

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many of you in school this morning supporting your child/ren with their learning. There was a real buzz in the school as the children explored a range of exciting learning.

Staffing

We are short staffed in the school office and have been without administrative support in school since May 2021, Mr Crofts the School Business Manager is doing an amazing job in trying to manage both roles in his part-time hours. Currently the school office is manned between 0800-1300 each day. Please be patient with us whilst this situation is resolved and if information is not shared or updated as promptly as we would like. Ms Summers is also currently not in school and Mrs Stobart is therefore covering her teaching commitments.



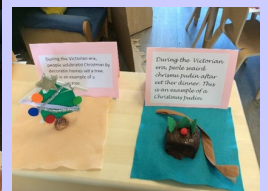
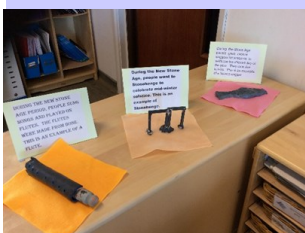
In EYFS this week:

All the children have made a great start back after the half term break and are following the rules and expectations of the setting. This week in EYFS we have had a focus on learning the names of different fruit and vegetables. As part of our literacy learning we have listened to the story 'Oliver's Vegetables' and have experienced activities related to the story such as painting vegetables, writing labels, peeling vegetables, making foods out of playdough and playing a 'bean game' in PE.

FS2 children have been refining their maths understanding by perceptually subitising numbers up to five. They have been using various objects around the indoor and outdoor classroom and placing them in different spatial arrangements.

In Caracara Class:

It's been another busy week for Caracara Class. We have started our topic on the history of Christmas and where the traditions come from. We typed our information boards before making our display item. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who came to support us during Launchpad. We love our class museum!



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Falcon Class:



I hope you have all had a wonderful half-term and I can see that Falcons have returned fresh, happy and ready to learn. This week the children have started their geography topic of Marvellous Maps and have been learning all about the countries that make up the United Kingdom, their administrative capital cities and where the UK is placed in relation to the rest of the world. They have looked at atlases and have learned about some of the symbols used to denote the different types of cities and country borders and how they can represent these on their own maps. Using their knowledge of the compass points the children



have started Orienteering in PE and have worked together to create images using PE equipment by giving accurate directions to their teammates and 'thumbing' their maps. DT this term, follows our scientific learning about the digestive system. The children will design and make a loaf of fruity or savoury bread from food groups that are beneficial for a healthy gut. Our first lesson has been to discover the timeline and history behind one of the oldest bread companies in the UK, Warburtons. In English, Falcons have been learning the difference between similes and metaphors and are developing an adverb poem about their daily routine. Maths learning for the next couple of weeks will focus on telling the time in a variety of ways.

Act of Remembrance Day at MPC:

We are delighted that the children of MPC have been invited to take part in MPC's act of remembrance on 11th November. So sorry that you have not had the details on this earlier but the school's involvement was only confirmed just before we broke up for half-term. I am sure many of you will have already seen the timetable for this but I have also included it below:



On **11 Nov 21**, everyone should be in situ at the rear of Jones Ave (behind CBF's house) for 1045 hrs - there is a large grassed area opposite the temporary memorial area and all personnel will form up here.

1050 hrs - Short service by the Padre.

1058 hrs - Last Post

1100 hrs - 2 minutes silence

1102 hrs - Reveille

1104 hrs - 48 Poppy Crosses being placed in the Temporary Memorial by children from Mount Pleasant School and the 'Role of Honour'.

1120 hrs - Service concluded.

Dress - MTP/PCS

Wet Weather Programme - In the event of severely inclement weather a wet weather programme and alternative location will be publicised.

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In Meadowlark Class:

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to this new half-term. Can you believe that we only have five weeks of school until we close for the Christmas holidays!

A huge congratulations to Charlie Sidwick and Charlie Dunn for receiving the Meadowlark Golden Awards for last half-term for upholding and reflecting the values of MPS.

Thank you to everyone who attended the launchpad event this morning and for your continued support with your child's learning. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about your child's learning for this half-term.

In Maths we have been learning about measuring distances and weighing different objects. Did you know that the weight of a tennis ball is approximately 56 grams?

Charlie Dunn



This week in English, we have concluded our learning on the 1st WW. We learnt about the poet Wilfred Owen, who wrote the famous poem, *Dulce Et Decorum Est*.

Tragically, Wilfred Owen died just 7 days before the end of the war on the 4th November, 1918. We then

wrote our own war poems on different themes like the trenches and the horrors of war.

Lara



Dates for your Diary up until February half-term

- Thursday 11th November - Act of Remembrance
- Monday 29th November - Christingle at 1400
- Wednesday 1st December - Christmas tree decoration event
- Friday 3rd December - Christmas production in school hall
- Thursday 9th December - Wear a Christmas jumper to school
- Thursday 9th December - School finishes at 1300
- Thursday 9th December 1300-1530- Inset for teachers
- Monday 3rd January Inset Day 0900- 1530 for teachers
- Tuesday 4th January school starts for children
- Friday 7th January 0900-1000 Launchpad event, parents are invited to join child/ren with learning.
- Friday 21st January 1330- Sports Day afternoon- details to follow
- Friday 28th January 1330-Alternative date for Sports Day afternoon if the weather on the 21st January is against us.
- Friday 4th February school closes at 1500 for half term.