



Newsletter 9th October 2020

We have had another really successful week and already half term is just around the corner. Our whole school attendance is currently 96.3%, just below are target of 97% Kestrels had the best attendance for September which was 98.3% well done Kestrels! As school attendance is once again mandatory we need to record any absences correctly. Please, when you contact the school, can you make it clear if your child

- Is ill, not coronavirus related
- Has coronavirus symptoms and is waiting to take a test or waiting for results
- Is self isolating due to a member of your household testing positive for COVID-19 or they are waiting for test results

If your child is self isolating they will marked in the attendance register as learning from home. Their class teacher will provide home learning until they return to school. If your child has sickness or diarrhea please do not send them back until 48 hours after their last episode.

We have in place numerous control measures to keep all our children and staff safe whilst in school. One I am sure you are aware of, is the need for ventilation. I can assure you we are following the strict guidelines and ventilating the building. There are windows open in the classrooms to allow constant air to flow through, at break and lunchtimes all doors are propped open. Therefore, your child may need to wear an extra layer underneath their uniform to keep them warm.

As the weather is turning and more of us are driving to school, please consider the safety of other road users and our children. Our staggered start and finish times should mean that there is less congestion, but we are finding that cars are meeting each other more often on the narrow lanes. The speed limit is 30mph, but I am sure you will agree with me, that 20mph or less will keep everyone safer.

Have a lovely weekend.

We are really enjoying our new block play area. This week a couple of children decided to make a car that they could actually sit in, the excitement soon spread and we ended up with what can only be described as a stretch limousine that had a seat for every child! It also had a steering wheel, foot pedals, a sound system, wing mirrors, lights, windscreen wipers and arm rests of some of the seats! Great construction and teamwork Owls and Barn Owls!



In Kestrels this week we have been practising and recalling the ways to make 10/20. We have been using part models to split numbers apart and checking our answers carefully. Following their work on 'Pandora's box' Pandas group have started to design and describe their own special boxes. Koalas group have been writing their own funny animal stories, inspired by the Tiger who Came to Tea, where an animal visits their home, causes chaos and then leaves. Don't forget to ask your child about their very amusing ideas!

Hawks news In PHSE this week we talked about problem solving. I gave them 10 problems and they worked together to solve them. They were brilliant, lots of different ideas.

In Forest school, despite the rain, we make potions, cakes (out of mud), did weaving and also made different things out of clay.

In Literacy we made finger puppets and re told the story of the Tin Forest using our puppets. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting hundreds, tens and ones. In Science we have looked at the water cycle.

Hawks pictures



What is a supernova?
Is Earth moving by gravity
or because of us walking around? T.a
Is Pluto the coldest because it
is further from the sun? o.m.s.
Why is the sun bigger than other stars? L.K.
Why does time stop in black holes? M.M.
Where does a black hole go? N.F.
How are black holes made? N.F. Why are
Where do stars come from? o.m.s. What can
How are shooting stars made? o.m.s.
What causes a red sunset?
Has anything come out of a black hole? P.S.

Eagles news... This week the children have been researching a person of their own choice; deciding on what information they would like to tell their readers and finally writing up their own biographies. In Maths we have been multiplying using formal written methods. Some children are multiplying numbers going into tens of thousands! In PSHE we have been talking about prejudice. We learned about Jane Elliott - an American teacher who conducted a groundbreaking experiment about racism using her own class as "guinea pigs"! It gave us all some food for thought. The children have continued to impress me in Science: this time they posed some really tricky questions about planets.

Star Mathematicians -

Owls - Logan
Kestrels - Brodie
Hawks - Dexy
Eagles - Phoebe

Star Writers -

Owls - Daniel
Kestrels - Richard
Hawks - Lia
Eagles - Lily K

A reminder that Year 6 applications for secondary school must be submitted online to Dorset Council by 31 October 2020. If you need any assistance please speak to the school office.

If you have changed any of your contact details please let the school office know as soon as possible so that we are able to reach you during an emergency.