



Dear Parents and Carers

Music, Ancient Egypt, hockey, gym, large visiting bears and smoothies are just some of the things you will find this edition of Spotlight. Looking through the class pages and from walking around classes, I hope you will agree that it looks like all of our pupils have settled into the rhythm of school life and are enjoying their time here.

Thank you for supporting the Harvest collection for the local Foodbank. It was great to see such generosity on display and a wonderful opportunity to support people in our community.

I thought it would be nice to share some slides from the Harvest assembly so if you missed the event. You can see these on the next page.

Have a lovely half term everyone, and we look forward to seeing you in the run up to Christmas! School starts back on Monday 4 November at 9.15am.

Sarah

Learning Intent- Pupils explore the life cycle of a pumpkin, look at how vegetables grow and are harvested and how they are prepared for us to eat.



Squirrels Class have enjoyed exploring everything relating to Autumn. We particularly enjoyed our food tech session making harvest soup and bread rolls and exploring pumpkins and their life cycle.



Beechwood learnt about food journeys. They found out that chocolate comes from Cacao trees in hot, tropical countries and that cocoa beans are harvested and dried in the sun before they are turned into the different types of chocolate that we find in our shops.  
Beechwood enjoyed exploring and tasting the different products!

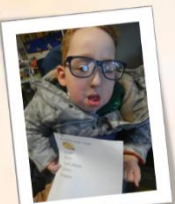


Pumpkin soup is fantastic  
Pumpkin soup is sour  
Pumpkin soup is crunchy  
Pumpkin soup is dry  
Orange smoothies are loud and slow  
Orange smoothies are loud and tasty  
Orange smoothies are yummy and tasty



Elmwood have been learning about where and how food is grown and then enjoying making different dishes with the food including pumpkins and different vegetables!

Pumpkins are slimy  
Pumpkins grow slowly  
Pumpkins taste great  
Pumpkins taste yucky  
Pumpkins are beautiful  
Pumpkins grow big  
Pumpkins are orange  
I like scooping the pumpkins they are slimy



In owls we have been exploring pumpkins and planting seeds. We have learnt what plants need to grow and we have been looking after our seeds with water and sunlight! We have been writing recipes for pumpkin soup in our literacy sessions and smelling different spices that can be mixed in with soup.



## Badgers Class News

Badgers have had a great first half term getting to know each other! We have been learning about toys. In literacy Badgers Class have been working hard exploring all the letters and sounds in their names, we have one new letter every day to learn. We read books, explore the letters and make marks in sensory trays or with writing tools.

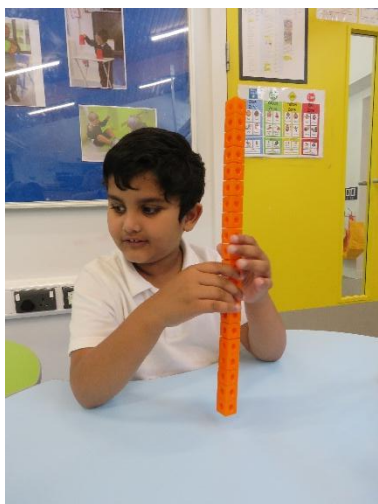


In PE, we have been moving like toys, testing our balancing skills on obstacle courses, throwing and catching and our favourite parts of PE have been dancing to the 'Shake your sillies out' song and soft play. We have had lots of fun!



## Hedgehogs Class News

Welcome back! Hedgehogs have settled well into the new school year with new staff and friends and have been working hard from Day 1! We are very impressed with the keenness to learn, to try new things and to come together as a group. We are especially enjoying our maths lessons with a wide range of activities working on our maths, independence and communication skills.



## Foxes Class News

We have been making a lot of noise in Foxes Class this term!

In music, we have been recognising different sounds in our outdoor environment, listening carefully for any sounds around our school during a sound walk. A big challenge for us was practising to be silent.

We then explored what sounds we can make with everyday objects such as pots and pans, tins, cushions and buckets. It appears we can make a lot of noise and music!

A part of our learning in music this term, was to create our own instruments. We used bottles, plastic jars, metal containers and filled them with a variety of seeds such as rice, pumpkin seeds, conkers as well as rocks and sand. We made short compositions using our instruments.

We also enjoyed watching musicians playing instruments which inspired us to perform our compositions using a variety of traditional and natural instruments.

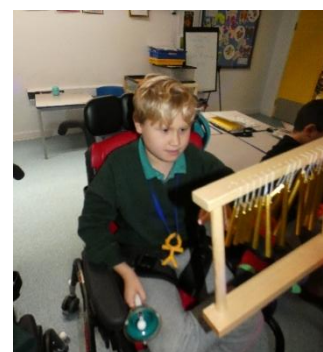


## Squirrels Class News

This half term Squirrels have been very busy exploring our unit on “Where’s my mummy”. We have enjoyed looking at lots of Ancient Egyptian pictures and artefacts.

We have particularly enjoyed our music and PSHE activities around our emotions and how music makes us feel. Our friend the colour monster came to help us to understand our feelings and what makes us happy, sad, anxious and frustrated.

Squirrels class voted and their favourite colour and feeling is pink and love!



## Woodpeckers News

This half term Woodpeckers have enjoyed our topic 'Where's my Mummy?' We have had lots of fun in history exploring Ancient Egypt. We have explored the food they use to eat such as figs, cucumber and bread. We made our own fig rolls as well. We have also experienced what it is like to be wrapped up like a Mummy when exploring the mummification process!



In PSHE we have been learning about different emotions. We have made our own worry dolls and spoken about what makes us happy and sad. We have also learnt about kindness. We made peppermint creams for a friend of ours and spoke about some kind gestures we could do.



In maths we have enjoyed exploring and creating patterns using many different resources such as vegetables, coloured pasta and ducks!



## Owls Class News

In history Owls class have been learning about Ancient Egypt.

We thought about the foods that may have been eaten during this time and we made flat bread and hummus. Owls compared the smells of different spices, and agreed that some smelt delicious and some did not smell so nice!



Using brown paper, glue and water, we made papyrus paper.



Owls had lots of fun dressing up as mummies, using sparkles and jewels to make necklaces like a Pharaoh would wear and looking at the symbols from the Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphic Alphabet to make their name.



## Rabbits Class News

Rabbits have enjoyed their literacy stories each week. We were thrilled to meet Mummy Bear from our story 'I love you Mummy'!



Rabbits have also loved their daily phonics lesson! Each day, we learn about a different letter or pair of letters and their associated sounds. We listen to its sound and then play the 'What's in the Box' game to explore different objects or activities which start with that sound. Rabbits loved watching an UMBRELLA spin and hiding UNDER the material for the sound 'u'. We had a crazy time throwing and catching BALLS around the classroom for the sound 'b'. We had a scary time confronting an enormous TIGER and large set of TEETH for the sound 't'. We caught FISH flying through the air for the sound 'f'. We tried on a range of fun GLASSES for the sound 'g'. Wow, we have worked so hard, well done Rabbits!



## Elmwood Class News

Welcome back Elmwood, what an exciting start to the year we have had! Elmwood are enjoying cycling every Wednesday, we go to Leatherhead Leisure Centre every week to use a range of adapted bikes they have to offer. Everyone is working hard at independently putting on their helmets and at pedalling range of adapted bikes! The favourites so far are the green trikes!



## Beechwood Class News

Beechwood class have really embraced our 'Food Glorious Food' topic this term. After reading various food related texts, the pupils have written and created several of their own class books about fruit and vegetables.



In science, the pupils have been learning about the different parts of a plant and their different functions. We also learnt that some fruits and vegetables come from different parts of a plant e.g. carrots are the roots and lettuces are the leaves.

After looking at some celery sticks using magnifying glasses, we used them in a science investigation with the help of some water and food colouring to prove that a stem takes water up to the leaves of a plant.



## Ashwood Class News

Ashwood class have been learning about what makes a healthy lifestyle, including healthy food choices and exercise.

They have made some healthy recipes in food tech this term, including making fruit smoothies, fruit salad and salad wraps. During their food tech lessons they are also learning about hazards in the kitchen and how to keep themselves safe



On Mondays Ashwood class enjoy going to St Teresa's school in Effingham to play hockey. They are developing their skills in dribbling the ball, striking and aiming at the goal and they like to practice a few 'keepie uppies' as well!

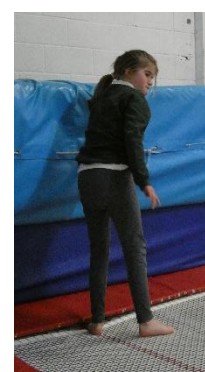


## Orchard Class News

Orchard class have had a great start to the new school year and are enjoying being back together, although we still chat about our friends who have moved away or gone on to new schools.

This year we have been going to Leatherhead Gym Club, where we have been practising our balancing skills, turn taking and strength building. They all seem to love the trampoline and are working hard to wait patiently for their turn, which can be quite tricky! Already we can see the confidence build as they are trying new equipment and are able to tackle some pieces with less support than in earlier weeks.

At school we've been using our sensory room to explore the concept of big and small in maths and have been enjoying planting our own seeds in science. We have also been making soup, crumble and pancakes during food technology after reading about them in some of our literacy books for the term. We also had our photos taken so had a practice in class before we went to see the photographer – we had some great cheesy grins!



## Pinewood Class News

We have welcomed new members to our class this term and have enjoyed getting to know them. During our sensory exploration lessons we have been learning about different fruits and vegetables from around the world and tasting and smelling the fabulous spices.



We have had fun in literacy choosing books to read with our friends using our electronic communication devices. During numeracy we have been using Numicon to count to ten and beyond.



## A message from the Therapists

# EQUIPMENT - WHO TO CONTACT:

It is your responsibility to maintain equipment by cleaning regularly, checking all fixings are secure and that any straps including those with buckles or Velcro continue to fasten. Pelvic straps should be used when the child is seated.



- For queries about a child's position or posture in their classroom seating please contact the OT team on [csh.woodlandsot@nhs.net](mailto:csh.woodlandsot@nhs.net).

- For queries about a child's position in their standing frame, walker or sleep system please contact the physiotherapy team on [csh.woodlandsphysio@nhs.net](mailto:csh.woodlandsphysio@nhs.net).



- For broken equipment or issues with maintenance (standers, chairs, walkers and sleep systems) please call Millbrook on 0330 124 1247.



- For Issues with wheelchairs (Including positioning and maintenance concerns) please contact wheelchair services on 0330 124 8210 or by email [surreywcs@rosscare.co.uk](mailto:surreywcs@rosscare.co.uk).

- For issues regarding orthotics (including boots, splints, gaiters, helmets etc) please contact Epsom General Hospital Orthotics on 01372 735 568 or email [esth.orthoticsserviceegh@nhs.net](mailto:esth.orthoticsserviceegh@nhs.net).



- For queries regarding home equipment (including seating, bathing, hoisting) please contact The Children with Disabilities OT Team on 0300 470 9100.



## Important Dates for Autumn Term 2024

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024      INSET Day, school closed

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024      INSET Day, school closed

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024      INSET Day, school closed

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half Term**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024      School re-opens at 9.15am

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024      Bag 2 School, 9.30am, see below

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024      Parent Coffee & Chat at 9.30am

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024      Singing Hands Christmas Party

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024      Break-up for Christmas Holiday at 1pm

Dear Parents/ Carers

Our next Parents Coffee and Chat will be on Friday 29 November at 9.30 – 10.30am in the lower school staff room. I very much look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

My email address is [nicola.sutehall@woodlands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:nicola.sutehall@woodlands.surrey.sch.uk).

With very best wishes

Nicola, Parent Support Advisor

Coffee



And Chat



Our next Bag 2 School collection will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. All bags to arrive on the day and be at school by 9.30am (we are not able to store bags prior to the collection day). Please look on their website for what they take:

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>.



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## Friends of Woodlands – Autumn 2024 Edition

Welcome to all the new families who joined Woodlands School this term. The Friends of Woodlands committee are a small number of parents and staff who enjoy coming together to organise social and fundraising events throughout the year. Our aim is to bring our community together, represent the parent/carer voice, fund key projects and have some fun along the way.

Please do email the team to find out more and get involved.

### Christmas Fundraising



**Christmas Hamper Raffle – We need your help!**



The Christmas Hamper Raffle often raises well over £2,000 for the children in our community. Last year we made and raffled 42 hampers!

This year the draw will take place on **Friday 13 December**

We couldn't make any hampers without your donations, this years dates for donations are below:

**Friday 22 November - Wear Green or Red tops and donate Bottles**

**Friday 29 November - Wear Christmas hats and donate luxury items (xmas choos, mince pies, toiletries etc)**

**Friday 06 December - Wear Christmas jumpers and donate perishable xmas food items (with longer dates)**

### Next FOW Meeting

**Friday 15 November, 9.30AM**

(On site at Woodlands after drop off)



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## Asda Rewards Cashpot – not too late to raise funds

**Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools**

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<p><b>Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app</b></p> <p>Join the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select a school in need.</p>	<p><b>Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com</b></p> <p>Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.</p>	<p><b>Asda does the rest</b></p> <p>The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earnings.</p>

**Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started**

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



## Bag2school – Friday 08 November

On Friday 08 November please send in your unwanted items and help raise money for Woodlands. Great time to have a clear out just before Christmas. Send in with your child or leave outside the Upper School Hall at drop off.

See above for website with details on what you can and can't donate.

## Friends of Woodlands Lottery

Did you know FoW run a lottery each year?

Have you bought your number yet?

Numbers cost £20 each and any individual can buy up to 5 numbers.

Draw takes place at the end of each Summer Term.

Half the total raised is split between three winners with the remaining half going to FoW fundraising.

Email friends@woodlands.surrey.sch.uk for more info or to buy a number.



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