



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

So far Oak and Chestnut class have had their 'Parent Consultation Meeting' via the parent booking system or telephone. Details of how to use this has been sent to all parents. All other classes will be having their parent consultations over the next two weeks. These are to replace the normal Parent's Evening that we would hold in school this time of year. These meetings have gone well, but it is important the parents using the video system test it is working ahead of the scheduled meeting.

It is essential all parents attend a video meeting or book a telephone call with the teacher. It is really vital parents keep up-to-date with how their children are getting on now that they are back at school. This is the only way this can be achieved given the current COVID situation. Please book your appointments as soon as possible, ready for your child's class session, or contact us if you are having difficulty so we can assist.

So far only 75% on average have booked. If your child is in Oak or Chestnut and you did not book an appointment, please email [ellison.d@welearn365.com](mailto:ellison.d@welearn365.com) and we can assist, thank you.

This week we had to say farewell to Sian Gillatt from our Dinner Supervisory Team. Sian has worked at our school for a few years now, and we thank her for all she has contributed. You will be missed Sian!

Like for all organisations, schools were issued with government guidance on how to make our working environment COVID-secure. This means that many of the changes have been imposed on school. This guidance included front-facing desks, ensuring equipment was not shared and being passed between children, ensuring children were not gathering in the hall or mixing between classes and established robust routines for handwashing and cleaning. The expectation is that teaching staff do all of this whilst maintaining as much as possible a 2 metre distance from children and each other. Since this guidance was issued, Public Health England have clearly advised that schools should be taking steps to reduce the size of 'bubbles', so they are small as possible now that the virus is becoming more prevalent nationally.

As you can appreciate from your own experiences of the national changes, changes in your own workplaces and time you all spent teaching your children during lock down, this is a tall order for a school and our staff. Therefore, this week I want to take the opportunity to praise our hardworking and dedicated staff. All our team, including our caretaker, office, cleaners, caterers, midday supervisors, teaching assistants and teaching staff, have done an absolutely amazing job for your children and have made a very difficult job look easy. As a result of their commitment, the atmosphere in our school is still as wonderful for our children as it was before this crisis. I quote the message I shared with staff at the beginning of the summer break, **"When the world was kept apart, we stuck together"** as we are one big family!

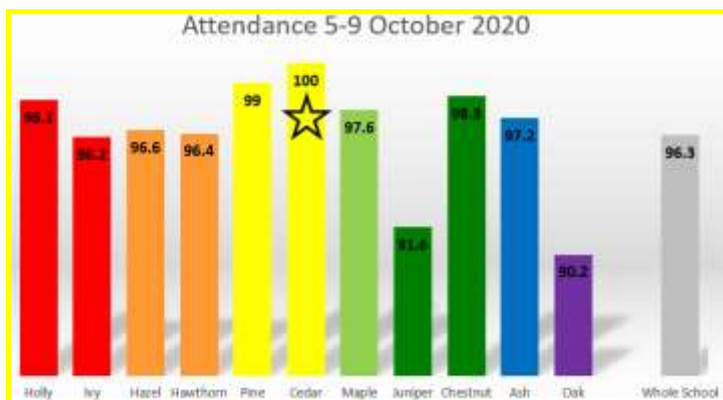
Thank you to all the parents for your support, as your kind words to our staff mean a great deal at this moment and really keeps them going! We tend to take for granted that they are 'made of the tough stuff', but they too are experiencing life with COVID-19 and the pressure that this brings.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs D Ellison  
Headteacher

## Well Done Cedar - Again!

Attendance 5-9 October 2020



## Achievements this Week

### Hazel – Jessica

For improved confidence and willingness to read at home and school. I am so proud of you. Well done, keep it up!

### Hawthorn – Rory

You have really persevered this week and had confidence to give new things a go. Keep up the good work and fantastic effort!

### Pine – Carley

For working so hard this year. We have been wow'ed by her super reading and writing. Well done!

### Cedar - Lillie

For a super improvement in hand writing and presentation. Keep challenging yourself!

### Maple – Eloise

For really settling down this week and working really hard!

### Juniper – Tyler

For an incredible week! For being hard working and sensible when things didn't go his way. Very proud of you!

### Chestnut – Finley & Arun

For Amazing lunchtime behaviour - your manners and positive attitude were reported to me every day by Mrs Gillatt.

### Ash – Alana

Alana has worked really hard at her writing this week and is very proud of her achievements! Brilliant effort!

### Oak – Kyle

For demonstrating a quiet determination to take on the challenges of Year 6.

## Parent Consultations

Please read the '[Parent Booking—Video Meeting Information for Parents](#)' guide, which has been e-mailed out to you, **in plenty of time** for your video call with your child's teacher. If the connection is not successfully made then the teacher will telephone you.

Please also note that the consultation lasts for **10 minutes** and the video will be disconnected after this time. The teacher will be able to tell you how much time is left, but please be aware that it will stop at exactly 10 minutes. This allows for the next session to begin.

If you have any problems, please let the office know well before your consultation so that we may be able to rectify any problems in time for the meeting.

Class	Date
Holly	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Ivy	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Hazel	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Hawthorn	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2020
Pine	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Cedar	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Maple	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Juniper	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Ash	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Word Count

Class	TOTAL	Words read this week
Pine	16,630	+8,470
Cedar	9,616	+5,752
Maple	67,960	+13,422
Juniper	455,387	+71,725
Chestnut	451,658	+205,001
Ash	2,187,242	+404,309
Oak	1,534,383	+466,678
TOTAL	4,722,976	+1,175,357

Winners are: **OAK**

An amazing total, well done. But an extra well done to **ASH**, for achieving their **SECOND MILLION** words.

There is so much more reading going on this year, the enthusiasm is evident by the number of books that are being returned daily! Let's keep it up!

Click here to view this term's Families Magazine





## Year 2 have been so busy!

Year Two have been very busy already this term. The children have been learning all about different types of transport in our topic lessons. They really enjoyed finding out about how Christopher Columbus sailed to America.

In Science they tested different materials to find one which was strong, light and waterproof. They then used these materials to make a new boat for Christopher Columbus. They had great fun testing them!



## Milly's fantastic homework



## Tia writes secret messages!

Tia has written a secret message to a family member in Anglo-Saxon Runes.

I wonder what it says?



## Daisy makes Unicorn Biscuits

Look out for these in the Whitnash Cookbook, which will soon be released!

They look delicious Daisy!



## Evan's Stone Age Dwelling

Evan thought really hard about what he could use to create his stone age dwelling and what stone age people may have used. He has used a mixture of clay, paint and stones (and a plant pot) to do this and enjoyed creating it.



## Tyler is very brave

Tyler has made a spider web. I have to say the spider looks very happy!



He is very proud of his certificate for his bravery with going into school which he was finding very difficult to begin with but with all the support from his teachers he is overcoming his anxiety. Well done Tyler!



### Change of Contact Details

Please can you let the office know immediately if you change any emergency contact numbers or email addresses.

If you do change your email address, please do not forget to change it on Parent Pay as our system does not update the Parent Pay system.

Many thanks



### Holidays 2020/21

26.10.20 - 22.10.20	Half Term
21.12.20 - 01.01.21	Christmas Holiday
15.02.21 - 19.02.21	Half Term
02.04.21 - 16.04.21	Easter Holiday
03.05.21	May Day
31.05.21 - 04.06.21	Half Term
20.07.21	Summer Holidays

### INSET DAYS

Friday 23rd October 2020  
Monday 4th January 2021  
Monday 22nd February 2021  
Wednesday 21st July 2021



## Don't Forget your PE Day!

Class	Allocated PE day
Holly / Ivy	Monday
Hazel / Hawthorn	Wednesday
Pine / Cedar	Tuesday
Maple	Thursday
Juniper / Chestnut	Friday
Ash	Tuesday
Oak	Thursday



## Lunch Menu - Week 1 - 12 October 2020

### Monday



Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Hot Dog

(v) Veggie Hot Dog  
(for vegetarians only)

(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese

Cheese, Crackers and Apple Juice Carton

### Tuesday



Turkey Soft Bag

(v) Margarita Pizza

(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese

Iced Mandarin Sponge Milkshake

### Wednesday



(v) Cheese Soft Bag

Beef burger in a Bap

(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese

Ice Cream Tub Juice Carton

### Thursday



Sliced Ham Sandwich

Chicken Fillet Wrap

(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese

(v) Veggie Fingers  
(for vegetarians only)

Homemade Crunch Cookie Fresh Fruit Milkshake

### Friday



(v) Egg Mayo & Cress Soft Bag

Fish Fillet Finger Bap

(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese

Sticky Ginger Cake Fresh Fruit Milkshake

All deli bags are served with either vegetable sticks or salad. Ketchup is offered with the hot bap of the day.

Please note that the colour of meal is the colour that is ordered with the kitchen.  
Any vegetarian dishes are display with a (v)