

## The Owl - September 2021

### What a start to the school year!

Despite being a smaller than average school, there is always so much going on! It was wonderful to welcome everyone back and spend more time with our new families and staff at our fayre. Thanks to the amazing dedication and organisation of our Friends of Reed School team, the event was a resounding success. We are delighted that an incredible amount was raised which will go towards giving our children as many wonderful experiences and memories of being part of our school as possible. We are busily planning a new outdoor play equipment area to support active lives and the physical development of all of the children from 3 years to 9 years old. Now that the children are playing together outside, we will be asking them what they would like to be able to do on the equipment to help us to plan and design.

We are thrilled with the work which went on over the summer to transform our Early Years outdoor area. Our youngest children are making fantastic use of the space and are interacting with great respect by looking after all of the areas and activities on offer to them.



All of our children are showing real pride in being part of our school, which is echoed in the respect they show for everything and everyone around them.

We look forward to great year full of more exciting opportunities and experiences!

Mrs Wittich



## Pupil Voice

### School Council and Talking Groups

We have appointed our new school council for 2021 / 2022! To ensure our council has the opportunity to listen to all members of our school, they will be organising sessions twice each half term where 'hot topics' for the school will be discussed to find out more about what it is like to be a learner at our school and what we can do to make it even better. We will then be meeting in between to take some actions from what was shared.



The first Talking Group went really well. Our council members showed real aspiration in wanting to lead the groups despite being a bit nervous! In the groups, the children shared what helps them to learn in the classroom.

We have discovered that most of us prefer to use a mixture of things to help us learn which are displayed on the wall and things we can pick up. We would like the teachers to think about what is on the walls and make sure the things displayed to use in our work are at our level and big enough to see.

As you can see from the photos, the meetings saw great engagement from everyone!



## Diary Dates

### October 2021

9th - **Open Day** for prospective families 11am – 2pm (appointment via school office)

19<sup>th</sup> - (FoRS) AGM 9.30am at school

19<sup>th</sup> - **Parent Forum** 2.15pm in the school hall / 7.00pm on Google Meet

20<sup>th</sup> – **Parent consultations** 3.30pm – 5.00pm (virtual or in person)

21<sup>st</sup> – **Parent consultations** 4.00pm – 6.00pm (virtual or in person)

21<sup>st</sup> – FoRS pumpkin carving competition

25<sup>th</sup> Half term break

### November 2021

1<sup>st</sup> – **Junior Class Roman Workshop**

4<sup>th</sup> – **Parent Forum** 2.15pm in the school hall / 7.00pm on Google Meet

5<sup>th</sup> – **Infant Class Assembly** 2.45pm (School hall/ Google Meet)

12<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need

15<sup>th</sup> – Anti-bullying week

19<sup>th</sup> – **Early Years Class Assembly** 2.45pm (School hall/ Google Meet)

26<sup>th</sup> – **Junior Class Assembly** 2.45pm (School hall/ Google Meet)



## Postcards Home

Postcards home continue to offer our children a real sense of pride and achievement as they demonstrate one of our values. The designs on the postcards were drawn by children two years ago and we would like some new ones. As a result, it's competition time! Your child will be bringing home with them on Monday, a blank postcard. We would like them to draw or paint either an owl or a picture to show our school on the blank side. They could try to recreate our logo, or think about a particular owl from our Houses: Barn Owls, Tawny Owls or Eagle Owls. If they choose to create a picture of our school, this could be their favourite part, the view from the front or maybe even of the children and staff!

All entries must be given to me by Friday 22nd October. New images to be used on our postcards will then be chosen to be ready after half term. There will be house points for all entries and extra points for the winners!



## Food bank donations

Many thanks for all of the kind donations which were collected in school this week. Our events to help others really do help the children to understand the need to strive for equality and to give help and support to others when it is needed. We carry out a lot of work on understanding differences between people's lives and part of this includes the rights of everyone to be able to have basic needs met. All donations will be taken to Royston and Buntingford Food Banks for distribution.

Thank you.



## **And finally...**

Please remember to tell friends, family and neighbours about our Open Day. If they would like to visit us, they can make an appointment through the school office.

If they are unable to make the 9<sup>th</sup> October, they are welcome to make an appointment during the school day on another occasion.

