



The Spooky Informative



HALLOWEEN COMPETITION WINNERS 2023



Benjamin
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Diamond
class



Archie D in
Amethyst
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Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 3rd November 2023

Issue 08

I really do hope you had a great half-term, even with the wet and windy weather. This has been a shorter, but no less busy week - we never let the weather get us down here! The children have come back so calm, joyful and respectful, I and the rest of the staff have been so impressed. Long may it continue!

Congratulations to Mrs McDermott and family who welcomed a new bouncing baby boy into the world during the half term. He is an absolute delight and we can't wait to meet him. Mother and baby are doing really well.

The staff had a great INSET day on Tuesday, hosted at Holy Trinity Primary School. Our school has joined Eikon which is a charity that supports children's/staff's mental health and well-being whilst at school. We will be working with them closely throughout the academic year. If you are ever worried about your child's worries or anxieties, please speak to your class teacher in the first instance who will be able to support.

You may have met new members of our community this week, they're called highway enforcement officers and they will monitor the car parking situation outside the school. I have spoken to them, and they can enforce tickets and fining. They will be regularly monitoring the road - please park sensibly and legally.

We will soon have some vacancies advertised on Eteach for some midday supervisors and a fixed term class teacher. As soon as these are 'live' I will share the links.

Have a beautiful weekend with your families, Mr O'Shea :)

A message from our Assistant Headteacher - Miss Saunders

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fabulous half-term. As a passionate reader myself, I am hoping to get even more of you reading with your children this half-term! Sometimes it can be hard to know where to start so, I have created an easy guide that can be pinned to your fridge or noticeboard at home to remind you all to read, read, read! [Click here to take a look!](#)

In honour of Diwali, which is celebrated the week after next, I have chosen this stunning book which celebrates all things fireworks and Rangoli and most importantly sibling love.



Have you seen someone park illegally? Report it here via this email address:

SurreyParkingEnforcement@nslservices.co.uk

We would like to strongly encourage you to report all incidents to prove that there is an issue around the schools and support the need for action. Reporting also means that offenders may receive a Penalty Notice which may deter them from parking in those areas again.



TRICK BOX

We use Trick Box everyday at school. It teaches children to regulate their own emotions and become their own problem solvers. We have a new 'trick' every two weeks for Reception and KS1 children. Nursery have similar 'habits' to learn too. [Press the Trick Box logo to the left](#) to navigate to our website with all of the information you will need to practice these tricks at home too.

DIARY DATES

- School tour for 2024 - 6th Nov @ 10am, please book through the office
- Tissues 4 Trainers Day - 10th Nov children who bring in a box/pack of tissues can wear trainers
- Kindness Week Odd Socks Day - 13th Nov
- School tour for 2024 - 17th Nov @ 14:15pm, please book through the office
- Year 2 Church Visit - 21st Nov
- Year 2 Fire Services Visit - 29th Nov
- PTA Christmas Disco - 1st Dec from 15:00
- School tour for 2024 - 4th Dec @ 10:00am, please book through the office
- PTA Hot Chocolate & Cookie Sale - 8th Dec @ 15:00 from white double hall doors
- Reception Christmas Performance - 12th Dec @ 09:00 - 09:20

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This week in early years, we have...

What a lovely, albeit shorter, week!

We have been learning lots about Bonfire Night and how we celebrate with fireworks. We've enjoyed drawing our own fireworks pictures on black paper like the night sky, and conducted a fireworks 'experiment' with foam and glitter! We have put all of our donated cardboard tubes to good use, creating our own snazzy firework rockets. Outside, we have built our very own (pretend) bonfire, donned our scarves, gloves and hats ready to sit around the fire, sing songs and toast our imaginary marshmallows.

Lastly, we enjoyed a sweet treat, covering breadsticks with chocolate and sprinkles to make our own edible sparklers!



Our story of the week has been **Sparks in the Sky** where we have focussed on all things fireworks! We have talked about the history behind bonfire night and learnt how we can be safe when watching fireworks and using sparklers.

The children have enjoyed creating firework art pieces such as sparklers, firework chalk pictures and painting. We have been recapping our sounds in phonics this week, playing different games and practising our word writing.

In PSHE this week we launched trickbox - where we teach children different 'tricks' to manage their emotions. The children loved learning about doodle and the different areas we will learn our tricks in!

In maths our focus has been the shapes triangles and circles. We have talked about their differences, sorted them and been on shape hunts around our classrooms.



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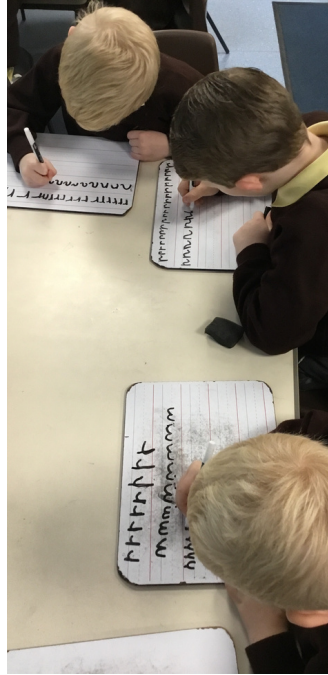




This week in KS1 we have...

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What a delight it has been to hear all about the wonderful adventures the children got up to over half term. They have come back refreshed and raring to go. This weather has set us off nicely for our new science topic covering the weather and seasons. Other than snow, we have seen it all this week! We have continued our learning of part whole models in maths and have started writing full number sentences using the symbols + and =. Hopefully the children can show you this when they complete their first homework tasks set this week. Your child will receive two pieces of homework every Thursday (maths and spellings) which need to be returned completed each Wednesday. In Design and Technology we have started our new food and nutrition topic thinking about food and whether it comes from a plant or an animal. We have also started singing some of our songs for Christmas...it is never too early to start!



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Welcome back! Thank you for coming back to school with such enthusiasm. We have continued our maths learning about addition and subtraction, using number lines to support us subtracting from a 2-digit number. We have learnt about the sentence types, command, question and statement and enjoyed identifying examples around the room. We have started our new R.E topic 'Why is giving important to Christians?' and explored how we can give to others. We are really looking forward to Bonfire Night this weekend. We have learnt why we celebrate bonfire night and sequenced the events of the gunpowder plot. In art we have started learning about the artist and pottery designer Clarice Cliff.



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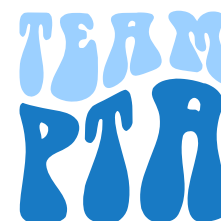
We have had such an amazing start to the new year - raising nearly £550 in our Fund-raising fundraiser towards class iPads to support learning! A brilliant effort by all the children, boosted by a very generous donation from a local parent-run charity. Come to our next PTA meeting to find out more about how we raise money and what we are doing this term, working closely with the school to plan some amazing Christmas events for the kids. And bring your fresh ideas!

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Meeting details - Wednesday 8th November 2023 - 8pm

Google Meet meeting link: meet.google.com/ufu-rqes-vnb



If you can't make it but would like to get involved - please do reach out to your PTA class reps on your year group WhatsApp group.

Poppies

You will see us collecting for another great cause in the KS1 playground - the Royal British Legion's Poppy Day 11th November - so please remember some cash on Monday 6th (Drop off), Thursday 9th (pick up) and Friday 10th (Pick up).



our clubs

After School Club Timetable - Autumn Term 2023

Bookings are currently live for all clubs and can be made by contacting them directly. The flyers have been uploaded in the [Clubs](#) section of our school website.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Bilingua Sing Year 1 & 2 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball 3pm - 4.15pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3.05pm - 4.00pm	Yoga Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4.00pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
		Playball Year 1 3pm - 3.45pm		



yoga and dodgeball sessions available

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You may be interested in...

MR BOJANGLES *Loves to Dance*

A CHILDREN'S STORY



Katie Dawson
Book Reading
'Mr Bojangles Loves to Dance'
[21st November](#)
4.45pm

Please contact us to book a space 😊



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GU15 4BD

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extensive book collection make use of the
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book away with you?

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opening hours.



SATURDAY
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**Camberley Farmers' & Artisan
Market**

**SURREY
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Camberley Farmer's & Artisan Market

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**Cinderella – A Camberley Theatre
Production**



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**Collectively Camberley Christmas
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