

Term 1 newsletter- October 2023

We can't believe that we are already at the end of term 1! This term has flown by and we have been really busy in school. New children have settled into school life amazingly well and new staff have too!

In term 1, we started the year with our 'meet the teacher' event.



Years 3,4 and 5 have been swimming. Cherry Class went on an autumn walk around the village, searching for autumn treasures. They also had a day of learning outside up at the campfire!

Year 2 went on a trip to GoApe and Leeds Castle. Year 6 completed peer mentor training.



We also celebrated our harvest festival. Pine Class then delivered the harvest boxes to villagers who were so appreciative of the gifts! The remaining harvest foods have been taken to the Salvation Army for their food bank.



Finally, the House Captains represented the school as the Standard was laid to rest at Hollingbourne church, marking the end of the Hollingbourne Branch of the British Legion.



Attendance

Our current attendance is: **95.4%**

The class with the highest attendance this term is: **Beech Class!**

In other news...

At the end of this term, we say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Christie. Mrs Christie has been a teaching assistant in Oak Class. We wish her lots of luck in her new ventures!

How are we doing in terms of school improvement?

You will remember from our 'meet the teacher' event in September that I shared with you the aims for school improvement this year. Here is a reminder of the key objectives and what actions we have taken in term 1!

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Actions taken</i>	<i>What's next?</i>
<i>We want children to be fluent mathematicians</i>	We have reviewed our calculations policy and published on our website- feel free to take a look! We have mapped out maths themes for the year so that these are better sequenced to support skill and knowledge development. We have introduced daily counting/ multiplication activities.	Engage in moderation with other schools in the local area. Staff training on meeting the needs of all learners in maths. Review of daily counting to look at impact Provide opportunities for teachers to observe one another's maths lessons.
<i>We want a happy and emotionally resilient school community</i>	All staff are leading clubs in school to ensure children have enriching experiences outside of the classroom. Year 6s have completed peer mentor training to enable them to support children with disputes they may have at lunchtimes. We have reviewed our supervisions policy and these are now in place to support the wellbeing of staff. We have reviewed our work on the Zones of Regulation and planned next steps. Staff have mapped out trips and enrichment experiences for the year. Year 6 VIPS have been rewarded for their hard work and commitment to their roles in term 1.	Year 5s will be engaging in play leader training. Staff INSET day in October is going to provide further training, advice and support to staff on the use of Zones of Regulation to develop consistency and a whole school approach.
<i>We want a cohesive approach to subject leadership</i>	We have reviewed our progression documents for each area of the curriculum has a whole staff team.	Progression documents will be embedded and published on our website for parents to be able to see. The collegiate approach will be developed by senior leaders and shared with staff.

Thank you so much for all your ongoing support!

We are looking forward to the Christmas festivities in term 2!

Have a lovely half term everyone,

Mrs Bradley-Wyatt and the Hollingbourne team.