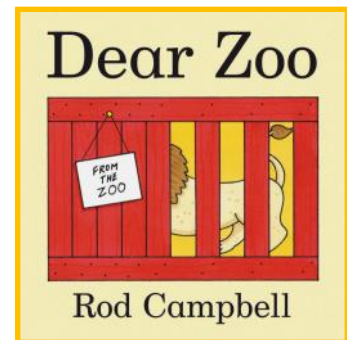
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Preschool—Mrs Stapley

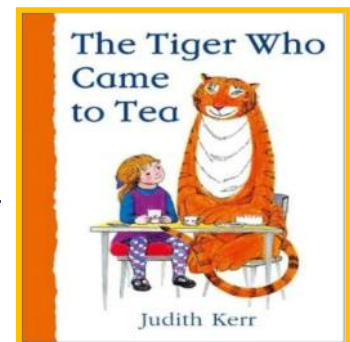
It was lovely to see the children after the half term holiday and hear their holiday news.

This week we have based our learning around the text 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. The children enjoyed drawing and painting their own animal so we could make our own dear zoo book!



They also made paper plate animal masks and looked at the size of different animals ordering them from the shortest- tallest/smallest to biggest.

Next week we will continue on the animal story theme and base our learning around a firm favourite of ours- 'The tiger who came to tea'.



Have a wonderful and hopefully less soggy weekend!

Mrs Stapley and Tammie

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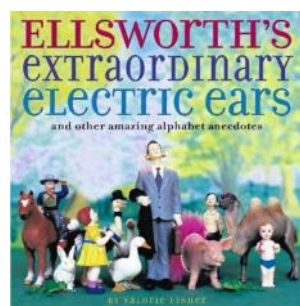


Class 1—Mrs Godly

It has been great to see everyone again after our half term break.

This week, Reception have been learning some new phonemes and practising how to write the graphemes. They have been very busy with other activities. They have been thinking about Halloween, inventing their own magic potions, learning about Diwali and having a go at writing some descriptive words for autumn leaves. In Maths, they have been finding different ways to make the numbers 1, 2 and 3, as well as learning about subitising- *don't count, show the amount!*

In English, Years 1 and 2 have started a sequence using *Ellsworth's Extraordinary Electric Ears* by Valerie Fisher. This is a book that explores twenty-six amazing alphabet worlds, where every picture tells a tale! The children have enjoyed singing the Alphabet Song and I am sure they would love to do this at home with you as well. In lessons, they have been looking at the interesting and unusual vocabulary used in the book, using objects in the classroom to create their own noun phrases and learning about adverbs.



In Maths, Year 1 have been using fact families to develop their understanding of adding and subtracting numbers to ten. They have been using number tracks to help them do this. Year 2 have been subtracting 2- digit numbers. They have used Base 10 and hundred squares to support their learning.

Other lessons have included discussing what we know about explorers and exploring, creating a short dance based on leaves falling in autumn, investigating fridge magnets and finding out about Hanukkah.

The class loved having a non-uniform day on Thursday and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the FOKN Halloween Disco. Thank you to the Friends for organising it!

Well done Class 1, have a great weekend.



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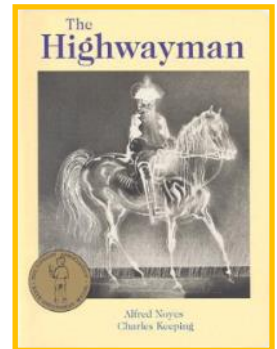
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Class 2—Mr Saltearn

A busy first week back! It has been fantastic to welcome back the children this week.

We have started our new teaching sequences and in English have been learning about our new book *The Highwayman*. Year 5 and 6 have been identifying the structure of the poem and have annotated around the poem. We have been identifying rhyming couplets, metaphors, similes, alliteration and repetition used within the poem. Years 3 and 4 have story mapped the poem and created their own story from the point of view of Tim.



In Maths, Years 3 and 4 have continued their learning on addition and subtraction and have been estimating and using the inverse to check calculations. Years 5 and 6 have been dividing using short division.

We have started our new topics in Science and Years 3 and 4 have started their learning about States of Matter and have been identifying particles of solids, liquids and gases.

Sadly due to the weather Mrs Blacker had to make the tough decision to cancel forest school.

Lastly, we would like to say a massive 'Thank You' to Mr and Mrs Hawkins for providing the funds for our new football kit.

Have a great weekend.



AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

FROM 30TH OCTOBER 2023



Week One					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Focaccia Margherita	Chicken Katsu Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon Steak & Pineapple	Meatballs in a Ragu sauce	Fish Fingers
Option 2 (v)	Veggie Bean Wrap	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetarian Plait	Veggie Balls in a Ragu Sauce	Veggie Nuggets
Sides	Herby Diced Potato Coleslaw or Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Spaghetti Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Pancakes with Banana & Honey	Chocolate Surprise Brownie	Oat and Sultana Cookie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	30/10/23; 20/11/23; 11/12/23; 08/01/24; 29/01/24; 26/02/24; 18/03/24				

Week Two					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Butchers Sausages & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing	Beef Lasagne	Filet of Fish
Option 2 (v)	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Sausages & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Quorn Pieces	Vegetarian Lasagne	Cheese Omelet
Sides	Broccoli & Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes & Carrots	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Coleslaw or Green Beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Crispy Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Peach Sponge & Custard	Arctic roll	Shortbread Biscuit & Fresh Fruit salad	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	06/11/23; 27/11/23; 18/12/2023; 15/01/24; 05/02/24; 04/03/24; 25/03/24				

Week Three					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pocket	Fish Pie	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Bolognese	Jumbo Fish Finger
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Fajita	Cheese Wheels & Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn and Leek Pastry Puff	Mediterranean Vegetable Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn or Winter Coleslaw	Peas Baked Beans	Roast Potato Broccoli & Carrots Gravy	Penne Pasta Green beans & Crusty bread	Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Strawberry Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake & Sauce	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce	Pip Organic Lollies
Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Fresh Bread & Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternative.				
Week starting:	13/11/23; 04/12/23; 01/01/24; 22/01/24; 19/02/24; 11/03/24				

ATTENDANCE



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Should I keep my **child off school?**

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.



Are you entitled?

Families with children in Class 1 who are eligible are encouraged to apply as the funding is in addition to Universal Free School Meals!

If your circumstances have changed and you are now in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

You may be eligible for pupil premium funding for Kings Nympton Primary School, which entitles your child/ren to receive Free School Meals.

It takes less than a minute to apply.

Visit the Citizen Portal Devon

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCsCitizenPortal_LIVE

or call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

If eligible, please send a screenshot
of your confirmation to
admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk