

The Owl – October 2024

Friends in our community

The children, as many of you saw at pick up, were delighted to either meet for the first time, or welcome PSCO Hannah back to our school. What a way to start the new school year with us!

The children got a taste for how the police get around in our rural area, helping us to stay safe.

Hannah has a wonderful relationship with us as a school and she works very hard to ensure our children see the police as a positive part of our lives.



The children were very interested in the vehicles, in particular; what was stored in the various compartments. Well thought out questions were asked and the children were able to make connections between our rural area and how our police officers work.

Hannah will be back soon to talk to the children about her job and our safety.

DIARY DATES

November 2024

- 6th – Open Morning for prospective families 9.30am – 11.30am
- 8th – Layton Class Assembly 2.45pm
- 11th – Anti-bullying Week 'Choose Respect'
- 12th – Odd sock day (wear odd socks to school to support anti-bullying week)
- 13th – Bedtime story for Jackson Class 6.00 – 6.45pm
- 15th – Open Day for prospective families 9.30 – 11.00am, 1.00 – 2.00pm
- 15th - Children in Need
- 15th – Bysouth Class Assembly 2.45pm
- 22nd – FoRS AGM 2.00pm
- 22nd – Jackson Class assembly 2.45pm
- 29th – Decorating Day

December 2024

- 4th – Layton Class Christmas concert at St Mary's church, Reed 6.00pm
- 5th – Layton Class Christmas concert at school 6.00pm
- 11th – Bart Gee visiting – Turning disability into possibility
- 12th – Jackson Class and Bysouth Class Nativity 2.00pm
- 13th – Jackson Class and Bysouth Class Nativity 2.00pm
- 18th – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th – Final assembly 1.30pm, end of term for pupils at 2.00pm

Please note that dates are also listed on our website: <https://reed.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/> Further details about events in December will be shared nearer the time.



Get spotty for Children in Need

On **Friday 15th November**, please come to school as spotty as you can! All we ask in return is that you make a donation via the link which will be on our website home page on the day.

Thank you!

Many thanks for the very generous donations to our harvest collection again this year.

The local food banks were very grateful for the much needed produce and I know that members of St Mary's Church in the village enjoyed having some of the boxes at their Harvest display which were then passed on as you will see below:

Liz Jakeman wrote to give: *Truly grateful thanks to you all for the bumper collection of Harvest Produce. I took all the produce to Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge. They were delighted with our gifts. Thank you so much again. I, for one, really appreciate everyone's kindness and generosity.*



Anti-bullying week 2024

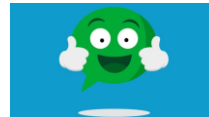
As you know, our Jigsaw lessons regularly focus on the theme of anti-bullying across the half term. However, we would still like to acknowledge Anti-bullying week 2024 by asking all children and staff to wear odd socks to school for the day on **Tuesday 12th November**. All classes will take part in extra activities during the whole week in addition to our year group Jigsaw lessons around the theme of 'Choose Respect'.



The children really enjoyed our annual kindness challenge in October. They have shown understanding of how important it is to continue these acts of kindness as often as they can.

Thank you for raising a fantastic **£110** for

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Maths open event

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend our maths event this month. The aims were to support parents and carers in understanding the methods the children use to add and subtract and to enable confident support to be given at home.

The feedback from attendees was really positive, having not only enjoyed the event but taking



some top tips away with them. It is really useful to come and see the way we teach in action. Do have a look at our calculation policies in the maths curriculum area of our website which clearly show resources and methods used from Year 1 to Year 4.

As we do each year, I will be sending out a parental questionnaire at the end of the month. One question will be asking you for ideas for other workshops you would find useful. This could be around another curriculum area or perhaps around our therapeutic behaviour policy. We will do our best to meet your requests!

Team Reed – Sporting news!



Our sporting calendar got off to a flying start this half term with both Layton and Bysouth classes representing the school.

Layton class put their running skills to the test at a Cross Country event hosted by King James Academy. I was very impressed not only by the distances covered in 20 minutes (4km from our most confident runners) but also the **resilience** all of our children demonstrated in following a route around a field

which is considerably bigger than ours! It is always harder running somewhere new. I was proud to see our children's understanding of adapting their running to suit distances in use. While some children (not ours) went sprinting off and soon regretted it, team Reed found a good rhythm and stayed moving for the full 20 minutes given. Some of the children were as ever, honest in their feedback, saying that despite completing the challenge, they didn't enjoy it! Others of course would have happily run on. Another great example of our children's sense of community and team; giving everything their best shot even if they'd rather be somewhere else!

Football next, and the turn of Year 2, this time at St Ed's! Again, like our older children, some were looking forward to it more than others.... But, every member of Year 2 was there and gave it 100%.

Special mention to both of our goal keepers who saved many goals. One of our keepers had to come off for a bit having saved a fast flying ball with their stomach! They were back in goal as soon as they could.

The children left the event muddy and with smiles on their faces, which is a great result all round!

There were notably more cheers back at school when our next PE lesson was football!



Drama workshops

The children had a lovely time with Emma from Drama4All making use of their great imaginations!



Poppies and other remembrance accessories such as snap bands and zip pulls, will be on sale on our return after half term for the Royal British Legion. The children may bring a cash donation to school and School Council will be selling before and after school too.



REED FIRST SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Are you looking for a Nursery or Reception place?

Nursery places can start the term after children turn 3. Set in beautiful grounds, we are proud of our caring and inclusive environment. Our children, staff, parents and governors love being part of Reed First School and would be pleased to welcome you too!

We also have a small number of places available in Years 1 and 3 if you are new to the area.

Call us or email to make an appointment for a tour on:

Wednesday 6th November 9.30-11.30am or

Friday 15th November 9.30-11.00am, 1.00 -2.00pm

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Decorating Day

For those of you who are new to the school, I thought you might like to know a bit more about our special day. Every year, the children come into school ready to enjoy a day of Christmas crafting.

The children will all make three crafts which will be hung on our school Christmas trees until the end of term when they will be transferred to yours at home!

The children will need to be in usual school uniform please as there will be no Forest School that day.



And finally...

Don't forget, we are looking forward to naming our Forest School area. To do that though, we need some clever name ideas! Please send your thoughts for names to Mrs Wittich by Friday 8th November.