

• Hello everyone •

Well we have had some decent weather during the week, which has allowed our children to get outside and enjoy the sunshine, however the end of the week has been a bit disappointing. Please remember coats and wellies, especially for 'wild wood' days.

I would like to share with you some sad news regarding the family of a child in KS1. Some parents will have met Isla, the baby sister of Ryan, and will know that she was seriously ill. Unfortunately Isla passed away at the weekend. Our thoughts and deepest sympathy go out to all members of the family. Miss Smith will be using resources from 'Winston's Wish' to support both Ryan and her class to help them understand this difficult concept. Please do get in touch with the school if you have any questions.

• Notices •

Tortworth Arboretum

Come and explore a magical arboretum! Please come and join us at the Tortworth Forest Centre on **SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER 10.30am – 4pm** for our **AUTUMN OPEN DAY**. Tree planting, family Forest School and bug hunting, self-guided walks, seed scavenging, hot drinks by the fire, live acoustic music. This is a **FREE**, drop-in event, but some activities have limited numbers and we advise pre-booking them via our website – www.tortwortharboretum.org/events We have measures in place to make this event Covid secure, and ask you to please maintain social distancing, regular hand washing, and the Rule of 6 during your visit.

We signpost activities and events to you, but please ensure that you carry out your own safeguarding checks before leaving your children

Access to Remote Learning

Please make sure to return the letter as soon as possible to the office. If you have multiple children at the school, parents / carers only need to fill out one letter for the whole family.

•Wagtails •

This week we have been talking about what is the same and what is different about the children in the class and other people we know. We have also talked about all the different kinds of animals there are and why it is important to be kind to them. When we went to the Wild Woods on Wednesday

• Kestrel •

Kestrel class has been writing day and night poems this week, the best bit was writing them up on the computer. In PE we have been learning rugby skills, which Mae really enjoyed as she loves rugby. In art we made fairy doors outside using natural materials. We then drew them when we came back inside. Next week we hope to make them in clay. In science we were categorising animals using questions. Some children did some work on the 'Green man' in forest school activities. He is the protector of the woods.

• Peregrines •

This week we have started to write our stories about a message to Earth. We are writing and illustrating them in the style of the 'Here We Are' book by Oliver Jeffers. Some of us haven't finished but they are so good we are going to take them home to finish then bring them back to school to share with Kestrel class hopefully.

In Music we continued to look at the Rock genre by listening to 'We will rock you' by Queen and comparing it to 'Livin' on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi.

In Maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting decimals – it is easier than we first thought.

We have investigated the 'Green Man' and designed, then made our own Green Man masks out of clay. They look amazing and most of the masks actually look like the design they are based on.



In PE we learnt three more rules which led towards tag rugby rules.

•Up Coming•

October Half Term

The half term is only a few weeks away, the last day of school is the 23rd of October!

School Lunch Changes

After the half term, Thursday lunches will return to hot meals. The first week back will be **week 3** of the menu.

The menu offers a number of choices if you have a preference, please select the desired choice through the Parent Pay website. If you have not activated your account, please email the office!