



Tollerton Primary School

Newsletter

October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half term everybody! Hasn't this last 7 weeks flown by! I've told the children they've been so well behaved and worked so hard that they're allowed two weeks off! October has been incredibly busy with many exciting learning opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. It is always really important to balance the curriculum and high expectations of what children are provided academically with experiences which are memorable and engaging.

Curriculum enrichment

This term both Year 3 and Year 6 have been out on a trip. Year 3 visited Cresswell Craggs to learn a little more about the Stoneage. They had a really brilliant day, were exceptionally well behaved and impressed all of the staff with their knowledge and curiosity. Class 3 have also had their turn at Bikeability. They listened intently and followed instructions really well. We even had a few nervous children actually learn to ride their bikes in the session too which is a massive accomplishment!



Class 6 visited the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Newark. It is a really interesting trip, quite emotive and thought provoking for the children, and they came back very keen to talk about it. As with Year 3, the museum staff were blown away by the children's knowledge of the topic, and impressed by their thoughtful observations and questioning. Well done class 6! On Wednesday 18th of October the Year 6 children took part in an Equals Trust storytelling event. I was lucky enough to pop in and see some of the work they were doing and it really was wonderful (and very funny!) Mike Payton the visiting storyteller fed back that the children at this school were the most confident, engaged and enthusiastic children he had worked with. I am sure he doesn't say that to all the Headteachers!!!



As well as trips out it is also important to welcome visitors into school. This week Class 1 have had a visit from the Reverend Gamble. They have role played a Baptism, and discussed the importance of this celebration as part of their RE work. A huge thankyou to the Reverend who has given up her time to really bring the learning alive for the children.



Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 17th October we held the Harvest Festival celebration in school. The children performed a number of songs to an audience of class R parents and our Year 5 children did a wonderful job of narrating the assembly. The children in Class R performed 'Big, Red, Combine Harvester' in their very best Farmer's outfits, they were so brave to stand up in front of a full hall and sing with confidence. I'm already looking forward to their Christmas offering! Thankyou very much for the donations that we have received, they have been very generous. These will be collected by The Friary Foodbank in West Bridgford on Thursday 19th and used to provide food parcels and meals for those in need.



Black History Month

All classes have worked really hard to research their pioneering black woman, ready to present to the whole school. I have seen beautiful art work, wonderful writing, and heard children really engaged in learning about the impact our chosen women have had on the world both before and during their life time. To finish Black History Month we have had a visit from Bemba who is an extremely talented African storyteller and musician who has run drumming workshops for all children today.



A quick plea

Could we please politely request that you pay dinner money on time. The office is spending a lot of time chasing outstanding payments and this time could definitely be better spent elsewhere. Thankyou so much for your support with this.



The month ahead

Half term starts on Saturday, which gives us a two week holiday. The FOTS team have been selling Halloween Trail maps, and I hope to see some of you on the trail when I bring my children over to take part.

Festivals Week

From 7th - 10th of November we will be having a whole school Festivals Week, focusing on celebrations from around the world, from different cultures and religions. If at home you would like to spend some time creating some art work,

some photographs, a presentation, or a piece of writing about a festival that is special to you and your family, we would very much love to see it school. Please bring any creations to me during that week.

Some dates for your diary for November

A reminder that school is closed on November 6th for an INSET day, so children will return to school on Tuesday, 7th.

NOVEMBER 2023	
3	End of half-term
6	INSET Day
7-10	Festivals Week
10	Remembrance Day (and special lunch) Y6 Class Assembly 10.30
13-17	Anti Bullying Week
15	Class 5 Assembly 2.30
17	Children in Need

Have a lovely holiday!

Mrs Smith