



## 14th October 2022

## **Phonics**

Thank you to all of the Year 1 parents who attended this week's Phonics Meetings. For those of you who were unable to attend please do take the time to look for the information that was shared. This can be found on the Home Page of the

school's website.



## <u>Homework</u>

We noticed a great deal of comments on the questionnaires regarding homework. We have made the decision this year to focus on Reading for Home Learning. Therefore the only regular homework we will be asking you to do with your child is to read often and sign the reading record cards. We will also be sending home regular phonics links for the children to access phonics teaching and support at home. These videos will help the children retain the new sounds and phonics learning, and improve their reading.

## After School Clubs began this week

There are still some spaces in the Tag Rugby (Tuesday) and Multiskills (Thursday) if you'd like to put your child's name down. All others are full.

## Music of the Week

This week the children have been listening the more upbeat song of Santana called Smooth

## **Harvest Celebration**



Thank you for all of your donations. We will be taking these to The Bedworth Community Grocery Store at The Harbour Centre next week. A huge thank you to Nicola from All Saints for leading our assembly this week.

This week has been shorter but packed full of fun. The children are working so hard in school to improve their writing, counting and comparing numbers and investigating in their Science and Geography learning. We welcomed a great number of families to our open day on Thursday. If you know of any families looking for school places for next September please do pass on our details and invite them to come in and see what we can offer to the young people of Bedworth.

We are sad to inform you that at the end of this half term Mrs Lamley, our business manager will be retiring from Race Leys Infant School. After 18 years of service, there is not a thing that Mrs Lamley doesn't know about our school. She will be greatly missed by all of our school family.

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Dates for your diary 18th and 20th October—Learning Reviews (Parents Evening) 21st October—Last day of the half term 24th—28th Half Term Break 10th and 11th November—HSBC Money Sessions in school 11th November—Armistice Day Parade 18th November—Children in Need 2nd December—Health Visitor in Reception 13th December—Christmas Nativity—EYFS 14th December—KS1 Christmas Service at the church More Christmas information will follow after half term.

## Attendance

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Attendance has been wonderful this week in school and we are all getting used to the earlier starting time of the school day.



SAM (School Attendance Matters) is going to the winning class... Moorhen Class



OTIS (On Time in School) is spending the week with the winning class Swan Class



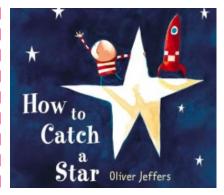
#### Maths Skills

We have begun using a new app in school with the children to help improve their fluency skills in Maths. The app is **free** to download and mirrors what we do with the children in school.

The App is called One Minute Maths by White Rose

## **Reading Recommendations**

This is a beautiful imaginary story about a lonely boy who wanted a friend. He loved stars and thought if he had his own star it would be a good friend so he decided to try and catch one. After a long wait he finds a star in the sky and has lots of brilliant ideas for how to catch it but none of them work. He finally finds a star floating in the water do you think he catches it?



Recommended by Mrs Hamer-Hodges

## **Birthdays**

For our children's birthdays we ask that the children don't bring in sweets for their classmates. If they would like to donate a book to the class book corner, we will add a birthday note in the front to say who it is from.

We will be celebrating the children's birthday's each week in our Friday Celebration assembly.

### Looking for a story?

If you are looking for a bedtime story or just five minutes to snuggle with a story or two, then pop along to Mrs Gurr's Storytime Youtube channel and enjoy one of her 26

stories produced during lockdown.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/

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## Keep up to date

We will be regularly updating our website and Facebook page with things that are happening in school. Please make sure the office have your permission slips back to say whether photos can be shared.

www.raceleysinfant.com

Search on Facebook for Race Leys Infant School, like and follow us.

## **Keeping Safe in School**

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This half term all of our children have been learning about how to keep safe in school and the wider world. We L have had assemblies, circle times and many class discussions around the many things we can do to keep ourselves safe. Children have explored what safe and unsafe choices are in school and are beginning to understand their responsibilities to keep others safe.

Safeguarding the children and families of Race Leys Infant School is a priority of ours in school. We ensure we take time to listen to the children, support difficulties between friendship groups and help to signpost who the right people are to speak to if we are worried. Next half term children will begin our Protective Behaviours curriculum (more information will follow about this) where they will explore ideas around safe places, how they know they feel unsafe and who to speak to if they are unsure.

In school we have a team of professionals called DSLs who are specifically trained to support the safeguarding needs of our children. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of our children or families please do contact us.





Mrs Duncan







Mrs Langtree

Mrs Johnson

Mrs Gurr

Mrs Sewell

# **Celebrating Our Learning**

Reception Learning Environment The children have been learning all about themselves, the people who help us and Superheros in our lives.

We think you'll agree the learning environment looks wonderful.









