
September 25th 2020 Newsletter

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Aren't we lucky to have had another week of **sunshine**? There is certainly an autumnal nip in the air, but the children have been able to play outside every day and we've all had our spirits lifted by these bonus sunny days!

As you know, we are planning to be outside for playtimes in all but the very worst of weathers, so please make sure children have warm, waterproof **coats daily**. They also require a pair of black **plimsolls for indoor wear**; these will remain in school throughout the term. We know that playing in nature has a significant positive impact on children's wellbeing, so we are determined to make the best use we can of our beautiful school grounds to promote **outdoor play**.

Although the Covid19 crisis has led to widespread anxiety and, for many, a sense of helplessness, there are steps we can take to limit its psychological toll. Alongside reducing exposure to news, connecting with others and being physically active, we can use a range of strategies to **self-regulate for well-being**. One of these is to have a **daily gratitude moment**, sharing one thing we are grateful for at the end of each day. Children learn self-regulation gradually and one key source is modelling by adults – so it's vital we all join in!

As we navigate the developing situation here at school, we continue to review and refine our safety arrangements; our current risk assessment is available on the website and is regularly updated. The children have responded brilliantly to the 'new normal' and we are grateful for your support, especially your patience at pick-up!

Although the pandemic means that many of our planned activities are just not possible, we are absolutely determined to provide the very best learning experiences that we can. Ms Osborne's home-grown Stone Age Day and Mrs Wortley's daily washing of dressing up clothes are just two examples – and we're in discussion about an online Christmas pantomime. The only way is up!

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day



Pictures of the Week

This week **Owlet** class have been thinking about how they have grown since they were babies! As brilliantly demonstrated by **Rafe** below, they have been looking after their own babies and being very gentle and caring, giving them baths and taking them for walks in their prams.



More Information



A Note from Emma Davies – Music Club is back!

Music Club is back and there are still places available. ☺

- Panda and Rhino Classes – Wednesday 8am
- Owlet and Owl Classes – Thursday 8am

Contact Emma daviesepiano@gmail.com for more details.

Flu Consent form and School Nurse Newsletter

Further to the letter sent from the office yesterday, please can we remind you to submit the consent form by 5pm on Sunday 15th November 2020. Please find attached the latest newsletter from the school nurse.



Stone Age Day 2020

Panda class thoroughly enjoyed Stone Age Day on Monday.

Using a trundle wheel to walk out a timeline from the present day to the start of the Paleolithic Stone Age.



Watch this space for news about Running Club

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the **Consent form for processing pupils' personal data and Consent for Using Parents' Contact Details**. If you haven't yet done so, please could you return the forms to the school office as soon as possible – thank you ☺

Sunday Church Services – 27th September 2020

Please see this coming Sunday service choices below. For Zoom Meeting IDs and Passwords please refer to <http://langtreechurches.org/sunday-services/>

10am	A Service of the Word with Revd John. Readings and prayers to start the day with God.
10am	Harvest Festival with Revd Linda. Celebrate God's good gifts in Creation together.
11am	Holy Communion with Revd Kevin. A Eucharist recorded at St John's Stoke Row, with hymns and a short talk.

Dates for your Diary

29 th September	Rhino Parents – Gillotts virtual open day (register via website)
w/c 5 th October	Autumn Parents' Evenings via Teams
7 th October	Rhino Parents – Langtree virtual open day (register via website)
23 rd October	End of Term (school ends at 3:20pm)
31 st October	Closing date for on-line secondary school applications
2 nd November	Inset Day
3 rd November	Day 1 of Term 2
15 th November	Deadline for returning flu consent forms

And Finally....

- Q: What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?
- A: Stop going in circles and get to the point!



Owlet Class of 2020-21



Owl class using a variety of shapes to create wonderful castle pictures.

Panda Class appearing to enjoy dissecting Stone Age poo!



Rhino Class enjoying sorting pre / post views on women's right to vote in the UK

