



Dear Parents,

13th October 2017

What an exciting and busy week it has been, both in and out of school! Year 5 and 6 had an early start at the beginning of the week as they began their journey to France! We hope that you have been keeping up-to-date with their news via the school's Twitter account. It looks as though they've had an amazing time and we can't wait for them to return and tell us all about it first-hand! In case, you haven't been following them, here are a few of the highlights...

Year 5/6 France Trip

After what seemed like a long day of travelling, the children soon settled in to their dormitories. It wasn't long before they were sampling some French cuisine and making their own croissants (which looked delicious by the way!)



Their first full day in France began with some archery, fencing and climbing before the staff and children set off on an excursion to the beautiful historic city of Rouen. Here, they spent the day in awe and wonder as they explored the Notre Dame Cathedral of Rouen and learnt about Jeanne de Arc and the history of the city. They left just enough time for some retail therapy as they explored the shops, architecture and cafes



in Rouen.

The next day was a little more thought-provoking for the children as they made a trip to Wellington Quarry in the French city of Arras. They listened in silent wonder at the stories and experiences of the allied troops in 1917. They found it quite haunting exploring Exit 10 used by NZ on the morning of the surprise attack and looking at the artwork that still exists from the allied troops. In the afternoon they had a tour around the Vimy Ridge trenches, experiencing what life would have been like for a World War I soldier and payed their respects to over 44,000 German soldiers who lost their lives in the war.





Their final full day in France was no less busy than the others! After another early start they were soon making their way to the market, where the man selling the sunglasses made a killing! I hope the children remembered their French! They then moved on for a trip to the beach (luckily the weather was nice) before making their way to a farm to see how goat's cheese is made! No wonder they were shattered on the coach on the way back!

They are making their way back now as we speak, from what has been the trip of a lifetime! I know many of you parents have missed them dearly and are looking forward to welcoming them back but I know you will want to join me in expressing a HUGE thank you to all the staff who have accompanied them on the trip this week and kept us up-to-date with tweets and texts. I'm sure you will have a very restful and quiet weekend...



Year 5/6 French Theme Week

For the small proportion of pupils in Year 5 and 6 who were not able to go to on the school trip, France has been brought to them as they have participated in their own French themed week! It began with a visit from local television presenter Rosella Cottrell, who introduced them to a parchment craft kit so that they could make their own cards. The children were very excited to learn that they would be making an appearance on the television too, so please look out for it!



They also had their own World War I themed day and made a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas. As well as learning about the lives of World War I and II soldiers, the children toured the Arboretum and had many comments made by members of the public about their impeccable manners and exceptional behaviour.



As well as cooking French cuisine over the campfire in Forest School, the children ended the week with a trip to Mrs Taylor's house where they prepared and cooked their own French banquet. The food was delicious (even the snails!) A massive thank you must go to Mrs Howell for organising such a great week for them and to all the staff and visitors who contributed to their experience.

Parents Evening

You should all now have received your appointments for Parents Evening and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday 16th October 2017** or **Wednesday 18th October 2017**. Year 5 and 6 should have had their appointment slips last Friday although, with the excitement of France, may have mislaid them! Please contact the office if you do not know when your appointment is.

Year 3/4 Athletics Tournament



HUGE congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 Athletics Team who romped home with the silver from Uttoxeter Leisure Centre on **Tuesday 10th October 2017!** They performed exceptionally well in their individual events, winning a total of **eight** medals and, came **first** overall, making them champions for the second year in a row! Well done guys, we are very proud of you!

EYFS Pattern Day

Nursery and Reception children have been seeing spots before their eyes this week as they have been learning to recognise and create their own patterns using lots of different media. Children, and staff, came to school dressed head to toe in patterns on Thursday. Thank you to all the parents for putting in such a great effort, it gave us lots to talk about!



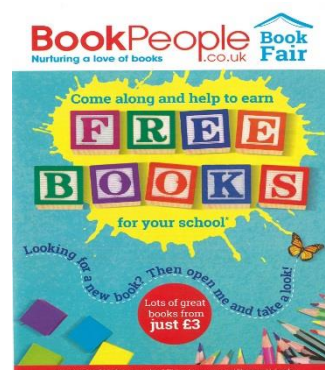
Ronald McDonald Charity Day



On **Thursday 19th October 2017**, we will be having a non-uniform day and cake sale to help raise funds to donate to the Ronald McDonald House Charity who support families with children in hospital. This is a charity close to home with members of our school community having received support from them recently. We hope that you will be able to support us with this event, either through monetary donations for wearing non-uniform or, through donating cakes for the sale which will take place at the end of the day.

Book People Book Fair

During Parents Evening on **Monday 16th October 2017** and **Wednesday 18th October 2017**, a book fair will be held in the school hall - an ideal opportunity to get started on your Christmas shopping! The Book People sell books at very reasonable prices and for every £100 of books sold, the school is able to claim 25% worth of FREE books, ideal for kitting out the KS1 Reading Corners and KS2 Library with further resources! The children will have the opportunity to view the books before they go on sale on Monday!



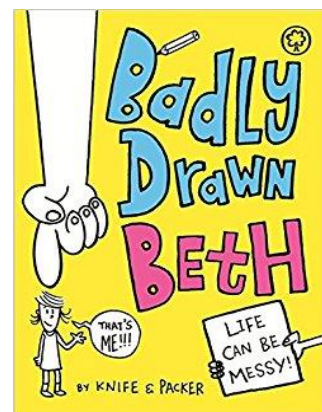
Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 6 - 7...

Badly Drawn Beth

Written by Knife and Packer
Published by Orchard

Beth's world isn't so different from anyone else's – the tedium of the first day of term, the trauma of the family barbecue – except that Beth records the joys and trials of her life by drawing them in her diary. There's plenty of fun and anarchic humour to be had in this fish finger – and swamp monster-filled story.



Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Reception	Isabelle K	Beatrix M-B
Year 1	Ismail R	Ashton M
Year 2	Betsy W	Fezaan A
Year 3	Adyaan H	Lano M
Year 4	Joseph R	Zeb S
Year 5	Freya C	Hugo E
Year 6	Kian J	Safiya N

Team Points

Week Ending 13.10.17	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points	3	1	2	4
RUNNING TOTAL	12	10	7	11

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Keeghan B	
Year 1	Rosie E	
Year 2	Alfie L	
Year 3	Zoe C	
Year 4	Joseph R	
Year 5	Hugo E	
Year 6	Jake C	

Autumn Term 2017 – Dates for your diary

Event	Date and Time
Parents Evening	Monday 16 th October – 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Parents Evening	Wednesday 18 th October – 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Nursery Parents Forest School Meeting	Thursday 19 th October 2017 11.15am
Non-Uniform (Ronald McDonald House Charity)	Thursday 19 th October 2017
Cake Sale (Ronald McDonald House Charity)	Thursday 19 th October 2017
Last day of school before half term	Thursday 19 th October 2017
School closed to pupils	Friday 20th October 2017
School closed half-term holiday	Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017
Swimming lessons recommence Year 5	Tuesday 31 st October 2017
PFA Disco	Friday 3 rd November 2017
School Open Evening 4.30 – 6.00 pm	Wednesday 15 th November 2017
BBC Children In Need	Friday 17 th November 2017
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 23 rd November 2017
Year 6 Class Assembly	Wednesday 29 th November 2017
Road Safety Week	Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th November
Choir "Winter Wonderland" Hill Street	Tuesday 5 th December 2017
Year 5 Class Assembly	Wednesday 6 th December 2017
PFA Christmas Fair 3.30 – 6.00 pm	Friday 8 th December 2017
Christingle Service for all pupils	Monday 11 th December 2017
Foundation Stage Nativity 9.15 am	Tuesday 12 th December 2017
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Year 3 Christmas Performance	Thursday 14 th December 9.15am
Whole School visit to Lichfield Garrick Theatre to see performance of "Aladdin"	Friday 15 th December 8.45 am
Special Party Bag Lunch following Pantomime Visit	Friday 15 th December 2017
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance	Monday 18 th December 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Take Away Lunch Fish & Chip whole school	Monday 18 th December 2017
Christmas Lunch for all pupils	Tuesday 19 th December 2017
School Breaks up for Christmas Holiday	Tuesday 19 th December 2017
<i>School closed to pupils Christmas Holiday</i>	<i>Wednesday 20th December 2017</i>
<i>School closed to pupils Inset Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 2nd January 2018</i>
School Returns for Spring Term	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018