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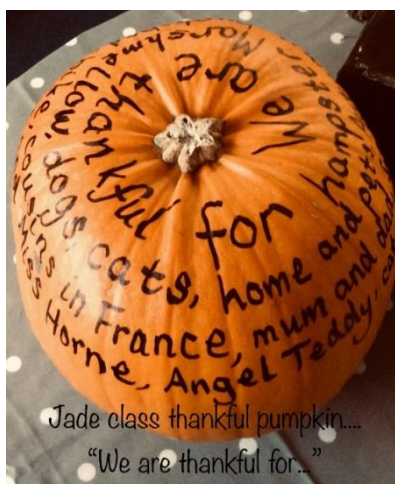
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Dear Families

We are so proud of our new Reception children – just look at them! It feels like they have always been with us! They are an independent, happy, full of energy bunch!



We are incredibly grateful to have made it to half term safely and happily! Thank you to all of you for your cooperation this half term and for supporting the 'new normal routines' we have had to put in place. I know some of our decisions have made life tricky for families but our priority has been safety for all and keeping our school open – it has worked – thank you for caring. A big shout out to the dedicated staff team – all the teachers, support staff, office, kitchen and cleaners for their unwavering support and for going above and beyond in their duty of care to meet a whole range of new challenges each day and still create a caring and supportive environment. Despite two unplanned fire drills, rescuing an early morning flying bat in the building, managing a range of ailments, one way systems, 'bubbles', staff and pupil absence and the frustration of waiting for testing results - amongst other things (!) - the children have been incredible - achieving great learning successes along the way! Here is a taster of what we have been up to:



WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF LEARNING AND UNITY



Every child in every class completed their own square 'patch' for our beautiful tapestry! The tapestry is surrounded by our school 'virtues' such as kindness, thankfulness, tolerance, cooperation, hope and respect – which we focused on during lockdown and continue to practise each day in school to support positive behaviours at all times. Our masterpiece will be mounted in school to symbolise our coming together – we are excited to share it with you in the near future!

Our children are now busy being historians and writers with various topics underway ranging from discovering Stone Age Britain, The Great Fire of London to exploring 'The Titanic'. Our Year 3 children used the school grounds to experience living like people from Stone Age Britain. They used outdoor learning skills such as knot tying, using a 'flint and steel' to create a fire and wood skills to build drying and cooking racks.

Every class is fully utilising the amazing grounds we have at school and we are fortunate and thankful to be able to spend so much time outside every day including lunch and snack time in the quiet garden. We will take inspiration for looking after our local environment and developing our school grounds, from our next whole school book: **'The Promise'** by Nicola Davies. You will see



us working in the community with you, as we explore this story about hope, community and having a positive impact on our surroundings.

Year 5 have been putting all of their learning about the Titanic into some wonderful book making. As well as amazing learning, the children have been practising our virtues of

Kindness and Cooperation by the boatload! Year 5 have also been learning about displacement in science by making (and sinking!) plasticene boats to find out how boats float and what the best shape for a boat is.

Year 1 have been making and writing their own potions – we have a surprise for you in our next newsletter – you will never believe what they made appear in our grounds!





Opal Class are enjoying their Forest School Fridays. They have learnt all about Autumn and how the leaves change colour. They also enjoyed building animal dens for the coming winter months.



DATES, INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:

November 2nd – School reopens

Parent Consultations – thank you for booking meetings, we hope you found them informative in supporting your child's learning journey. This is a crucial meeting as together we can make a difference before the end of the school year. If you were unable to make your appointment, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to share key information.

School Meals - Please remember to book your child's meal in advance on line for the first week back. We are hoping to have the full return of hot meals every day by adopting some new Covid-19 measures to make sure this can happen safely.

Coats/Jumpers/ warm layers – We will continue to ventilate classrooms - warm additional layers can be worn underneath school uniform, a hat and waterproof coat for playtimes. Please write your child's name in everything so we can return lost items.

CHILDREN IN NEED – Wellbeing is our priority this year, help us to support 'FIVE TO THRIVE'.

This year Children in Need will look a little different. We will be taking part in Children in needs five to thrive campaign. We will connect, take note, get active, be curious and give.

We will be taking part in activities throughout the school week based around wellbeing for all. This will include 5 minutes mood boosting with Joe Wicks each day.



Join us on November 13th for our non school uniform day. Wear whatever makes you feel happy.

Joe Wicks

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING CHILDREN AND GOLDEN STARS



With best wishes, Susannah Storey and the St Day and Carharrack School Team