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15th October 2021

End of term

As we come towards the end of the first term of this school year, we have been delighted with the quality of teaching and learning taking place across the school. Our children and staff have been working really hard to introduce the year group's new curriculum. Simultaneously, they are still identifying and teaching gaps in prior knowledge from the lockdowns to ensure all of the children have acquired the correct skills and knowledge to allow them to continue to flourish with their learning. We have continued to do regular mindful moments, reflection times to ensure the children have the skills to independently self-regulate when needed. Our focus on the children's mental health will always remain our priority.

Values

It is our final week focussing on our value of respect and all the staff are very proud of the children's respectful interactions with the staff and with each other. Please continue to instil this value at home and next term we will introduce our new value of Friendship.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated food last week for our special harvest assemblies. We had hundreds of packets, tins and boxes which have been taken to the Salisbury Trussell Trust Food Bank. It was lovely to see children from every class celebrating harvest with their songs, poems, reading, writing and artwork. It was particularly special to welcome our Robins and Wrens to their very first assembly!

Safeguarding Update

IMPORTANT!

If your child is playing games on **squid** then this is not appropriate for children and we have had many cases this week alone, where children have been very distressed and emotionally disturbed by content they have seen on squid games. Please can all parents check that all children are not accessing this inappropriate and disturbing material.

One important e-safety skill which all children learn in school is how to search safely online. We teach the children to use a child-friendly search engine such as Swiggle: <https://swiggle.org.uk/> This site is very easy to use and blocks out content which is inappropriate for children. It is always best to use a child-friendly site like this but you can also make sure that you make the settings on the web-browser child-friendly too. Letting children do general searches on phones or computers is very dangerous, even on websites you may use yourself like you tube. Even if a child searches for appropriate content, other suggested content can easily be accessed which can be inappropriate.

The best way to keep children safe online is by monitoring all internet access whether this is on a phone, tablet, laptop, TV or games console.

Covid update

We have made a few reasonable adjustments in school this week as the positive cases across Wiltshire are on the increase. We have been very fortunate here at Zouch, with very low positive cases, and I would like to thank parents for really working with us to help keep everybody healthy.

National Poetry Day Competition

This year we celebrated National Poetry Day by writing poems on the theme of 'Autumn Days'. Thank you to everyone who entered. Mr Williams selected 5 runners-up:

Ashritha (Woodpeckers)
Marlena (Merlins)



Amelia (Ospreys)
Akshath (Peregrines)
Sumnima (Merlins)

And our overall Poetry Day Winners were:

KS1: **Emmie Punter** (Woodpeckers)
KS2: **Grace Loader** (Sparrowhawks)



Early Finish

A reminder that term finishes on Wednesday 20th October. As with all terms, we finish early:

**Nursery: 11.45am for AM Session,
1pm for 30hrs,
NO PM SESSION**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 1pm

Years 3-6: 1.10pm

Walk home permission remains in place for that day, but please let us know if any collection arrangements change.

[There will be no after school club or Chelsea football that day](#)

MDSA Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an MDSA on The White Horse Federation Website.

Meal Bookings Term 2

Our current menu is continuing up to Christmas. Please go on to Parent Pay to book your child's meals for after half term. **Bookings for Wc 1 Nov 21 will close Midnight Tues 19th October.**

Dates for the Term:

Tues 19th Oct – Osprey Class Dance Performance KS2 Hall, 9.15

Wed 20th Oct – Kestrel Class Dance Performance KS2 Hall, 9.15

Wed 20th Oct - Break up for Half Term, **early finish at 1PM**

TERM 2

Mon 1st Nov – Teacher Training Day. School closed to pupils.

Thurs 4th Nov – Bonfire Themed Menu. Please see Parent Pay

Friday 5th Nov – Diwali – Children can wear colourful clothes to school to celebrate Diwali

Monday 8th Nov - Sparrowhawk Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 15th Dec – Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th Dec – End of Term early finish at 1PM

Diwali Friday 5th November – children who celebrate Diwali will be coming in to school in their traditional clothes, children who do not celebrate are invited to wear colourful clothes – see letter regarding Diwali