




WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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DIARY DATES

ALL CLUBS ON NEXT WEEK!

FRI 27TH SEP, 9-10AM

Macmillan Coffee Morning

TUE 1ST OCT, 9.10 – 12.30PM

Squirrels Picnic & Play

WED 2ND OCT, 9.10 – 12.30PM

Foxes Picnic & Play

TUE 8TH OCT, AM

School Photos

TUE 8TH OCT, 7PM

Hub Fundraiser at Indian Nights

WED 9TH OCT, 10AM

Y1 & Y2 Harvest Festival, All Saints Church

THU 10TH OCT

World Mental Health Day
#HelloYellow

SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be [Week 1 – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

OLIVIA for her marvellous Maths – ordering & comparing numbers!



JACK for his wonderful handwriting!

LILY for her fabulous Maths work this week!



OLIVER for his wonderful Van Gogh style self-portrait!

JESSICA for fantastic name & number writing in class!



LUKE M for coming to school with a smile after having stitches!

ROSIE W for being very helpful & making an excellent book area monitor!



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

The children have settled well and our new Foxes and Squirrels have had their first full week. Our Year Two children have been involved in PE training sessions for new teachers and were complimented on their fantastic behaviour.

Huge thanks to Mr. Easteal, who has donated a new wheelbarrow for our Forest Schools area (right). We had fun trying it out and I can confirm even the odd member of staff has had a push!

We have updated our school improvement plans for parents and children and published them on our website at writtleinfantschool.com/improvement.

These outline the plans for the coming year. The School Council members for 2019-20 have been elected and will be announced next week. There are three parent governor vacancies this term, two to start as soon as possible and one to start in late November. Nomination letters have gone out this week and if we have more than three nominees there will be an election. Please respond by Friday 11th October if you would like to be considered for a parent governor.

As you know, we will soon be hosting a couple of fundraising events. Next Friday is our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising money for a cause that is close to all of our hearts. If anyone would like to offer some cakes, or donate a prize for our raffle, please speak to the school office, who will be incredibly grateful. Secondly, we have already sold lots of tickets to our meal at Indian Nights on Tuesday 8th October, raising money for our Health & Happiness Hub. If you would like to join us please complete the ParentMail form. Any prize donations for this event would also be very gratefully received!

On 10th October it is World Mental Health Day and we have decided to support Young Minds' #HelloYellow campaign. For a suggested donation of £2 we will invite the children to wear something yellow to school. The money will be shared between Young Minds and our Hub fund, which as you know is desperately needed to support the mental health of our families and the community. Please don't think you need to go to any expense, even a yellow hairband or something small will be good. If you have nothing yellow please send your child wearing bright colours.

Enjoy the September sunshine this weekend!

YEAR 2 NEWS

The children enjoyed sharing their home learning this week and looking at maps and atlases to find the many different places people have visited or lived. We made 'Super Duper You' story maps and rewrote parts of the story. Ask the children to show you the Talk4Writing actions they created to go with the story. In Maths our place value work has involved ordering and comparing numbers



SOPHIE for excellent Phonics work!

MILLIE for being kind & friendly!



HARVEY for always tidying up & putting things back where they belong!

ZARA for wonderful perseverance, using the climbing frame confidently!



JESSICA V for confidently talking at school!

READERS OF THE WEEK!



ARTHUR, LYDIA, ANWYN & KITTY!

COMMUNITY LINKS

WRITTLE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB OPEN DAY is on Saturday 21st September from 12 – 4pm. Open bar, BBQ, games available at Paradise Road, Writtle, CM1 3HW. Call 01245 420332 for more information.

3RD WRITTLE BROWNIES have spaces from September, for girls aged 7-10. If you'd like to find out more about Brownies please have a look at the [Girlguiding website](#). To meet us for a free trial session please contact Ellen Auty on 0750 122 1794.

(looking at the number of tens and ones). We also practised counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s.

Our focus in Guided Reading has been vocabulary. The children are enjoying using the Pawsome Gang to help answer comprehension questions in texts (have a look at the Year 2 bookmarks). We also started using the Amazing Minds mindfulness programme and the children have been given journals to record, in words or pictures, how they are feeling. These will be used at different times of the day.

As part of our school support for training new teachers, both classes participated in demonstration PE lessons, taught by a PE specialist. The children behaved beautifully and have been asked to do a further lesson later in the term.

[Home learning and spellings are published on our website.](#)

YEAR 1 NEWS

This week we have been practising Kung Fu Punctuation and using it in our sentences. In Maths, we have been counting and writing our numbers to 10, while also finding one more or one less. In the afternoons we have sketched some fabulous drawings of ourselves and learned about the 4 different countries in the U.K. During P.E we have practised our dancing skills and also practised travelling in different ways such as jumping, skipping and hopping.

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

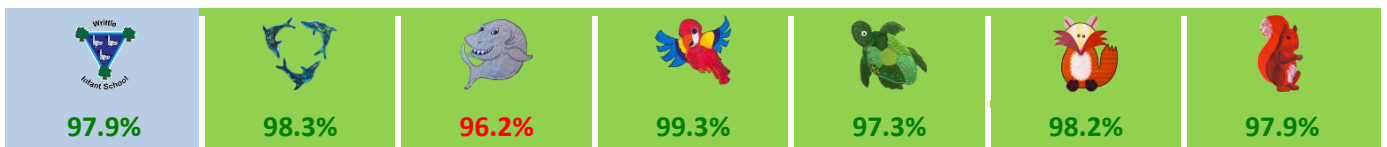
We have been so pleased to see the children have been coming in by themselves this week! We are slowly introducing the self-registration routine, so it would be helpful if you could tell your child what they are having for lunch as you say your goodbyes. We have been busy exploring our classrooms and the garden. There are so many things to learn, we bet the children will sleep well this weekend! For your child's place on our display board in class we like them to have a photo of their family or who they live with. Please could you pop one in their book bag next week and we will put them up! Maybe it could be one from their treasure box.

Have a wonderful weekend.

NOTICES

- ★ We have two unwanted metal two-drawer filing cabinets following our decoration work in the summer. If you would like one, for a small donation to our hub fund, please see the office.
- ★ We would be hugely grateful if you could sign up to the Easyfundraising app, which raises money for the school (at no cost to you) through your online shopping.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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