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# School Newsletter

## Launch of Forest School

This week we were able to facilitate our first forest school session with year one pupils. Thanks to Wates Construction, all pupils will now be able to safely explore and appreciate the environment and enhance their learning. Forest school is a form of outdoor learning in which children engage in a range of activities in a natural environment, through which they learn about nature, the environment, engage in creative activities, build dens improve scientific knowledge and develop skills over repeated sessions. At the same time, they are learning to cope in challenging environments, often through engaging in teamwork and in so doing developing social skills, resilience and perseverance. Mrs Cole, our Forest School Leader, will be working hard to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to enjoy this amazing resource. Watch this space for updates.



The children are observing the frog that they discovered in their forest school session.

## Congratulations to our House Captains!

I am sure you will join me in congratulating our new House Captains.

All pupils were involved in the House elections last week following superb presentations from all candidates. It was wonderful to see how much preparation the candidates had put into their speeches; they certainly demonstrated excellent oracy skills.

This week we have had an increase in pupils off poorly with stomach bugs. Please can you remind your children about the importance of washing their hands. Please also remember that pupils must remain off school for 48 hours following sickness to prevent the spread of infection to other pupils.

The link for the flu vaccinations form (below) closes on Monday- please ensure that you have completed the form, even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Johnson 😊

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October-** Flu Vaccinations

[Vaccination UK Immunisation  
\(schoolvaccination.uk\)](https://www.vaccination.uk/immunisation/schoolvaccination.uk)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October-** Sparks (fire service) to visit year 4

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October-** School Photographs & Trust football event 1pm-3pm

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October-** KS1 Harvest Festival



## HOUSE CAPTAINS

Emeralds- Daisie

Rubies- Esmiee

Sapphire- Avie-Rae

Diamond- Farrel

## VICE CAPTAINS

Emeralds- Skye

Rubies- Thomas

Sapphire- Colton

Diamond- Arjun

Our skills builders this week are:

Imani, Jax, Destiny, George, Megan & Tilly



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## Attendance

**Attendance at school is mandatory. Whole school attendance should be at least 96%. The 100% winner this week is Billy in year 3. The winning class this week is Miss Walters' class. Well done year 3.**

The Department of Education has made it clear that schools must be stricter when dealing with families whose children are persistently absent or late for school. A child's absence from school can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, for example, if they are too poorly to attend or if they have a medical appointment that cannot be made outside school hours. If your child is persistently absent or regularly late for school, whatever the circumstances, a referral may be made to Dudley Education Investigation Service, and this could result in a fine.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, or to school on time, please contact the school office so we can offer some support. Please note that school will not authorise holidays during the school term and that our policy is to refer such absences of 5 school days or more to Dudley Education Investigation Service who may issue a fine. If your child is too ill to come to school then you should **contact the school office before 9.30am**, either by telephoning 01384 818845 (option 1) or using the absence reporting feature on ParentMail. Do not use our social media pages to report absences. Please remember that school can administer medication in certain circumstances



## Star Pupils of the week



have shown our school values of honesty, positive attitude, resilience, respect and caring.

**Reception**– Ellie-Jai for resilience and confidence

**Year 1**– Cameron for positive attitude in writing

**Year 2**–Mason-Junior for positive attitude to Maths

**Year 3**- Isla-Mai for resilience in learning

**Year 4**—Lexi for positive attitude in Maths

**Year 5**– Rosie for positive to learning

**Year 6**– Kayden for respect to others

Our PTA's annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm.

The PTA would like to invite parents to attend to discuss the progress made so far and the plans for the upcoming year. Refreshments will be provided. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

We use house points to reward pupils for following our school rules and values.

This week our house points totals are:

Ruby 128, Diamond 78, Emerald 120 & Sapphire 169

Well done Sapphires.

