

PARENT COUNCIL

We had a super first meeting of the Parent Council this term. Thanks to all who attended. We discussed many of the usual issues, but also talked about having a school bell at the start of the day, parent reactions to the industrial action, headlice (again!), use of the texting service, the use of jobshares in classes and non-uniform charity days.

Cross Country Teamwork!

I've been receiving some lovely reports from parents and staff this week about how beautifully behaved and mutually supportive our children were when at Saturday's Primary Schools Cross Country Tournament at the Stantonbury Campus. We are thrilled and very proud of them. They clearly had learnt that winning was part of the deal, but not as important as the support and encouragement for each other that makes winning worth doing. When we try and teach children that when we win, we win together, sometimes it seems as if this falls on deaf ears, but not with this lot, who made a real impression with their teamwork.



Congratulations!

These super children have appeared in the Golden Book this week. Fantastic!

Sophie, Charlie, Adriano, Samuel T (Daisies of the Week)

Gabrielle, Jedluis, Seth, Imani (Thistle)

Isabel, James, Lucia, Tia (Conker)

Riley, Lacey-Rose

Chris & Fletcher (Acorn)

Louisa, Huda, William & James (Pumpkin)

Abbas, Kaiden, Tania & Jacob (Clover)

Daniel, James, Harry & Frankie (Mustard)

Briana, Shanay, Kady & Boluwatife (Rosehip)

Evie, Emma, Cindy & Rumbi (Teasel)

Priscilla, Isobel, Ola (Sycamore)

Raha, Marion, Reece & Rachel (Catkin)

Emily, Lily-Mae, Leni, Dustin & Taylor (Barley)

Charity, Andrew, Fahad & Adeolu (Wheat)



Cow Crazy!

As part of the preparation for sharing our work with our European partners in mid-November, children in the Early Learning Phase have been learning like crazy—all about cows—our special mascot for the Comenius project. Here is some of what has been going on in (and out of) class. Overleaf is a special Cow Poem from Thistle



COW IN SCHOOL!



VISITING CONCRETE COWS!



COW SALT DOUGH MODELS



COW STORIES with PAUL DORNEY



COW FARMING with FARMER PHIL

Class and some more information on the project. Everyone is having a lot of fun and learning all sorts of agricultural knowledge...

Calendar for the 2 weeks after half-term

4 Nov	School closed to children (INSET day)
5 Nov	Children return to school
7 Nov	Parents Phonics W'kshop 6.30 (F2, Y1)
8 Nov	Barley Class Collective Worship 9am
11 Nov	Bag2School Collection day
	Road Safety Officers meet police 1.15
12 Nov	Y5/6 Basketball festival 4 p.m.
13 Nov	3 staff leave to visit Belgian partner school
	Individual/sibling photos
15 Nov	Catkin Class Collective worship 9am

We had about a 75-76% take up of parents at last week's Teacher-Parent Consultations. This still leaves a quarter of children whose parents have not had a chance to learn about their children's progress. You'll be contacted after half term to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Thanks to all of those parents who made arrangements to cope with the industrial action on 17th October. It was much appreciated. There will be more—probably in November or early December. Keep watching the national press for details. We'll again give you as MUCH notice as possible.



HEADLICE ALERT!

We have to report that these little darlings have made an unwelcome appearance in the hair of children in SYCAMORE, TEASEL,

ROSEHIP and CLOVER classes. Please could you check and treat over half term.

The Collective worship schedule for the next 4 months:

8 Nov	Barley Class
15 Nov	Catkin Class
22 Nov	Thistle Class
29 Nov	Pumpkin Class
17 Jan	Acorn Class
24 Jan	Rosehip Class
31 Jan	Conker Class
7 Feb	Mustard Class

Parents and relatives are always warmly invited to attend these special events.



What are we doing for Children in Need this year?

Well, actually, not as much as you might think. Classes will have special ways of celebrating and fundraising on the day (15th Nov), but because it is a day when there are a lot of other things happening, and because we have generated enormous enthusiasm for our support of the **TOILET TWINNING** charity over Harvest, it is this that we will support and have a special non-uniform day on the 22nd November instead. We figure that if everybody brought a pound, then we

could twin 7 of our toilets in school, and if everyone brought 2 pounds, then every single class could twin one of their toilets with a toilet in a country where they really need them! We have already twinned two toilets! **MORE DETAILS AFTER HALF TERM.**



TASTING DAIRY PRODUCTS

As well as the exciting visits of farmers and cows, and the trip to the Concrete Cows in Bancroft, children have been devising tasting days of dairy products, milk-shake making, writing and maths around the theme of cows, and painting the special boxes we will use to take all our learning to our partner schools.



PREPARING THE BOXES!

Rachel in Thistle Class writes: When a calf is born after 30 minutes a calf can stand up. If a mummy cow has two babies a farmer has to make sure that they are both born healthy. When a calf is grown up it can run very fast. A female cow can have a calf. A male can't have a calf. A female can have horns. A cow or a bull has to have their horns cut off.



MILKING CONCRETE COWS!

Imani writes this (informative) poem:



DAISY CLASS MATHS WITH COWS!

*Cows say moo but don't say boo!
Cows can be spotty but they can't have stripes—brown, white, black or a mixture of all!*

*Cows will graze out in the field.
Watch out for their dung or we will say eew!
Cows are great—they give us milk but only female cows can give us this.*

*Cows have babies—baby calves
Bulls have horns and the females have udders
Cows, cows, cows but can they really jump over the moon?*



Lastly, our congratulations to the Early Learning Phase for the FANTASTIC effort in raising money to Send a Cow to Africa! They made milk shakes for all and sundry yesterday and EVERYONE got the benefit. Thanks to all involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tempest photography will be in school on Wednesday 13th November for Individual photos and with siblings.
- Royal British Legion poppies on sale from the school office from November 5th.