



FS2 Meeting - Planning ahead...

Is your child in Reception (Foundation Stage 2 - FS2)?

If your child is in Reception (Foundation Stage 2 - FS2) we will be holding a **ZOOM meeting on Wednesday 14th October at 6pm**. Codes and Passwords will be sent to you privately. *This is advance warning so you can get zoom installed and be able to join us.*

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Kennet	312pts
Avebury	308pts
Ridgeway	301pts
Silbury	298pts

Well done everyone!



Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children for being mentioned in the Golden Book Assembly today for their excellent attitudes and approach.

Ella C, Josh E, Evie and Alfie (Year 6)

Macey, Japjeet, Isabella, Jan (4Ash)

Annora and Cameron (3Juniper)

Dylan and Imogen (1Hornbeam)

Demi and Andrew (2Sycamore)

Adam and Phoebe (1Chestnut)

Oliver and Elidi-May (4Oak)

Myesha and Shaun (5Holly)

Harrison and Chloe (5Elm)

Mia and Casey (4Maple)

Lois and Jack (2Rowan)

Well done everyone great work this week



Update on morning and afternoon routines

Thank you to everyone who has continued to greet us every morning with a smile and a 'Good Morning'. It starts the day off beautifully for those of us out on duty, especially since you are all becoming so good at smiling with your eyes!

Thank you for wearing face coverings around the site, *as a request not a demand*, with so many adults on site at one time it does help us stop the spread of anything we don't want spreading.

Obviously, wearing face coverings means *(in most cases)* we cannot see your lovely smiles, but we are all becoming experts at reading 'smiling eyes'.

If we could ask for a little more help at the end of the day, we could become even more efficient. Please make sure you make yourself known, if standing too far back from the gates, and move away once you have collected. If waiting for other siblings, please stay in control of the children in your care.

Too many children are running around and invading the space of other families waiting to collect.

Many Thanks, Bob



Harvest Collection

We will hold our Harvest Collection this year on the last day of term.

All donations of packets, tins and bottles (which are of course still in date) will be stored for the first week of half term before being donated to local charities and food banks.

We will hold a Harvest themed Golden Book Assembly on that day to thank everyone for their kind donations and share across our screens how much we have collected in each class.

This is voluntary, with no pressure to donate!



Nursery News

This week we based our work around 'Something beginning with Blue'

by Nick Sharratt

We had a wonderful fancy dress tea party today, just like they did at the end of the story. It was so much fun seeing everyone in their fantastic costumes.

Guess who...



Booking School Dinners on ParentPay

Please remember to book your child's lunches on ParentPay. We had to make many phone calls to parents this week, where children were sent to school with no dinner ordered and no packed lunch.

Despite some early problems, ParentPay is now up and running properly and everyone should have received an activation code to activate your ParentPay account. If you need another one, please contact the office.



Flu Vaccinations - UPDATE

As detailed in the last two weekly newsletters, flu nasal vaccinations for Reception to Year 6 children will take place in school on

Tuesday 10th November 2020.

You will need to click on the link below to either give your consent or decline your permission for your child to have this.

All parents will need to do this please.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/swindon>

If you would like your child to be vaccinated before November, you can contact the immunisation team on 0300 247 0082 to book into a clinic that is convenient to you.





What's a Greek Urn?

Year 6 enjoyed making their clay vases this week. After spending time looking at Ancient Greek vases, they went on to design and make their own.

It was messy but fun!

All of their vases look great - though some are not as complex as their original designs.



4Maple - Metacognition

In 4Maple we have been weaving and folding carefully to make paper baskets. This has been part of learning a new skill during our metacognition lessons. We have learnt that metacognition means 'thinking about thinking'. At the start we had no instructions or help! We had no idea how to start weaving and we felt daunted, frustrated and confused! During the sessions we learnt to help each other, write instructions and watch videos to support our understanding. After our experience, we are proud of what we achieved. We have learnt to be resilient and stay positive. Many of us feel like we could coach others in this new found skill - we never thought such delicate pieces of paper could make a basket!



3Willow experience 'blended teaching'

During the last 2 weeks, 3Willow have enjoyed a blended approach to teaching, with a combination of face-to-face and online teaching.

Thank you Mr Smith, who taught the class last week whilst liaising with Mr Stratton every day. Mr Stratton has been 'zooming' in to teach lessons and we have covered other sessions with our own internal staff, avoiding the need for supply teachers to come on site.

Special thanks go to Mrs Turner, ably assisted by Mrs Law, who have worked tirelessly as the consistent force within the classroom throughout the entire fortnight, going well beyond the call of duty.

Here you can see one of Mr Stratton's maths lessons in full flow. It was a strange situation, with Mr Stratton's first formal observation of the year (by Mr Buckley) being an online live lesson!

Whilst we do not stream live lessons in to the home, we can do so in to the school and this was put to good use!



THANK YOU to everyone connected with the last two weeks in 3Willow - it has been an extremely successful fortnight.

Welcome back Year 5

We were all delighted to welcome back Year 5 after their time away from school recently.

Thank you to everyone who supported us during this difficult time and for the many messages of thanks, for the way the children's learning was supported during this time.

The children brought back so much work, it is clear they were well supported and determined to keep up with their learning.

It took a little time for the children to get back into the swing of formal schooling again on Tuesday, but it was as if nothing had changed by first thing Wednesday morning.

Big **thanks** to the teachers for providing this remote support and to the parents and children for making the support so successful.

