



# Autumn Term 2021 Newsletter 4



## *The Value of the Month for October is to understand our Rights & Responsibilities*

Rights and responsibilities help to make communities better...  
it means being dependable, making good choices, and taking accountability for your actions.

### What's happening next week...



|                           |                                          |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>    | School Photographs                       |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>   |                                          |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> |                                          |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Y6 Gym / Y4 Swimming                     |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>    | KS1 Harvest Festival /<br>Harvest Market |

### Parents' Evening

We are holding the Autumn Term Parents' Evenings via Zoom on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

You will receive an email next week from [notifications@primarysite.net](mailto:notifications@primarysite.net) inviting you to book your 10-minute consultation with your child's class teacher. Log-in details and passwords will be sent closer to the time.

Please note that your child's teacher will need to adhere strictly to timings.

### Harvest Festival & Market

On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival celebrations which will begin in the school hall at 2.15pm. Class R, 1 & 2 will be leading the Festival with songs and celebrations. On Friday, KS1 & KS2 children are also encouraged to bring in £2 so that they can purchase some of the crafts and treats that they have been busy preparing. **Due to the current COVID-19 situation, we are kindly asking that only one member per family attends this event.** Please note, this event will also be live streamed via Zoom and class teachers will send the link next week.

Following the Harvest Festival, we will hold a raffle for our fresh fruit and vegetable hampers. Tickets will cost 50p and will be available throughout next week from class teachers. In addition, we are asking for donations for the Ross-on-Wye Community Larder & The Forest Food Bank. We have been asked to donate the following items:

|         |                               |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| Class R | Tinned custard / biscuits     |
| Class 1 | Tinned goods (no baked beans) |
| Class 2 | Fresh Fruit / Vegetables      |
| Class 3 | Preserves e.g. jams/chutneys  |
| Class 4 | Preserves e.g. jams/chutneys  |
| Class 5 | Coffee / Rice                 |
| Class 6 | Coffee / Rice                 |



Please can all donations be taken to the school office no later than Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Many thanks for your continued support.



# Photo Day

WALFORD  
NURSERY &  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY  
4TH OCTOBER



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## Monthly Growing Clubs for KS1 & KS2 Children



If you enjoy being outside, connecting with nature and love growing things, then this could be for you!

Ross Community Garden, Old Gloucester Rd

Dates: 16/10, 20/11, 11/12

KS1 1.15-2.15pm (£2) KS2 2.30-4pm (£2.50)

If you would like to book a place or would like further information please email:  
[rossfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:rossfoodhub@gmail.com)

A project set up by Ross Food Hub to encourage more children to grow their own food



FOOTBALL SESSIONS  
FOR 2-4 YEAR OLDS AND 5-8  
YEAR OLDS WITH

JOEL EDWARDS

STARTING WEDNESDAY 22ND  
SEPTEMBER AT  
WYFC, ROSS-ON-WYE

For more information or to  
reserve a place e-mail:  
[info@weston-yfc.co.uk](mailto:info@weston-yfc.co.uk)

## Macmillan Cake Sale

A big **THANK YOU** to all of our families that baked / bought and purchased goods for our Macmillan Cake Sale. Alongside our treat raffle, we raised an incredible £359.30!

Well done, everyone!



## FREE APP

As many of the children love the Teach Monster app, we thought that you may be interested to know that the makers of 'Teach Your Monster to Read' have just released a new app which is called "Teach Your Monster to Read - Reading for Fun".

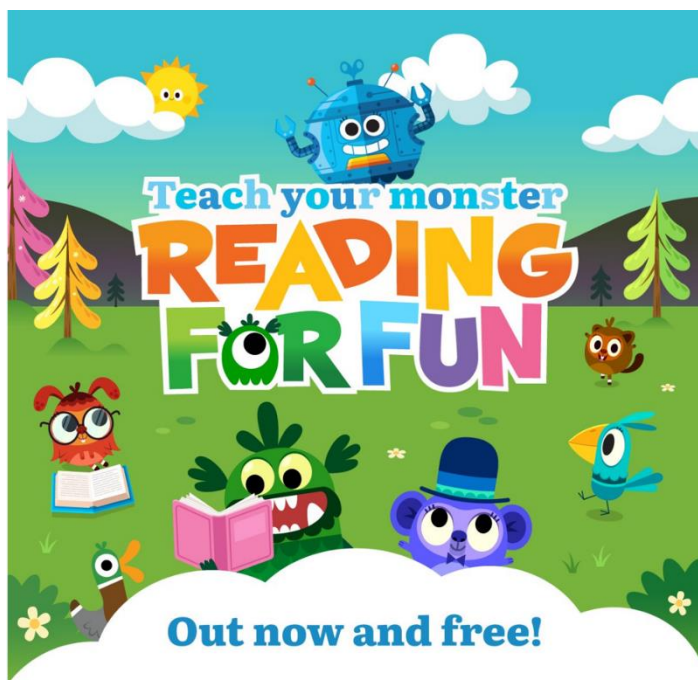
**It is currently FREE for a limited time in the App Store, otherwise £4.99!**

This new game aims to get children reading for fun and inspires a lifelong love of reading. 'Teach Your Monster: Reading for Fun' gives children the chance to collect over 70 books for their monster's bookshelf! This time your monster is exploring a magical village, full of fascinating facts and spellbinding stories. There are lots of reading buddies waiting to meet your monster and so many fun things to do. You can join in with lots of fun - from reading recipes in the bakery, to reading addresses and signposts to deliver parcels. You can earn over 70 outstanding books as rewards for helping out!

You can download this app from the app store by clicking here:

<https://apps.apple.com/app/apple-store/id1512939054?mt=8&fbclid=IwAR1UHF DUFBDPOL Tb7rETzVkMPUxgnj7CI3zatCpZ J2ENIJWCvEVVkc67nU>

Currently this is not available on Android devices.



## Annual Flu Vaccination

On Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, all children have the opportunity to have a flu vaccination in school. The annual flu vaccination is now offered to school children as part of their routine vaccination programme.

Today, your child will bring home their consent form in a white envelope. If you decide you **do not** want your child vaccinated against flu, **you must** still return the consent form indicating why, in order to help plan and improve the service.

These forms must be completed and returned to the school office no later than Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.



## School Disco - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Disco tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay:



Disco ticket - £2.50

Disco ticket (including a slice of Domino's margherita pizza) - £3.50

There will also be an opportunity for children to purchase sweets so we recommend that they bring £1/ £2 spending money. Free squash will be available on the night but we ask that children bring their named water bottles which they will be able to refill throughout the evening. Please note the following details:

**Infant Disco – YR, Y1 & Y2**  
**5.00pm - 6.00pm**

**Junior Disco – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6**  
**6.15pm - 7.30pm**

It's Good to Grow  
from Morrisons

Collect free gardening  
equipment for your  
school

## FREE gardening equipment for our school

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help our school get everything we need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens.

We will be able to exchange our Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment so that more children can get outdoors, grow, learn and enjoy fresh produce.

### South West England Primary Engineer Leaders Award

The whole school community enjoyed celebrating with pupils, past and present, who have won prestigious South West England Primary Engineer Leaders Awards. This remarkable STEM award, managed in partnership with the University of West of England, Bristol, asked primary and secondary school pupils a question... "If you were an engineer, what would you do?" Past pupils, Sam (Year 8) and Nathaniel (Year 7), together with Maisie (Year 6) and Isla (Year 4) received a belated 2020 engineering award, alongside two of Walford's youngest ever winners, Christopher (Year 2) and Harry (Year R) who secured a 2021 engineering award for their year group across the South West region.

**Well done, everyone!**  
**We are all very proud of you!**



Pupils with their awards are, from left to right: Maisie aged eight, Isla aged seven and Nate aged 10

## Young engineers of the future off to flying start

PUPILS at Walford Nursery & Primary School in Boreham have been celebrating with their teachers and staff as they have won a prestigious South West England Primary Engineer Leaders Award.

The remarkable STEM award, managed in partnership with the University of the West of England Bristol, asked primary and secondary school pupils a question... "If you were an engineer,

what would you do?" Headteacher, Louise George, said: "Pupils at Walford are always ready to take on a challenge and all participated with great enthusiasm to find a solution for a variety of engineering dilemmas. Once again, we have been overwhelmed with the amount of creativity generated and this year, it has been particularly thrilling to see a past in Year One and in our Nursery win one of three fabulous awards."

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Sam impressed staff and children alike when he said: "Engineering is all about solving problems. To be successful you have to have to stick at it, even when some of your ideas fail." Frank Myers MBE, chairman of the Devonshire Business Board, was delighted to attend the contestation assembly in order to present the engineering awards.

He said: "We are so lucky to have such an ambitious and high performing school in our midst and once again the young people, across all age ranges, have shown outstanding performance in these awards. The spirit of achievement which shines out of each winner is inspiring to see and I am sure, that the ambition of those who were fortunate to win this time."

"It also shows out of the teachers and staff whose sense of pride at the achievement of their young people always inspires me. I greatly value my relationship with such an excellent school and, as an engineer myself, I particularly welcome how the school includes these wider perspectives into their curriculum."

Paul Green OBE JP FL, chair of the Board of Governors said: "On behalf of the governing body, I would like to extend our congratulations to the pupils who have won these impressive engineering awards and to the families for their continued support, both of their children and the work of the school. Huge thanks also to Louise George, Headteacher, and the incredible staff team who work extremely hard to stimulate innovative thinking and to encourage creativity through exciting projects such as the Primary Leaders Engineering Award."



Also with their prizes are, from left to right, Christopher, aged five, Harry aged four and Sam aged 11

## Sumdog Herefordshire Maths Contest

Well done to everyone who got involved in the Sumdog Herefordshire Maths Contest.

We are very proud of you all!

Well done to Class 1 who achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place, Class 3 who achieved 6<sup>th</sup> place and Class 5 who achieved 8<sup>th</sup> place overall on the county leaderboard.



### Huge congratulations to children on the Top 10 Leaderboard...

George, Year 1 – 1<sup>st</sup>

Dexter, Year 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Joseph, Year 1 – 9<sup>th</sup>

Jessica, Year 1 – 10<sup>th</sup>

**Congratulations, everyone! Look out for the next contest coming soon!**



## COVID – 19 Reminder



### When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- you are under 18 years and 6 months old
- you are taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, the advice from the NHS is:

- get a PCR test on gov.uk to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19
- consider limiting contact with people who are at a higher risk of catching COVID-19

You should always follow the advice provided by NHS Track and Trace or 119.



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|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| October 2021  | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>                                              | 8.30am                         | School Photographs                                      |
|               | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>                                              | 2.15pm<br>2.45pm               | Nursery / KS1 Harvest Celebration<br>KS2 Harvest Market |
|               | Monday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>                 | 3.30pm-6.00pm                  | Parents' Evening                                        |
|               | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>                                           | 5.00pm-6.00pm<br>6.15pm-7.30pm | KS1 Disco<br>KS2 Disco                                  |
|               | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                             | 3.05pm                         | End of Term                                             |
|               | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October inclusive |                                | Half Term                                               |
|               |                                                                     |                                |                                                         |
| November 2021 | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>                                              | 8.50am                         | Children return                                         |
|               | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>                                             | 9.00am                         | Gloucester Quays Cinema Trip                            |
|               | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>                                             | 9.00am                         | Wear Your Spots – Children in Need                      |
| December 2021 | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>                                           | 1.30pm                         | Children's Christmas Fayre                              |
|               | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                              | 9.00am                         | Year R, 1 & 2 Santa Safari Trip                         |
|               | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>                                             | 12.00pm                        | Christmas Jumper Day<br>AIP Christmas Lunch             |
|               | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>                                             | 2.00pm                         | Y5/Y6 Carol Service                                     |
|               | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>                                            | 10.00am                        | Pantomime                                               |
|               | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>             | 1.45pm                         | Nursery / KS1 Christmas Concert                         |
|               | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>                                             | 3.05pm                         | EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Christmas Parties<br>End of term        |

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Reception admissions for 2022-2023

Do you have a child born between  
1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

If so you will need to apply for a school place  
by 15 January 2022 (to commence September  
2022)

Applications can be completed from  
**13 September 2021** online  
(scan QR code)



Please note: a place at a nursery does not  
guarantee a place at the associated primary  
school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school  
admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or  
[schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk)

# Optimistic October 2021

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished this week

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities this week?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



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