



Newsletter 15th October 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for your continued support this half-term, it has been much appreciated. We are all very pleased with how well the children have resumed their learning in school, and there will no doubt have been countless positive experiences across each of the classrooms. So far, we have been fortunate that major disruptions have been avoided for whole groups at least, but I am sure we all also recognise that the challenges will continue after half-term. On this note, a reminder that the school website has an extensive home-learning page, updated with a full week of learning for every Monday, in the event of having to self-isolate for any reason.

There are some pictures in the newsletter this week (see below) of some of the exciting activities going on across the school over the last couple of weeks- including an interesting new use for blocks of soap in Barn Owls' 'Stone Age Bone Age' topic, who have made weapons ideal for a drier climate!

The final day of school before the half-term break is next Wednesday October 21st. We would like to make this day a non-uniform day to raise money for Friends. Please see the attached poster from Friends for full details of the day. Please also check out the details of how to join the Friend's Zoom AGM next week- as an ideal way to find out about future plans and to meet the team.

Finally, last chance to make a donation for the Salvation Army Harvest Festival collection is Tuesday October 20th. There will be a collection box outside the front of the school for these next few days.



The recipient's of this week's
Head Teacher award are:

Aiesha (6) - outstanding citizen



Friends Zoom meeting
8pm Tuesday October
20th.

Please indicate that you would
like to attend by emailing the school office by close
on Monday October 19th.

Joining instructions will then be emailed out to all
during the school day on Tuesday October 20th.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

Last week's attendance was: 98.64%

Year 6 achieved 100% attendance

Attendance year to date is 97.01%



Birthdays last week

Rylan age 11
Alfie age 10
Bertie age 5
Erin J age 10

Birthdays this week

Lily age 11

Birthdays next week and over half-term

Bessie age 5
Amelia age 9
Jamal age 9
Grace B age 8



Gold book winners from

Friday 2nd & 9th October

Owlets - Sienna, Penelope, Jacob, Toby and Bessie

Snowy Owls - Jack, Amelia, William, Pippa, Harriet & Thomas

Barn Owls - Jack, Lily, George, Tom B, Indi, Amelia, George, Logan & Sydney

Eagle Owls - Harriet, Edward, Rylan, Bailey, Lily, Ben, Sam, Erin W, Erin J, William, Kodey & Clementine



N.B. These dates/times could be subject to change.

Tuesday 20th October - Friends Zoom meeting 8p.m.

October Half Term
Thurs 22nd Oct to Fri 30th Oct 2020

Christmas Holidays
Mon 21st Dec- Fri 1st Jan 2021

February Half Term
Mon 15th - Fri 19th February 2021

Easter Holidays
Mon 29th March - Fri 9th April 2021

Bank Holiday 3rd May 2021

May Half Term
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June 2021

Thursday 18th June - Eagle Owls dance showcase.
4-7p.m at St Andrews Hall, Norwich

Summer Holidays commence

Parent Consultations

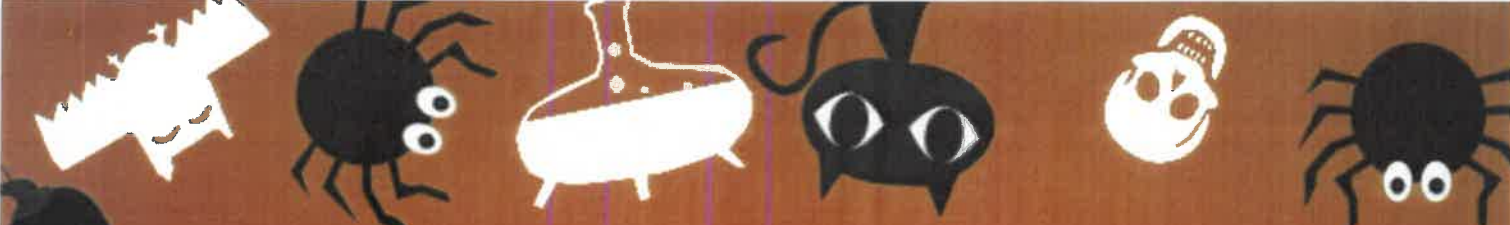
Staff have discussed at length, possible ways to hold some form of Parent Consultation evening after half-term, as we are clearly unable to run them in the traditional manner at the moment. We considered short video calls, but were concerned at how time effective these would be, especially given the set-up time for each call, and the possibility of technical problems throwing a timetable off course.

On balance therefore, this time at least, we are going to instead first write a brief report for each child- simply detailing how they have settled so far, and then on the same document invite parents to raise any questions or concerns that they may have. These questions will then be replied to by phone call or email, or possibly even a video call, over the following week in school. We hope that this approach will allow time to be used effectively by focussing directly on any areas of concern. We also hope that by next summer, we are able to resume Parents Evenings in the usual way.

The short reports will be sent out to parents on Friday November 13th, and teachers will respond to any questions raised over the following week.


Yours faithfully,

Mr A Pritchard
Headteacher

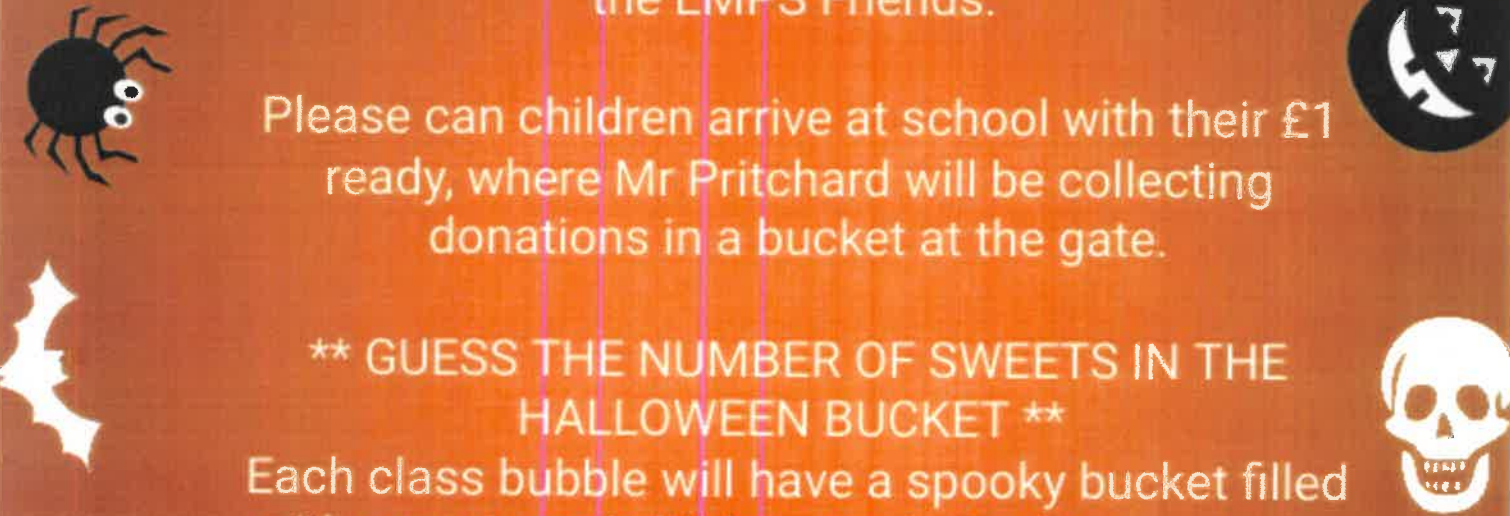


Halloween is coming early to Little Melton Primary School!

**** FANCY DRESS ****

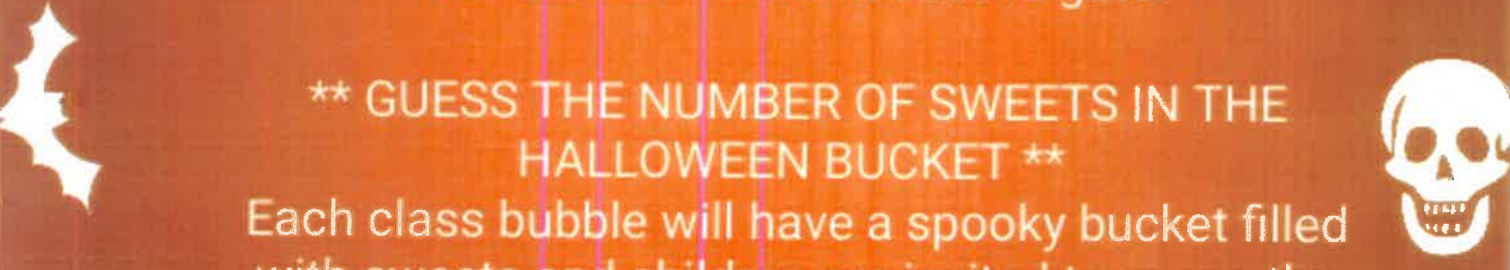


Next Wednesday 21st October (the last day of term) children will be invited to come to school in Halloween fancy dress for a £1 donation towards the LMPS Friends.



Please can children arrive at school with their £1 ready, where Mr Pritchard will be collecting donations in a bucket at the gate.

**** GUESS THE NUMBER OF SWEETS IN THE HALLOWEEN BUCKET ****



Each class bubble will have a spooky bucket filled with sweets and children are invited to guess the number of sweets in the bucket. The child who guesses closest will WIN the bucket of sweets!

We are asking for a small donation of 20p per guess! There is no limit on the number of times a child can guess but please ensure they have the correct money with them. The teachers will be collecting money on the day.

All money raised will go towards this years vital LMPS Friends fundraising efforts.



Autumn Challenges 2020



Create a pumpkin masterpiece to display in your window, this could be a real carved pumpkin or one made from rice or pasta. Get creative! (1 Credit)



Film a video or write an account of the last few months, what has been different? What have you learnt? What have you enjoyed? What has been a challenge and how have you overcome any challenges? Share these with us on social media.
(1 Credit)

Why do leaves change colour in autumn? Create a poster showing the process a tree goes through in autumn and explain why the leaves change colour. (1 Credit)

Create everything you need for an autumnal Zoom party, make toffee apples/pumpkin pies, make halloween/bonfire night decorations, if you're having a halloween Zoom party why not make a costume, set up a Zoom invite and get together virtually with your friends/family and have fun. (2 Credits)

How magnetic is your house? Using a fridge magnet, go around your house and see how many things it will stick to. Record the results and share them with us. There may even be a prize for the person with the most magnetic house. (1 Credit)





As the colder months approach, our wildlife needs our help. You can help by making bird feeders, creating a hedgehog house (make sure they can access your garden) or make a bug hotel. (1 Credit)

On 16th October it was World Food Day. Find out why we acknowledge world food day and do something meaningful to mark this occasion. This could be donating to a food bank, doing a food waste weigh in with your family after a meal and discussing the outcome. We'd love to hear what you decide to do. (1 Credit)

As this year has been unlike any other, wouldn't it be interesting to create a time capsule detailing what the past year has been like for your future self to open? You can include photos, keepsakes and notes. (1 Credit)

Its World Kindness Day on 13th November! Being kind is important and not just for one day of the year, but everyday. We want you to do something kind for someone every day in November. Whether its paying someone a compliment, helping your family with chores or making a card for someone who is unwell. You can record your act of kindness each day on a calendar and reflect on it all at the end of the month. (1 Credit)

Have a great October half-term from Norfolk CU.

We look forward to seeing all the fun you have been having doing our Autumn Challenges.

Remember to log your hours on your Children's University Online Account.



Have fun completing Norfolk Children's University Autumn Challenges. Please remember activities should be supervised by an adult.



Speech and Language Therapy update

Family Voice Coffee Morning

Our Family Voice online Coffee Morning for a friendly get-together with other parent carers is still taking place on:

Friday 16 October from 10:00 to 11:00am

There is no need to book as long as you are a parent carer of a child or young person with SEND. Just click on the link below from 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83006703755>

We now have an extra session to follow on from the Coffee Morning.
Stay online or join us at 11:00am for an update on

Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) from Rachel Gates

Strategic Health and Disability Commissioner, Norfolk County Council

The contract for the current provider (ECCH) finishes in August 2021. NCC and NHS Norfolk and Waveney have begun the process for commissioning a new service covering the whole of Norfolk and Waveney.

Rachel Gates has offered to join our Coffee Morning at 11.15 to meet parent carers and discuss their experiences to date and what the future service should look like.

The link is as above. You do not need to book.

Please make sure you have joined by 11.15am as we will not be able to let you into the meeting after this.

Pumpkin Carving



Join us at The Goat Shed throughout the half-term for family pumpkin carving!

Running daily from 24th October to the 1st of November

Daily slots 09:00, 10:30, 12:00, 13:30, 15:00, 16:30

£15.00 per table of up to six, including two medium pumpkins, free tea or coffee for adults, fruit drinks and spooky treats for the children!

The perfect way to enjoy the spirit of Halloween in a safe and friendly environment. Your safety is our priority, each table is thoroughly cleaned between each booked slot. The carving will take place in our large airy barn, allowing you to take part whatever the weather. Booking required

visit www.fieldingcottage.co.uk to book your slot

The Goat Shed, Colton Road, Honingham, Norfolk NR9 5DJ