



## AUTUMN FIRST HALF TERM 2019

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# COLMAN INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Magical Week in Reception

It has been a magical week in Reception. A group of fairies visited us and decided to make a fairy garden in our outdoor area. We spent a long time exploring with the fairies; finding treasure and looking at their wonderful garden. The fairies came to us because they know we are always kind and gentle with our things. Please only observe from a distance as the fairies are very shy! Thank you so much fairies for choosing us. LC



More fantastical moments from Reception's Fairy Garden!



## THE GREAT PUMPKIN INVESTIGATION

This week, Holly Class have been investigating the pumpkins that were planted in the summer term. They have grown well, and will soon be ready to be harvested. We counted the pumpkins, talked about why some were green and some orange. We also spotted the slugs that have been trying to eat some of them! HF

# ALLERGIES

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school and as of now, we are also a kiwi and sesame free school. There are some children currently in school with serious allergies to these foods that can be dangerous if ignored. Thank you for your consideration and support to help keep our children safe.

## HALF TERM INSPIRATION

With Autumn definitely upon us, we are once again faced with the challenge of keeping busy on wet weekends! A firm favourite in our family is setting off on a jaunt around the local charity shops for a DVD or books we can all enjoy together. Once home, you can gather to prepare the delight that is homemade popcorn. Keeping some plain popcorn back, an afternoon can be rounded off by making bird feeders. Even without a garden, these can be hung from windows or nearby trees. Simply use a needle and thread to sew the popcorn together in lengths of about 30cms. The birds will thank you for it and you'll have a fun time bird spotting! DW



## LAUREL CLASS FAMILY LEARNING SESSION

On Tuesday October 1st over 50 children and adults enjoyed working together during the Laurel Class family learning session. They created some amazing vehicles from small boxes collected from home. Later in the week the children added the wheels and checked that their vehicle could actually move. DH

# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

A number of families are using the gate at the back of the school car park to access the school building. This means that people are walking in amongst moving vehicles and this is unsafe. From half term the gate in the car park will be kept locked. Please use either the pedestrian gate on Colman Road next to Oak class or the pedestrian gate on South Park Avenue to access the school site at the start and end of the school day.

# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Celebration assembly will begin again after half term. It will be taking place on Friday afternoons, so that we maximise learning time in the morning and will not be open to parents at this time.

# GARDENS



We have been working hard to improve the overall appearance of the garden area in school and would like to thank the parents who have given up their time to help with weeding and sorting out the beds and borders in the courtyard and outside the Year 1 classrooms. Now all the weeds have been removed, these areas are left looking a little bare and in need planting. Unfortunately, school budgets do not extend to plants and so if anyone has any shrubs or spring-flowering bulbs they feel able to donate, they would be very much appreciated.

# REGULAR REMINDERS

- Please contact the school every day your child is absent. We know that this may seem unnecessary, but it is a legal requirement. You can do this via e-mail, phone using the school pupil absence voicemail or by visiting the school office first thing in the morning. If you book any doctor/hospital or dentist appointments during school hours, the school is required to see a letter/appointment card or text as evidence. Optician appointments should **NOT** be made during the school day and will not be authorised.
- Any forms provided by the school need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. If you need any assistance or have any queries please visit the school office.

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### OCTOBER

18<sup>TH</sup> BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM  
28<sup>TH</sup> RETURN TO SCHOOL  
30<sup>TH</sup> PTA CAKE SALE 3:10PM AT INFANT SCHOOL

### NOVEMBER

6<sup>TH</sup> OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS - 9.30AM - 11.30AM  
11<sup>TH</sup> FAMILY LEARNING - WILLOW CLASS (PM)  
13<sup>TH</sup> FAMILY LEARNING - BEECH CLASS (PM)  
15<sup>TH</sup> FAMILY LEARNING - HOLLY CLASS (AM)

### DECEMBER

9<sup>TH</sup> RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE TO PARENTS  
11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup> CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS SONGS  
17<sup>TH</sup> FLU IMMUNISATIONS  
18<sup>TH</sup> BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY



THERE WILL BE MORE EVENTS ANNOUNCED NEARER THE DATE. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR LATEST UPDATES.

**Art Exhibition**  
13-23 Nov 2019  
Anteros Arts Foundation



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