

HOLYOAKES FIELD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th October 2023

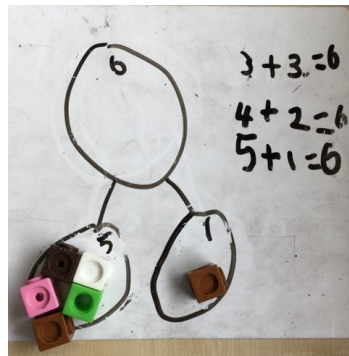
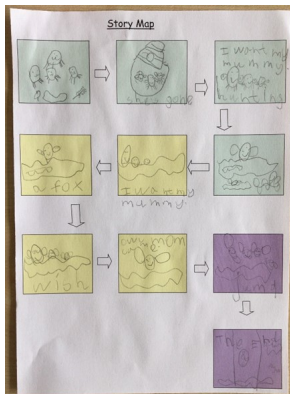


Happy Friendly Fun Safe

This week at Holyokes:

This week in Cedar Class we have been reading 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. The children have made owl masks and have shown some super re-telling of the story! They are looking forward to writing their own 'Owl Babies' story at the end of this half term.

We have also been using the part whole model in maths to write addition number sentences. Some of us were using this to write addition sentences for some much larger numbers too!



Important Dates:

Monday 16th October—Year 4 walk to the town centre

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October: Parent Consultations

Friday 20th October: Wear it Red Day

Tuesday 24th October: KS1 Stay and Play session

Wednesday 25th October: KS2 Stay and Play session

Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November: Half Term

Monday 6th November: TED – School closed to all pupils

Friday 17th November—Children in Need

Wednesday 22nd November—Reception Vision Screening

Thursday 14th December—Reception audiology checks

Flu nasal spray:

We have been notified by the school nurse team that the flu nasal vaccination spray for years 2–4 will take place in school on Monday 23rd October.

URGENT PLEA!

A small minority of parents continue to park inconsiderately in the cul-de-sacs near the school. Please can we remind you that these spaces **are not parking spaces for school traffic**. Our neighbours in Cookridge Close, Fairweather Close, and Dovecote Close continue to have their drives blocked, unable to access or leave their properties. The police have been informed. Please do not park on the dropped kerbs, driveways and grass verges.



Empowering Young Minds to Become Great Minds



Hall of Fame:

Last week's hall of fame stars are:

Faith—Ash
Noah H—Ash
Rosie—Birch
Ellie—Birch
Arthur—Cedar
David—Cedar
Dylan—Elm
Mabel—Elm
Coby—Fir
Carter—Fir



Vinnie—Hazel
Piper—Hazel
Isla-Rose—Maple
Cody—Maple
Cayden—Oak
Piper-Ann—Oak
Zoha—Rowan
Nathaniel—Rowan
Emrys—Willow
Bleidd—Willow



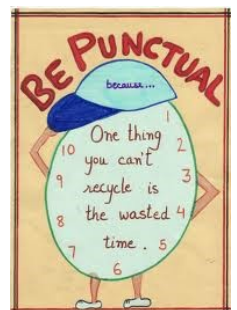
Attendance Stars:

Every week the pupils enjoy finding out which class has had the best attendance. Last week's results were really good, with **Oak class** achieving an amazing **99%**, closely followed by Elm class with **98%**.

Thank you parents and carers for the part you play in getting your children to school everyday!

Punctuality:

Recently we have noticed a rise in the number of children arriving late to school. The gates are locked promptly at 8.45am when the children should be in their classrooms not entering school. The doors open at 8.30am. As a school we cannot stress enough the importance of a structured start to the day, a big part of that is arriving on time, giving the children time to greet their friends and settle in for morning work. Lateness is being monitored by Miss Tomkins in the school office. Persistent lateness will be addressed and letters will be sent to parents from Mrs Koser.



If your child does arrive late to school, there must come in via the school office and be signed in by a parent or carer. Please do not leave them at the gate to come through on their own.

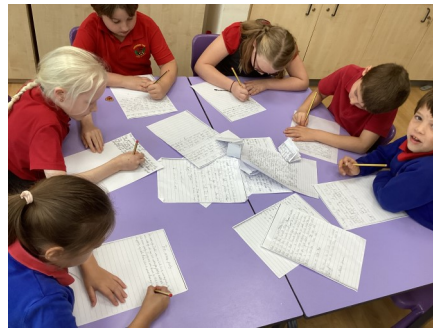


Year 3&4 Aim Higher Day:

On Thursday, 16 children from year 3 & 4 took part in our Aim Higher Writing Day along with 6 children from a local school in Redditch.

During the day the children took part in different writing activities with author, William Gallagher.

William Gallagher is the author of **Doctor Who** radio dramas plus books for the British Film Institute and Radio Times. He's also a journalist who's been a columnist on BBC News Online and whose work has appeared in the Los Angeles Times and The Independent.



Gardening club:

Wear it Red day:

On Friday 20th October, we will be supporting show racism the red card annual 'Wear it Red Day'. On this day everyone in school is invited to come in their school uniform and something red. This could be their red polo shirt, red socks, a red hair accessory etc.

Our school allotment is looking very healthy at the moment, thanks to the hard work of our volunteer, Mrs Ore.

We have asked to put a plea out to parents for our spring flowering beds. If any one has any of the following bulbs spare, our gardening club would be very grateful:



Daffodils
Crocus
Tulips
Snowdrops
Hyacinths

