



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a really good half term. The term promises to be very busy indeed with a number of events taking place. These include:

School Photographs – Monday 13th November;

Flu vaccination – Friday 8th December;

The PFA Christmas Bazaar on the Friday 8th December;

Key Stage One Dress rehearsal Monday 11th December;

Key Stage One performances on Tuesday 12th December (afternoon performance begins at 2pm and the evening performance begins at 6pm – the school operates a ticket allocation system);

Christmas dinner – Friday 8th December.

Building Project

During half term, the tarmac has been re-laid and Martin will check that the drainage is sufficient before the pitch markings are completed. Work has continued in the hall and this will be the focus for the next few weeks.

Samaritan's Purse

We are supporting the 'shoe box' charity again this year for Christmas. This charity distributes shoe boxes filled with small gifts to children in areas of Africa and Europe who would not receive a present otherwise. **They will be collected from school on 9th November.** If you would like further information, please speak to Mrs. Hendry.

Digital Leaders

This week, Mrs Hedges has started to train the Digital Leaders. Digital Leaders have been trained to put all laptops and learnpads away so that they charge and are ready for use. They have also undertaken trouble shooting problems on the learnpads and have explored apps that the teachers and pupils use. The leaders are vital because they pass on their skills and help train others pupils in arrange of computer software.

Digital Leaders will meet alternate Tuesday lunchtimes after half term. (KS1 and KS2)

Our Digital Leaders for this year are:

Class 1 – Gabriel and Sophia

Class 2 – Leo and Ashlin

Class 3 – Archie and Lizzy

Class 4 – Luca and Kyra

Class 5 – Harri and Tori

Class 6 - Lucy and Thomas

Competition Winners

The winner of the firework competition was Maddie in Year 6; and the runner up was Eleanor in Year 6;

The winner of the bridge building competition was Maddie in Year 6 and the runner up was Phoebe in the Reception Class. Well done to these pupils for taking part.

Morning Messages

A reminder to parents and carers that if you have any messages for class teachers, these can be handed to Mrs Hendry who will be available most mornings either by the front gate or in the playground.

Kingswood Assembly

On Monday 13th November at 2.30pm, parents of those children who attended the visit to Norfolk are invited to attend an assembly where pupils will talk about their experiences as well as show some photos of their week.

Christmas Bazaar

It's just over 4 weeks until our Christmas Bazaar and we are hoping you may be able to support us to have another successful event by donating items for some of our planned stalls as follows:

Jam Jar Tombola stall - jam jars - empty or full of miscellaneous items

Water to Wine stall - any bottles of wine

Raffle - anything suitable for prizes

Teddy Tombola - any appropriate soft toys (washed please)
Wrapping paper required for wrapping various items
Please could any donations be taken to the school office by Wednesday 15th November
Thank you for your continued support.
Cressing Primary School PFA

Best Class Attendance

This week, Class 5 has been awarded the best attendance with 100%! They will have an extra 5 minutes playtime to celebrate. Well done Class 5!

Stars of the Week

Class R – Shoshana for using the sounds learnt during Literacy
Class 1 – Wyatt for great enthusiasm and trying hard with all his learning
Class 2 – Ashlin for enthusiastic participation in all class discussions
Class 3 – Leon for his enthusiasm and good questioning
Class 4 – Rainebow for super work in fractions this week
Class 5 – Alfred for asking great questions and showing a determination to make his writing the best it can be
Class 6 – Thomas for some very enthusiastic performances in Literacy this week
Well done to all of these children for impressing their teachers this week!

House Points

Congratulations this week to the Normans who were the winners with 147 house points.

Word Millionaire

Two new names have made it onto the leader board this week. In Class 1 and Class 5 – well done to these pupils!
Positons have also changed in Class 2.

Class 1: Gabriel, Darcy, Allegra

Class 2: Scarlett, Finley, Leo

Class 3: Langlihle Zachary, Elizabeth

Class 4: Amie, Alistair, Shian

Class 5: Jasmine, Leiah, Oliver

Class 6: Aimee, Eleanor, Cairan

Whole School: Jasmine, Leiah, Aimee

Mathletics

The following certificates have been awarded for the period 16/10/17 - 29/10/17:

Bronze Certificates (5 house points awarded)

Amarlia, Darcy, Sophia, Allegra, Finley H, Libby, Molly, Grace M, Faith (x2), Arthur, Alistair, Amie, Holly, Daniel P (x2), Flynn, Harri, Harry, Luke, Oliver M, Ellis

Silver Certificates (10 x bronze certificates – 10 house points awarded)

Darcy, Libby, Jasmine, Luke.

Gold Certificates (20 x bronze certificates – 20 house points awarded)

A huge congratulations to Finley H and Harri and for receiving their gold certificates. Well done Finley and Harri, fantastic effort.

Diary Dates - Term Dates

End of term - Wednesday 20th December

Remaining Non-pupils days for 2017-2018:

Tuesday 2nd January (2018), Friday 15th June (2018) and Monday 9th July (2018).

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on **Week 2** of the menu when we return to school after half term.

School dinners cost £2.30 per day (KS2).

All meals must be paid for in advance please.



Mr Stewart Caplen