



Mr. Yandell's News

Harvest Celebration - Scarecrows



You will be aware that at this time of year we are usually preparing ourselves for a harvest celebration in school. However, this year we cannot prepare harvest songs in singing assemblies, we cannot practise a whole school performance and we cannot invite you in and come together in a celebration assembly. We have therefore been trying to think of a way of celebrating harvest and creating a community event whilst keeping safe and have come up with – **The Great Cossington Scarecrow Walk.**

The children are going to be making harvest scarecrows in their classes around the theme of people who help us and we are aiming to position these scarecrows around our local area so that over half term you and your family can go on a walk to find them. We are also hoping parents and other local residents will join us in making other scarecrows to make it a really exciting to walk with lots of scarecrows to find.

We are joining some other local schools in celebrating harvest in this way and will be making scarecrow maps available for other villages so that over half term you can seek out lots of scarecrows and try and find them all! I will be sending out a detailed letter next week explaining how you can sign up to host a scarecrow or make one of your own. Please look out for the letter and please get involved to make this a super community event!

Class Acorn

We have had the new Class Acorn in school for a few weeks now and it has been lovely to see how well they have settled into the school. Mrs. Jordan has been pleased with some of the learning they have already completed and I wanted to share some photos with you of what they have been doing in the first few weeks of school. Next week it will be Seedlings turn so look out for pictures from their classroom!





Scooters and Bikes



I want to take this opportunity to clarify the rules around scooters and bikes coming into school under the current restrictions. The school does, of course, want you to choose healthy ways to come to school and we love seeing children exercising on the way to school and on the way home. However in order to limit mixing of bubbles at this time the following rules apply.

Children in Acorns and Seedlings with no siblings in Key Stage 2 – Unfortunately, we cannot store bikes and scooters on the lower playground and ask that you do not take the bike to the Key Stage 2 area for storage so that families do not mix unnecessarily. We do welcome scooters and bikes being used but please take them home with you after dropping off your child.

Children in Acorns and Seedlings with siblings in Key Stage 2 – As these families are already forced to cross into both areas, the whole family can use and store bikes and scooters in the Key Stage 2 storage space. We do however ask that the **children from Acorns and Seedlings do not come onto the grounds to park them and instead get the sibling in Key Stage 2 to park the scooter/bikes.**

Children in Key Stage 2 – All children in Saplings and Oaks may ride scooters and bikes and park them in the Key Stage 2 area. Only children should enter the grounds to park these and parents should wait at the gates.

Thank you in advance for observing these rules.

Books

A big thank you to everyone who donated books to the school in the last week. They will be a welcome addition to the classrooms and library areas around school. Please do consider donating any books that you have finished with to the school in the future. It is really appreciated!



Face masks

Thank you to all parents who have been wearing facemasks since the announcement earlier in the week from the local authority. This is one further protective measure to prevent the spread of COVID 19 in areas where people are assembling in one space. It was great to see everyone follow the rule from the first day. I am ever hopeful that these will be short term measures and that we will be able to return to seeing everyone properly in the not too distant future.

Matt Yandell