



A note from your Head of School.

I can't quite believe we have been back for three weeks! We are now getting more and more familiar with our new routines and settling to our new classes.

The children have started their learning now in most subjects and work is popping up on displays and is beginning to fill books already.

I would just like to say over these past few weeks I have noticed how polite and well-mannered your children are. They are a real credit to you. Their learning behaviour has really impressed me and I feel really privileged to be working with such wonderful children and such a dedicated team of staff.

I had the pleasure of teaching PE to the whole of Key Stage 2 on Tuesday and they really wowed me with their listening, teamwork skills and determination.

The children continue to show great enthusiasm for their forest school sessions. Thank you Mrs Chaloner for planning such lovely sessions for our children. I hope to get another invite to your next campfire with marshmallows soon!



The school has also been filled with the sound of the children's singing, clapping to rhythms and playing their Ukuleles. I am really excited to listen to the children progress and the children have really enjoyed these sessions so far — thank you Miss Whyte for making these sessions so creative and fun!



Finally, all the children showed the utmost reverence when they visited Tarpoley Church and the Village Hall to sign books of Condolence on behalf of our school.



We feel immensely proud of the prayers and messages they wrote and how they represented our school so well on these visits. Well done everyone! Thank you Mrs Chaloner and Mr Allman for taking the children to the church and Mr Penny, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Dugmore for taking Eagles class to the village hall.

Please may I remind you to return data collection sheets as soon as possible so we have your most current details.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook for more updates.

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Best Wishes

Miss S Simcock

Learning Updates

Robin's Class

In Robin's the children have been learning about toys old and new and exploring the book 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy.' We have been working really hard on our reading and practising our phonics.



In Mathematics, we have been exploring place value and practising our counting forwards and backwards, we have been reading and writing numbers and partitioning numbers.

In History, the children have been exploring how toys have changed over time. In PE, the children have been learning dance, they have learnt about how to make different sequences, how to count in beats and have had opportunities to work in groups to improvise and create motifs. In RE we have exploring creation and how God created the world. We went into our natural environment and explored how different and colourful God's world really is!

Eagle's Class

With our full learning timetable now up and running, it is full steam ahead in Eagles Class. The children have enjoyed exploring the first pages of our key Literacy text for this half term; 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. After being shown the front cover, a selection of items relating to the book and a quote from the narrative, the children were able to make appropriate predictions, supported by the evidence gathered. They were then asked to refine their dictionary skills, working in pairs to find definitions for new vocabulary, taken from the text.

Finally, after exploring the main character of Shackleton through a role on the wall, the children have begun to look at figurative language, using their knowledge of similes and metaphors to write a setting description about the frozen landscape of 'The Weddell Sea'.



In Maths, the Year 5 children have built on their knowledge of Roman Numerals, before beginning to explore place value within 100,000. In Year 6, the children have been developing their understanding of Ratio before moving on to looking at scale drawings.

The children have enjoyed exploring key vocabulary through a range of activities for both our History topic of 'The Stone Age' and our Science topic of 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. I look forward to introducing them to new knowledge across both topics as we move on through the term.

On a final note, I would like to commend the children for the mature and respectful manner in which they behaved when taken to Utkinton Village Hall to sign the book of condolence for HRH Queen Elizabeth II. We were all deeply saddened by her passing and the children represented our school superbly well - I am very proud of them all.

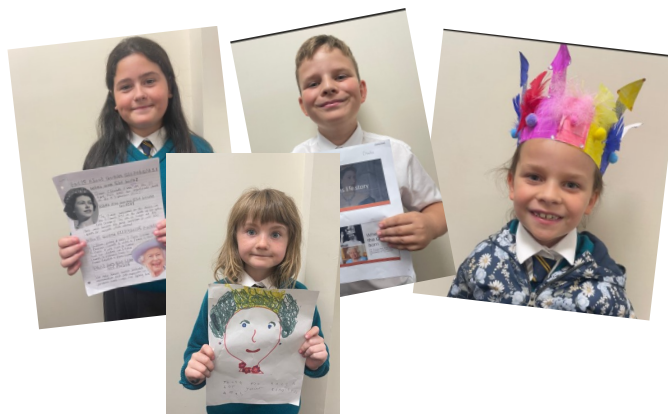
Reverend Jim Worship

We have had our first worship in school with Reverend Jim. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to his worship on the Queen and her Service. We are looking forward to continuing to have worship with Reverend Jim in school and also to visit Church.



Queen Homework

A big well done to all the children that completed their Queen Elizabeth homework, here are just a few of the fabulous pieces we had in! It was difficult to choose as they were all fabulous!



Harvest Donations

Please can we ask this week you start to bring in donations for the Harvest Festival (we will be partaking in Tarporley Church's Food Bank Appeal.) Please send in non perishable items (for example tins of fruit, jars of jam, tins of vegetables, tea bags, coffee, long life fruit juice, tins of soup etc.) We will be taking this to church as part of our act of service.



Sunflower Competition

Well done Josh for winning our sunflower competition, congratulations on winning your gift voucher for the Farm Shop.



Josh's Sunflower was a whopping 83cm!



Thank you everyone for partaking in the competition, we hope you enjoyed watching your sunflower grow.

Dates for the Diary—

Macmillian Coffee Morning—

18th November (time to be confirmed)

You may have noticed the date has changed as we wanted a different date to the Village Hall morning.

We are eager to invite you in to enjoy coffee morning with us (please keep the date free and we will send more details in the near future.)

Harvest Festival in Church— Friday 7th October at 9.15 at St Helen's Church in Tarpoley.

Reverend Jim has invited us to church to celebrate harvest and we will be presenting some work and our harvest donations to the church as our offering.

Please ensure your child is on time as we will be leaving at 9.05am prompt to arrive in time.

We would love to see parents there with us!

Please meet us there to watch your child share their work on harvest in our Harvest Service.

Whole School Chester Zoo Trip—Friday 4th November (more details to follow!)