



Staffing Update

There will be some staffing changes over the next few weeks and at the beginning of the Spring term:

- Miss Sullivan will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term. She has moved house to another part of the country and is looking forward to living there for the whole week rather than just at weekends!
- The new class teacher for Hawk class will be Mrs Mulvey. She will be visiting school several times before the end of term to ensure a good handover from Miss Sullivan and to start getting to know the children in Hawk class.
- Miss Patterson will be starting to train to be a teacher through a 'Straight to Teaching' programme. Both she and Mrs Greenwood will continue to teach Eagle class.
- Some of our LSAs will be changing classes to support our 'Catch-up' work:
 - Mrs Redit, who will be joining our team of LSAs on Monday 30th November, will be based in Vulcan class
 - Mrs Tudor will be based in Lancaster class
 - Mrs Woodhead will be based in Raptor class
 - Miss Baker will be based in Comet class

Catch-up Funding

You may be aware that the government have allocated 'catch-up' funding to every school to enable them to support children who have been affected by the closure of schools last year. Our school has been allocated £23,760. This money will be used to support children across all four year groups whose learning has been most impacted.

The staff have been working very hard during the Autumn term to establish which children would benefit from additional support and teaching groups will begin in January during afternoons. The groups will have a maximum of six children and will be running during the spring term and the first half of the summer term.

If your child is part of a group, you will receive a letter informing you. All sessions will be during school hours and will last for 30 minutes. The children will miss part of the lesson that the rest of their class are completing at that time.

Other support teaching has already been taking place this term and has been run by our excellent LSA team. The groups next year will be run by some of our part-time teachers who will be working additional hours. Further LSA led groups will also continue.

DIARY DATES

New dates in yellow

Mon 30 th Nov	Virtual PTA meeting @ 6:30pm
Wed 2 nd Dec	Our Cyber Ambassadors will be taking part in a virtual awards ceremony
Fri 4 th Dec	Deadline for parents to complete the online consent form for flu vaccinations
W/b 7 th – 11 th Dec	Donations for 'Elfridges' can be brought into school (more information to be shared in PTA newsletter)
Mon 7 th Dec	Christmas Card Post boxes open
Mon 7 th Dec	Raffle tickets go on sale for Christmas hampers
Wed 9 th Dec	Annual Flu Vaccinations for all children
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (donations to the Save the Children Charity)
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 11 th Dec (afternoon)	Virtual pantomime 'Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Merry Men!'
Mon 14 th Dec	PTA Elfridges 'pop-up' shop in school (more information to be shared in PTA newsletter)
Tues 15 th Dec	Children watching a virtual rock concert (the teachers from iRock will be performing a live streamed concert)
Tues 15 th Dec	Eagle class – Ukulele Concert (this will be filmed and shared with Eagle parents)
Fri 18 th Dec	Christmas Hamper Raffle draw during our final assembly of 2020
Fri 18 th Dec	School closes for the Christmas holiday @ 1:30pm
Mon 4 th Jan	School opens for Spring term
Thur 7 th Jan 6:00-7:00pm	Prospective parents' virtual Q&A session (for Year 3 entry Sept 2021)
Fri 15 th Jan	Closing date for Year 3 places (September 2021 admissions)
Mon 18 th Jan	It is 75 years since the plane crash at Cove Junior School!

Happy Birthday!

Ellie-May - 8 years old on Monday

Max - 8 years old on Wednesday

Zoe - 9 years old next Friday

Ellen - 11 years old on Sunday

Lucas - 11 years old on Wednesday

Scarlett & Milija - 11 years old next Friday

Jack & Bianca - 11 years old on Thursday 10th



Flu Vaccinations

This is a reminder to complete your online consent form for your child's flu vaccination - the vaccinations will take place in school on Wednesday 9th December and the deadline for completing the consent form is 4th December.

This year, more than ever, the School Nursing Service are encouraging more parents to allow their child to have this vaccine. Last year, 202 children had permission and received the vaccine - this represented 69% of our children and was lower than they were anticipating. They are hoping that this number will increase this year.

Today, 228 children have been signed up for the vaccination - 77% of the school.

If you are experiencing difficulties providing consent, please contact the school office and a member of staff will be able to help.



Words of the Fortnight

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we set a challenge for the children which we hope you will join in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word is introduced in each class and the children get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Year 3

'Delightful'

Adjective - Very pleasant, attractive or enjoyable

Year 4

'Angelic'

Adjective - exceptionally beautiful, innocent, or kind

Year 5

'Eerie'

Adjective - strange and frightening

Year 6

'Dispute'

Noun - A disagreement or argument

Verb - Argue about something

How often can you use these words at home?

Windows open in classrooms

Today, we have received updated guidance from the Department for Education regarding the opening of windows in colder weather:

- Once the school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.
- This can be achieved by opening windows (in cooler weather windows should be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation, and opened more fully during breaks)
- To balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature, the following measures should also be used as appropriate:
 - Opening high level windows in preference to low level to reduce draughts
 - Increasing the ventilation while spaces are unoccupied (break and lunch, when a room is unused)
 - Providing flexibility to allow additional, suitable indoor clothing.
 - Heating should be used as necessary to ensure comfort levels are maintained particularly in occupied spaces.
- Increased ventilation may make school buildings cooler than usual over the winter months. While schools will want to maintain the benefits of their uniform, they may wish to consider allowing additional, suitable indoor items of clothing to be worn during the winter period in addition to the school's current uniform. Where this occurs, schools should ensure that no extra financial pressure is placed on parents.

Your Time to Shine Day

Thank you to everyone who dressed in bright clothes last week to help us all remember to raise awareness about road safety. Thank you to our JRSOs and Mrs Tudor for running our assembly and organising this event.



Planting for the Future

FIRST NEWS needs you! One month ago, we launched the #HelpingTheUKGrow challenge to get everyone planting – and as lockdown continues, you still have plenty of time to join in!

All you have to do is plant something as a symbol of hope and growth for our future. It might be a bit chilly, but don't let that stop you! Now is the perfect time to plant bulbs for the spring or to try growing something from a fruit pip or an avocado stone. Whatever you try, upload your planting pics at first.news/HelpingTheUKGrow.

If you're looking for something new to do, give it a go. We hope everyone involved will share their photos and videos and challenge someone else to join the movement, using the hashtag #HelpingTheUKGrow (please be aware of age restrictions on social media).



Pupil Librarians

Mrs Keenan had a hard job selecting our librarians last week. She had received 34 strong application forms from children in Year 5 and Year 6 but selected the following children to take on the role of librarians:

Merlin: Chase & Madison

Raptor: Oliver & Austin

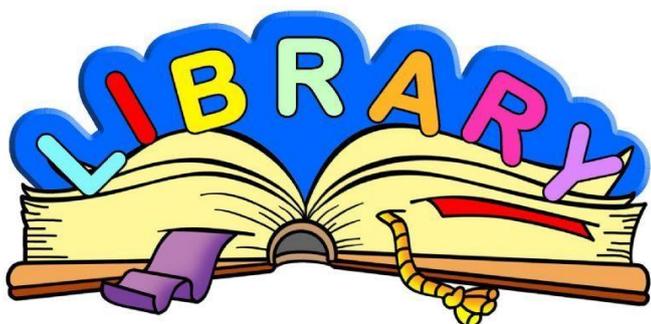
Vulcan: Finley & Shreshta

Comet: Emily & Jake

Lightning: Jack & Skye

Tornado: Martha & Faith

Congratulations everyone!



Guitar

Although we are not able to have our normal music concerts, Vulcan class had a treat when Mr Barlow and his guitarists played some of the songs they have been learning.



Nut-free School

Just a reminder that the children should not bring food products which contain nuts into school. This includes all food in packed lunches but also any 'treats' that your child may bring in to celebrate their birthday. Please note that some multi-packs of chocolates do contain items which have peanuts in them.

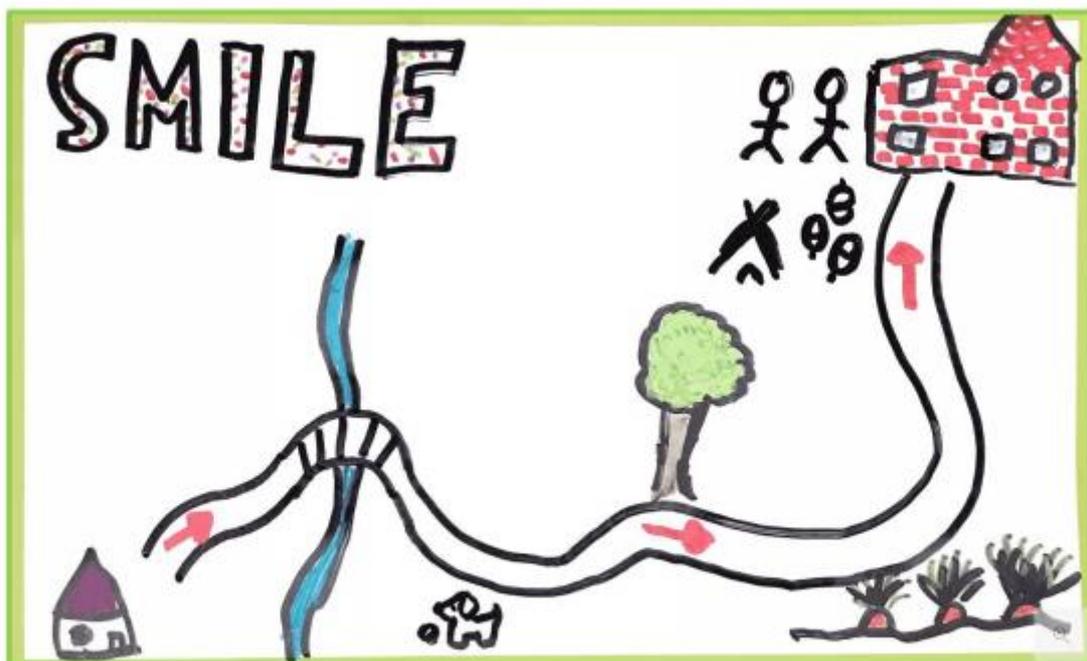
Golden Ticket Winners – Raptor Class

Congratulations to Isabelle, Oliver, Oliver, Anna, Cameron and Sophie. Their comments included: being a good friend; playing with others nicely; being lovely and polite at all times; and always smiling and being helpful.



Competition Winner

Congratulations to Jonah who was a runner-up in Hampshire County Council's "How Could You Travel to School?" 2020 Drawing Competition. His prizes are being delivered to school!



I love crossing the bridge, climbing trees, checking my den in the hedge and saying hello to all the dogs!
(Jonah, Year 3, Cove Junior School)

INSET Days for 2021-22 (school closed for children)

We have now fixed our INSET days for the next academic year and for those of you who are desperately hoping to be able to have a 'normal' summer holiday next year, we thought you would appreciate knowing the dates well in advance:

Thursday 2nd September 2021 & Friday 3rd September (Academic year 2021-22 will start on Monday 6th September)

Friday 22nd October & Monday 1st November 2021 (either side of the October half term holiday)

Monday 6th June 2022 (after the May half term holiday)

The last day of the academic year 2021-22 will be Friday 22nd July 2022

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who was able to make a donation to this charity. We raised an amazing £395.80. Even though everyone has a lot to manage at the moment and times are tricky, this was more than we raised last year. A HUGE thank you for your generosity!

