



It's been great to have the children back in school for a fairly normal half term! We've said 'Goodbye' to bubbles and 'Hello again' to socialising, which has been welcomed by all. This term has also seen the re-introduction of trips, visits and more after school clubs, which I know the children absolutely love. Finally, we've also welcomed our new catering providers with open arms! The meals are lovely and the children seem to be enjoying them a lot more. Please do share any feedback with us that you might have about the meals.

So all that's left to be said from me is 'Happy Half Term' and 'Happy Halloween' when it comes on 31st October. I can't wait to hear all about your adventures over the next 2 weeks.

Mrs Steward

PGL



Great to be back!!! Year 6 PGL visit to Caythorpe Court, Grantham was a roaring success. The children took part in various activities including canoeing, abseiling, trapeze, Jacob's ladder and much more. Their behaviour and enthusiasm was outstanding and the PGL staff commented on what a fantastic bunch they were.

Great work

Emilija in Ghana class has produced some amazing homework creating a real life

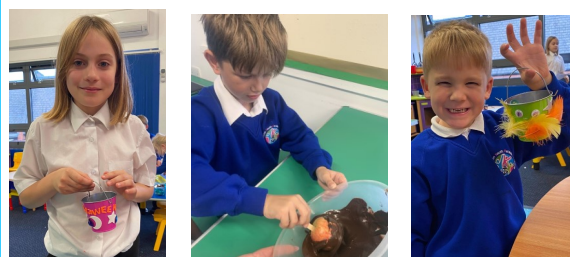


Stone Age camp using natural resources she found in her local park. She also created a spear! Great work Emilija.

Out of school club activities



In OOSC this week, we have been busy after school making some Halloween crafts. We enjoyed decorating the foam bats and spiders to decorate our room and windows ready for Halloween. The children loved making some chocolate covered apples too!



NSPCC

NSPCC 'Together for childhood'

We have two ladies in school every Tuesday to support families with behaviour, sleep routine, healthy eating, headlice and any other problems you may be experiencing. Parents drop in is between 9-10am and children have their 1:1 sessions at 11-midday and then there is group work at 1.30-2.30 for children around managing emotions.

Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to complete their level 1 and level 2 Bikeability this half term. It was an intense 2-day course where the pupils were taught how to safely ride their bike in the community. They mastered a variety of skills such as signalling when on the road and the different road positions. The pupils demonstrated excellent resilience, determination



and a high level of concentration throughout the 2 days and now have a thorough understanding of how to safely ride their bike!

The Stone Age

This term Year 4 have been learning all about the Stone Age. In our Art lessons, we have found out about cave paintings and investigated different techniques and media to use to try and recreate some pictures similar to those made by the Stone Age people. We used pastels, charcoal, paint and pencil and discussed what created the best effect.



Coming up...

8th November—return to school after half term

15th November —individual photographs

16th November—flu vaccination (Reception to year 6—if consent given)

19th November—Children in need—wear something spotty

10th December—Christmas jumper day

Feeling hungry

In Reception we have been working in our OSPA Fish and Chip Shop. The children have enjoyed taking on the roles of the customers and shop workers. They have been practising how to take orders, serve the customers and keep the restaurant clean. It has encouraged children to use specific vocabulary, work with money and build on play using real experiences.



Charity work



Thank you for all of your wonderful donations for harvest. They have all been delivered to our local food bank run by the Rock Foundation. They were extremely grateful and appreciative of all food received.

Jeans for Genes was also a great success and we managed to raise £306.46 for children and families living with genetic disorders.

Term dates 2021/2022

22.10.21	School closes for half term
08.11.21	School opens after half term
17.12.21	School closes for the Christmas break
Bank Holidays – Mon 27 Dec, Tue 28 Dec, Mon 3 Jan 2022	
04.01.22	School opens after the Christmas break
11.02.22	School closes for half term
21.02.22	School opens after half term
01.04.22	School closes for Easter break
Bank Holidays – Fri 15 April, Mon 18 April	
19.04.22	School opens after Easter break
27.05.22	School closes for half term
Bank Holidays – Mon 2 May, Thurs 2 nd June, Fri 3 rd June	
06.06.22	School opens after half term
22.07.22	School closes for the Summer break



Attendance

Our whole school target for attendance is 96%

Our whole school attendance for last half term is 93.5%. Let's see if we can make it to 96% for Christmas!

There has been a steady increase in the number of children missing school on account of assumed illness. Please remember that early morning aches often pass, so don't keep your child at home "just in case" when he or she could be learning in class. If you are not sure, you could talk to a member of the school staff or your GP.

Is my child well enough for school?

Coughs and colds

A slight cold or cough does not stop a child from attending school. However, children with heavy colds or persistent coughs should stay at home. A child whose cough is disappearing and who is feeling better should return to school.



Minor aches and pains

A child whose only complaint is a minor headache or tummy ache does not usually need to be kept at home. A child with persistent toothache or earache should see a dentist/doctor without delay.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

If vomiting or diarrhoea occurs, your child should stay at home for no longer than 48 hours.

Medication

If your child has a headache or has signs of a fever, you can administer Calpol before school. Let a member of staff know and we will monitor them closely. If your child needs medication during the school day, you can complete a consent form for staff to administer any necessary treatment. The forms are available at the front office.

Appointments

We encourage parents to make appointments out of school times. Sometimes it is unavoidable, if your child's hospital appointment is in the morning, we ask that you send your child back to school at the earliest opportunity.

Your contact details

Reminder – It is **your responsibility** to inform school when your child is absent from school. It is important that school staff can contact you or someone you have identified on your contact list.

Please keep school updated if you have a new number.

Any problems or concerns please speak to Mrs Allington.