

Newsletter: 14th October 2022

Key things to remember

- Monday 17th – Friday 28th October- Half term
- Monday 31st October- INSET Day – school closed to children
- Remember to order school milk though <https://www.coolmilk.com/>
- Remember to order school meals for after half term through Evolve <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>
- Please see the bottom of the newsletter for future dates

What's been happening in school?

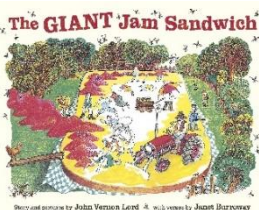


Reception

The reception children had their first ever school trip out to Bridgford park on Tuesday morning. Thanks so much to all of the volunteers who came along to help chaperone the children. Continuing with the autumnal theme, the children have been learning about hibernating animals and also learning to write the initial sounds of autumn objects e.g. leaf, conker and log.

Year 1

Today the school was filled with mini superheroes. All of the year one children came into school wearing superhero costumes and some of their teachers too! Throughout the week they have been engaging in lots of themed activities, including reading 'Supertato - Night of the Living Veg', writing a character description of Supertato and making masks.



Year 2

The year two classes have been reading The Giant Jam Sandwich. They have been writing instructions about how to make a jam sandwich, including what they might need and creating a list of directions in the correct order. In maths they have been learning about statistics and how to create and interpret tally charts.

Half term clubs and activities

Over the next few weeks there are lots of Halloween themed activities happening in the City and some [Fang-tastic half term activities](#) across the County. Have a browse through the [community news](#) section of our website where we have uploaded lots of posters and leaflets advertising the various events.

Family Bag for Reception classes

After half term we will begin the virtual family bag activity for all classes in reception. Children will be asked to take photos showing their favourite things at home and then they will be asked to talk through the photos with their class at Circle Time. We will be sending out full details of how it works after half term, so please look out for the communication.

School recorder lessons in Year 2

The Year 2 children will begin learning the recorder in school after half term. We have sent some more information home in the children's book bags, but we do have recorders available to purchase from the school office now at a cost of £6. Cash only please.

Reading volunteers

We will be emailing all of the parents that either came along to our online meeting last week or expressed an interest in volunteering to be a Reading Volunteer with the next steps and forms to fill in.

Extra help in the holidays

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is funded by the Department for Education. The programme aims to support the wellbeing of children aged between 5 – 16 years focussing on physical and mental wellbeing by providing a variety of activities during school holidays.

Local activity providers run face to face sessions that are FREE to children and young people aged 5 – 16 years and receiving benefits related free school meals. For more information please visit [here](#)

West Bridgford Infant School featured in Department for Education video

The Department for Education recently visited West Bridgford Infant School to see how Ms Stevens, our Mental Health Lead supports pupils and families. Whilst they were here they filmed a video for [#WorldMentalHealthDay2022](#) If you have an Instagram account you can view it here [world mental health day](#) or alternatively via LinkedIn here [world mental health day](#)



The NHS [Every Mind Matters](#) website offers valuable advice for spotting and supporting children's mental health issues and encouraging young people to look after their mental wellbeing. If you have any concerns or queries you can also speak to your child's class teacher.

Pumpkin Hunt

You should have received PTA Halloween Hunt forms in the children's school bags this week. If you haven't for any reason you can print a copy off [here](#). The idea of the hunt is that over half term, 17 pumpkins will be hidden at different shops and businesses along Central Avenue and Melton Road. You will be able to complete the hunt with your children writing down the locations of each pumpkin on the form. It costs £1 to enter and all entries will be entered into a draw for their year to win a wonderful prize.

Cake sale update

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and sweet treats for the PTA cake sale last week. The sale raised a grand total of £265!

Finally, we would like to wish you all a fantastic half term and hope you all have a well-deserved break.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Stevens
Head Teacher



Working together to ensure our children are safe,
happy and healthy. Ready to learn, ready for life, ready
to shine.



Key dates

We have set as many dates as possible for the year ahead and we will try to honour these dates, however dates may have to be changed due to circumstances outside our control. More detailed information about individual events will be shared over the coming weeks.

All dates in **purple** are PTA events.

2022-23	Tuesday 1 st November Thursday 3 rd November Friday 4 th November Thursday 15 th & Friday 16 th December Monday 19 th December Wednesday 21 st December	First day back 😊 Ladies Evening- Stick and Ribbon at 19:30 Flu vaccinations in school Year 1 & 2 school nativity at St Giles am Reception Christmas sing along at WBIS Last Day of term – school finishes for Christmas break
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