



## Message from Mrs Thompson:

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# North Cadbury CHRONICLES

Autumn Edition

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Dear Parents and Families,

The nights are drawing in and there is definitely a more autumnal (plus slightly chilly and damp) feel to the days following our very brief foray back into summer a few weeks back! This can only mean that half term is upon us, and as usual, the children have had a full and fun half term of learning.

Thank you for joining and supporting us at our recent Harvest Festival, and at our Celebration assemblies - if you haven't been invited yet, maybe your invite will arrive next half-term!

We have had a seemingly endless array of photographers in school recently, and hopefully you have loved seeing the children's portraits - they look so smart in their uniforms. We have also had a Trust photographer into school, and we look forward to sharing some of his work with you soon.

We do hope that you all enjoy this break with your children, and pray that these dry, crisp & sunny days continue so that we can all explore our beautiful area and have some quality family time.

With very best wishes,

*Mrs Lisa Thompson &  
the NC Team*

Head Teacher



# Reception & Early Years

It's hard to believe we have only been back a few weeks.

However, all children have settled into their new routines and have loved this next chapter of their education at North Cadbury. This term our theme has been All Creatures Great and Small, and we have enjoyed many stories, including The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Dear Zoo, Walking through the Jungle and Pumpkin Soup.

The Pixies have enjoyed learning to write and have even written a letter to the zoo asking for different animals - what clever Pixies we have.

Sprites have enjoyed helping create our Tiger Who Came to Tea display in the classroom, with the tiger watching over us as we work!

In Expressive Arts and Design, we have been learning about colour. We finished our sunset pictures last week, and they look simply fantastic. The Newt have also kindly donated some pumpkins to us, which we have used to make pumpkin soup, as well as decorating some with paint, glue, and sparkly glitter of course!

We hope you have a restful half term,  
Best wishes  
Mrs Davey, Mrs Watson and Mrs Hooper.



# Unicorn Class

What a lovely first half term it has been!

The children all returned to school happily and settled quickly, back into our established routines. We have really enjoyed exploring our class texts, including Giraffes can't dance and Zog. We have been so impressed with the creative writing responses from the children.

In maths, we have explored more formal methods of addition and subtraction and the children have been developing their own strategies for calculating greater number operations.

Science has seen us exploring light, with lessons surrounding shadows, artificial light sources and fire safety. Do ask them to demonstrate their STOP, DROP AND ROLL!

For the last couple of the weeks, the class have enjoyed listening to our Winter production songs and they have been busily learning the lyrics (and actions!) to these. I think it's going to be quite a show!

Wishing you a peaceful and relaxing half term, **Mrs Truett and Mrs Hawker**



# Phoenix Class . . .

Phoenix Class have been loving their Wellbeing Wednesdays with our fabulous Mrs Hygge Hawker! The shadow theatre puppet shows were simply phenomenal. The children worked really hard on developing their puppets and the results were amazing.

In English we have enjoyed learning about idioms, and have been trying to use them in our speech to help us remember them - so hopefully you have noticed lots of expressive language at home, perhaps when it's been raining cats and dogs, or when the children's school bags contain everything but the kitchen sink!

We have also written some beautiful Harvest poems, both in Haiku format and Acrostic form, as well as developing our writing to give a balanced argument. This week the children have been giving a balanced argument about the positives and negatives of trick or treating at Halloween. I was really impressed with the class discussions about this and how we can make sure everyone feels safe.

The children have also created the most beautiful pumpkins - hopefully you will have spotted them on our back window. They match the gorgeous autumn colours outside our window.

Thank you for your patience while Mrs Ward has been unwell, we are all hoping to see her back after half-term :o)



# Dragon Class

This half term, Dragon Class have been busy inside and outside the classroom. Within the first couple of weeks, the new Team Captains were chosen by the children of the school, with each Yr 6 child putting forward a speech to why the children should vote for them. Each of the Yr 6's thought of how they could be different to their peers and had to think hard about what could offer to the other children. The Team and Vice Captains did a fantastic job and have since taken on the role with maturity and with a smile.

Something that has been happening behind the scenes within our class has been a very special art project, which links nicely to our English topic of the Windrush Generation. The lovely art club teacher has been running a project once a week, and her and the children have created an incredible piece of art. The image is of Connie Mark, who was born in Kingston, Jamaica, but she settled in Britain during the 1950s and worked as a Medical Secretary. The piece will be going to Bath Abbey for the Commonwealth Service, accompanied by some of the children who created the artwork.

The children in Dragons are deadly competitive and love their sport, so it wouldn't be a half-termly newsletter if I didn't mention about the football and basketball tournaments. Both tournaments were held at Ansford, with a handful of other schools participating. To say that the football tournament was a washout would be an understatement. Every child played incredibly well in the treacherous conditions and showed good sportsmanship throughout.

Due to the lack of other schools, the basketball tournament started with the children having a 45-minute basketball masterclass with the head of PE- Mr Davies. He went through skills, drills and different passing techniques before moving onto the matches. The children scored some brilliant baskets – well done children!

After our Harvest service at the church, the children were enrolled into a virtual lesson with the NFU (National Farmers Union) that was based on a Harvest carnival. The presenters went through the ingredients that were used to create the curried patties and how the ingredients are sown and harvested, along with facts and information about that crop, but also how people can get into those fields, such as butchery or growing a chilli farm.

I hope that you all have a lovely and restful half-term break, and we will see you all soon.

Mrs Ruston



# Team Captains . . .

We were delighted to hold our annual elections in late September, and were wowed by all of the Year 6 speeches. The children had clearly thought long and hard about what they wanted to do to support other children throughout the school, and one initiative that the children were really keen to see return is the Year 6 Buddy for Reception children. We will begin this after the half-term with our first Buddy Afternoon Play.

The votes were close, but our clear winners and our new Team Captains & Vice Captains are:

Water Team (blue) - Arabella & Keira

Fire Team (red) - Zac & Phoebe

Land Team (green) - Yari & Jude

Light Team (yellow) - Dotty & Amara

Don't they look smart in their Team Captain ties :o)

Our Vice Captains will also have a vital role to play, alongside our Lunchtime Buddies who are already a huge hit with the Pixies and Unicorns.



Our Reception children have settled into school beautifully and have welcomed an extra Pixie into the class already :o)



# Harvest & Hygge ...

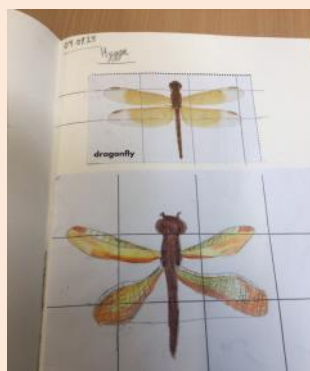
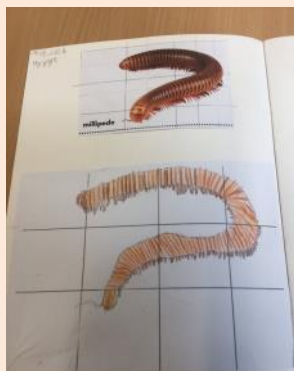
Thank you for joining us at our Harvest Service this year at St. Michaels, I'm sure you will agree that our newly appointed Team Captains led the service beautifully.

As ever, our families and community were very generous with their donations for the Lord's Larder foodbank, and these items are already finding themselves in food parcels that are being distributed to families in our community who are in need of some extra support - so these are truly appreciated, thank you.

If you were unable to join us for Harvest, please do note that our Remembrance Service will be held on Monday 11th November at 2pm, so please come and join us. We will also be showcasing any family entries into the Poppy competition then.



Huge thanks to the West Camel Bakery (A303) for supplying us with a beautiful harvest loaf for our service.



It's fair to say that Hygge has infiltrated all our classes and is universally enjoyed by all :o) From observational drawing to flower paper making!



## Meet the Governors . . .



We have a few new faces within our Local Governing Body, so thought it would be a good opportunity to reintroduce them. From left to right we have:

Charles Oulton, Colin Johnson, Scott Austin, Mary Gruner & Wendy Woollard.

Our Parent Governor, Kate Fear was unable to make our photoshoot!

If you ever need to speak to a Governor they can be contacted through the school office.



Our Chair of Governors is Scott Austin who also has responsibility for GDPR. Our other Governor roles are:

Safeguarding & Mental Health - Wendy Woollard

Health & Safety - Colin Johnson

SEND - Kate Fear

Foundation Governors - Charles Oulton & Mary Gruner

*From Scott Austin: I am pleased to have been appointed Chair of Governors for North Cadbury Primary School. I look forward to continuing the excellent work of Janet, working with the other school Governors, Staff and PPAT to support the school community and the development of all the children at the school.*

## Autumn PTAFA Newsletter

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### Current fundraising objectives

Dear parents, carers and friends of North Cadbury Primary School, we look forward to another year of exciting events for all the family to raise essential funds for enrichment activities, school trips and equipment for the children to all enjoy.

This year we are looking to improve on our beloved Peace Garden and supply new equipment for the playground. Last year we were able to replace the dilapidated football goals with brand new ones for the sports field and we also provided pottery lessons in which everyone came home with a unique pot to treasure. We also had a fantastic sports day with TLE for all the children.

We appreciate the cost of living is affecting everyone at the moment so please give what you can.  
Many thanks, Dawn and Tarnya.



### Easy way to fundraise

Asda cashpots for schools - between 02/09 & 30/11 every time you shop with Asda online or in store using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen primary school. Every person who opts in to support our primary school Asda will give an additional £1 to the school cashpot. Visit [Asda.com/cashpotsforschools](https://Asda.com/cashpotsforschools) for more info.



### Preloved Uniform

We have a wide selection of preloved school uniform in a selection of sizes. Feel free to message us on our Facebook page or email us below if you are in need of anything, prices start from 50p.



### Upcoming Events

- Movie/games night 21st Nov
- Wreath making - 28th Nov
- Christmas Fair - date tbc



### Reminders

Non Uniform Day 15th Nov

We would appreciate the following hamper donations:-

- Sprites & Pixies - Arts and crafts (pens, card, colouring books, stickers, paints, craft supplies etc)
- Unicorns - Christmas (decorations, gifts, chocolates, smellies, napkins, etc)
- Phoenix - Movie night/cosy night in - (snacks, drinks, fluffy socks, candles, books etc)
- Dragons - Luxury Christmas/Pamper (Decorations, chocolates, chutneys, fizz, candles, smellies)



We are also accepting donations of good quality games, jigsaw puzzles and teddies for our children's toy stall at the Christmas Fair, donations can be left in the school office.

All donations gratefully received 🙏

### Keep in touch:-

On our Facebook page - search for North Cadbury Primary School PTA or ask to be added to our year group WhatsApps.

Email: [northcadburypta@gmail.com](mailto:northcadburypta@gmail.com) for anything else.



# Christian Values - Faith & Friendship

The children have truly excelled with our Christian value for this half term, and I have been delighted to be able to give out so many certificates for friendship during our parent celebration assemblies.

Nominations for the next assembly are already flooding in and our focus will be on faith and courageous advocacy as seen here through the 17 sustainable development goals. Please do keep an eye out on Tapestry for the next batch of invites.

We will look at courageous advocacy with the children over the coming terms, and specifically how they can speak out against injustice and do their bit to address global problems that will affect their future.



**Please don't forget these deadlines:**

**Family Remembrance Art - Monday 4th November (at any point throughout the day)**

## Family Project!



White – peace

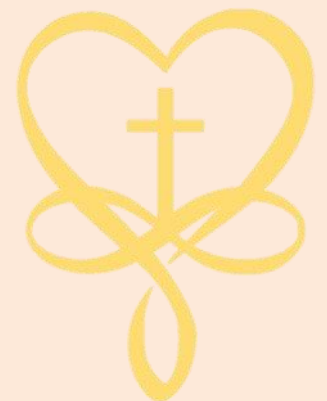
Black – the contributions of Black, African, Caribbean, Pacific Islands, and Indigenous communities to wars  
Purple - animals

## DON'T FORGET . . .

We would love to add some more poppies to our Remembrance Displays and are asking families to create a family poppy that best represents them.

Your poppy could be any of the widely used colours – perhaps portraying a particular family link, and should be suitable for display (so a good size please). Please do let us know if your poppy is weather proof as we can then add it to our external display.

Please could poppies come into school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



**Shoe Box Appeal - the deadline for items is Tuesday 5th November, and remember you don't have to fill a shoe-box yourself, you can just contribute an item or two.**

**Photography Competition (theme - colour) - Friday 15th November**



## Half-Term Activity!

Our theme this term is

**COLOUR**



Don't forget that our Bridgeman-Sutton photography competition is up and running – challenge the children over half-term 😊

Our bi-annual photography competition is back, and there is clearly going to be some stiff competition looking at previous entries. Family entries welcomed.

