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INSIDE WEST RISE



Dear Parents/Carers—school is very strange without you inside! We hope that our November newsletter and our beautiful new website are helping to give you a picture of just how special it is to be with your amazing children at this time. Children are so very settled, happy, making progress and loving school life.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

11 **Christmas Jumper Day**



18 Last day of school

JANUARY

4 **Return to school and Nursery**

Breakfast club opens at 8am

AMAZING LEARNING IN RECEPTION

The children have settled back amazingly after half term and what an exciting time in Reception... with a whizz, pop, bang... the children have been busy exploring lots of fun ways of making marks, engaging in fun monster phonics and investigating in the dark role play cave which is sparking lots of lovely learning. The children are leading their learning with questions they would like to know, such as - Who lives in the cave? What animals live in a cave? Why is it dark in the cave? the children have been very excited learning about light and dark and exploring with torches. They have also been looking at their shadows! The wonderful colours of Autumn has inspired lots of amazing art work and walks to our Honey Bee Garden to explore nature and number hunts. We are simply having so much fun!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN YEAR ONE?

This term we are enjoying putting on our wellies and heading out into our Honey Bee garden to be inspired by the beautiful Autumn. We are carefully looking at and appreciating the beauty of different leaves, trees and the changing season around us. These experiences are inspiring our writing and art work as well as showing us how much we have to be grateful for. We are also learning all about nocturnal animals, finding out about their habitats and what they eat!

CASTLE CRAZY IN YEAR TWO!



In Year 2 we have been Castle Crazy! We have found out all about people who live and work in a castle as well as finding out about the different parts of a castle and now we all know so much about how it might be to be King, a knight, or even a Jester. If you ask us we can tell you all that you need to know!

We had a fabulous finish to our topic where all children came to school dressed as a castle character. We then made clay amulets, cooked honey biscuits and even made castles from cereal boxes with a working drawbridge! What a busy term and simply amazing learning!

The *wider* the range
 of *possibilities*
 we offer *children*,
 the more *INTENSE* will be
 their *MOTIVATIONS*
 and the *RICHER* their
EXPERIENCES

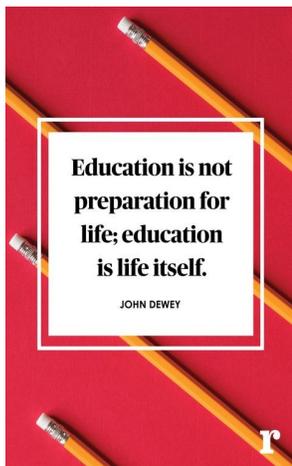
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100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all those children who gained 100% attendance for Term 1. They have all received a certificate.

The class with the highest attendance was **AMETHYST at 98%** Cedric has been visiting: Emerald, Sapphire and Ruby and Amber this term.

The overall attendance for the whole school in Term 1 was 95%



Thank you all very much for your generous donations to Children in Need. We are still counting!



CHRISTMAS AT WEST RISE



One thing for sure, this Christmas in school will be made very special for the children. Sadly our usual performances simply cannot happen due to the challenges this time creates, we will however be turning our whole school into a Christmas Wonderland based on the theme of 'sparkle and light'. We will be taking photos of the children learning to share with you and of course we will decorate our hall with the biggest Christmas Tree we can find!

COMMUNICATION

- ◆ If it is urgent and you need to speak to us, please call the office on 01323-764062.
- ◆ If your query is not urgent please email: office@westriseinf.e-sussex.sch.uk
- ◆ If it is a personal query or related to learning, please email Mrs Muller at: lmuller@westriseinf.e-sussex.sch.uk or Lynne Weir at lweir@westriseinf.e-sussex.sch.uk
- ◆ Please keep reading PING as this is our number one means of communication.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our families and especially to our Reception parents/carers, for supporting your children so well through their transition period into school.

Our soft starts and finishes are working well. Thank you for remembering your times for drop off and collection to help ease congestion.

COVID COMPLIANCE

Thank you so very much for social distancing on the school site and to all parents/carer for wearing face masks on the premises—it is vital that we are all able to stay safe.