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## Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2020

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Fri 23rd Oct – Half term**

**Tues 3rd Nov – Term starts**

**Monday 10th onwards – Parent consultation phone meetings**

### **Homelearning**

I hope home learning is going well this week for all our bubbles that our closed. The teachers have told me that there are so many of you that are engaging with it. I have heard about some fantastic Halloween stories in Year 5 and some great arguments for and against Colin Kaepernick kneeling for the US National Anthem in Year 3! We hope the children (and you!) are enjoying it. We know it's not the same as being in school and we are looking forward to getting back to normal again after half term!

The award for engagement in home learning goes to..... Year 1/2 Foxes!!! Mrs Sutton has had over 400 response asks since Tuesday!!!! This is amazing work Year 1 and 2. We are so proud of you.

Remember if you have any difficulty accessing homelearning, or need any support whilst off, your class teacher is available via class dojo or email.

### **Reception**

Our lovely Reception classes have held the fort this week, working hard and also doing lots of lovely Halloween activities. Here is their scarecrow if you didn't see it on class dojo! I'm sure you will agree it is fantastic!!!



We liked making Winnie the Witch – Henry and Nyra

I liked carving pumpkins - Grace

I liked coming to school dressed up - Linkon

## Black History Month

October is Black History Month. This is a yearly event to emphasise the achievements of black people throughout history and the effects they have had on our lives. The children have been looking at different people and finding out lots about them. ***If you didn't get chance to do some research over last weekend why not do some research at home over the half term and see if you can find someone the children haven't heard of and look at what they have done!***

### Covid 19 advice

Please remember if your child shows **any** Covid 19 symptoms during the isolation period, it is vital that you get them tested as the initial 14 day isolation period will not cover them. The testing is quick and easy and they seem to have sorted any problems from the beginning of term - It is now easy to book, results are coming back quickly and they have added lots more test centres.

Go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> to book a test

This advice also extends to our Reception Classes – although they are not currently isolating, please be vigilant about symptoms and book a test if they have a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of smell/taste.

I know half term won't be as planned for many of us this year, but I hope you have chance to spend some time together and relax. I have also added a Halloween treasure hunt below if you would like to use it next week around the house! – Have fun!

Ms Flanders

Deputy Headteacher

<p>Witches fly on a broom, find your next clue in the downstairs bathroom.</p> 	<p>Skeleton bones go clatter and clink, head to the kitchen and look in the sink</p> 	<p>Now the hunt is really going, What is round, orange and glowing?</p> 	<p>We use this to fill the paddling pool, be very careful or you might see a ghoul!</p> 
<p>It's Halloween and things go BOO! the next place to look is in Daddy's shoe</p> 	<p>At Halloween time we put treats in our belly's, would you like to find more, check near the tele..</p> 	<p>Where bats and cats and spiders go, find this treat where the tomatoes grow!</p> 	<p>Where we go to dine outdoors, the next treat could be yours.</p> 
<p>Don't eat with your fingers you big baboon. The next treat is where you'd find a spoon!</p> 	<p>Come and sit at the dinner table, look under the seats if you are able.</p> 	<p>The next clue has gone to hide, under a chair that we keep outside.</p> 	<p>There's spider crawling around the floor, go look behind the garage door.</p> 