



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a fantastic start back to this half term. Despite some wet and wild weather, the children bringing their outdoor shoes have enjoyed using the field during lunch for playing. Please do remind your child that if they would like to use the field then they are able to with an alternative shoe to change into. As the weather becomes colder, please remind your child to bring their coat to school everyday as we always aim to get outside.

This week I had the pleasure of hosting our very first School Council meeting. On Thursday, the children and I met to discuss their aims and these can be found on the School Council section of the website- [linked here](#). The children are full of fabulous ideas to continue making Messing Primary School the best place to be. This includes some ingenious ideas about the bins in the playground. As part of Positive Noticing Day (more information on page 2) the School Council will be positively noticing within the community and we hope to share more about this in the next newsletter.

Before half term we had a visit from some local headteachers to find out more about what reading looks like at our school. Our visitors were blown away by the children's enthusiasm for reading, the range of books we have for children to access and how confidently they were able to articulate themselves. I was incredibly proud to hear all of their wonderful comments about our school.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. If you are off to watch firework displays then stay warm and safe.

Very best wishes,
Ms Charlotte Brown

Maths- 'Barvemember'

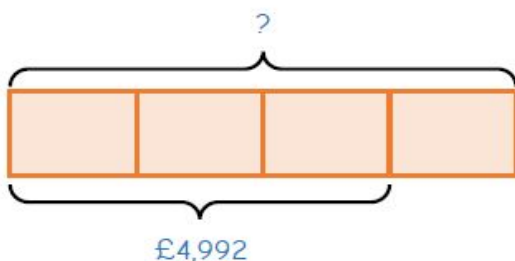
We are following White Rose Maths and every year in November, they release a series of challenges focussed around bar modelling as part of their 'Barvemember' challenge. These can be very tricky to get your head around, but I thought it would be fun to share some with you.



The value of a car decreases by 25%.

The value of the car is now £4,992

What was the value of the car before the decrease?



Children in Need

This year for Children in Need all children will be taking part in the Pudsey 'Bearpees' challenge. This involves working at their own pace to do as many bearpees (burpees) as they can, and raising money as they go.

Mrs Southgate will be communicating more about this and children will be bringing home their tracking sheet as well as sponsorship form next week.

In addition, children and staff are invited to bring their teddies into school on Friday to join in with all of the fun and learning. I am aware that some children already have Pudsey themed accessories and t-shirts. If you already have something at home, children are able to wear this but please **do not** go out and buy anything especially. School uniform will be work as normal.

Words of the week

importune- verb | im-por-toon

To importune someone is to annoy or pester them with repeated questions or requests.

expeditious- adjective | ex-spuh-dish-us

Expeditious is a formal word that is used to describe someone acting in a quick and efficient way, or something done in such a manner.





Positive Noticing Day

As part of Agents of Change, this year we will be taking part in [Positive Noticing Day](#). On Wednesday 15th November, all children will be positively noticed, highlighting the power of positive messages to our children. Children will also be bringing home a label for you to complete with the family. The impact of positive noticing is both immediate and long-lasting. Our hope is that this will build self-esteem and confidence in children and help to spread kindness across our community.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including school shoes rather than trainers. If you need any support with school uniform, please let us know as we have second hand uniform in school that is free and accessible to all in our pledge to cut down waste.

House Captains

Children in Year 6 were voted in last term by their house teams and I am pleased to announce the following children as our new House Captainise:

Sapphire- Erin

Diamond- Esme

Ruby- Gracie-Sue

Emerald- Teddy

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Fri 10th Nov- Remembrance assembly

Mon 13th Nov- Anti-Bullying week

Weds 15th Nov- Robin class trip to Colchester Castle

Weds 15h Nov- Positive Noticing Day

Fri 17th Nov- Children in Need (bring a bear to school and 'bearpee' challenge)

Mon 20th Nov- Kingfisher class assembly 2:30pm (Yr 3/4 parents invited)

Weds 22nd Nov- Owl class assembly 2:30pm (Yr 5/6 parents invited)

Fri 24th Nov- Non-uniform chocolate donation (for the Christmas Tombola)

Thurs 30th Nov- PTFA Film Night

Weds 6th (2pm)/ Thurs 7th (6pm) Dec- Nativity performance (parents invited)

Fri 8th Dec- Whole school visiting pantomime & Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Tues 12th Dec- Whole school Christingle service 9.45am at All Saints Church (parents invited)

Weds 13th Dec- Christmas lunch

Thurs 14th Dec- PTFA Christmas gift shop

Fri 15th Dec- Christmas Fair (all invited)



Christmas

Dare we mention the word...

We were incredibly touched by the generosity of parents last year with kind gifts and cards. However, we are also very aware that there is sometimes pressure felt to buy gifts and that this is very costly for families.

Staff **love** working with your children, and feel exceptionally fortunate to be part of Messing School community. We do not expect to receive any gifts, however homemade cards with wonderful messages are very much appreciated by all of us.

If your child would like to, they could instead donate food to a local food bank, or perhaps give money to a charity or cause they are passionate about. We have been working in school of thinking about others as part of Agents of Change.

Alternatively we often use Amazon to buy additional stationary, and so if you wanted something for the school, then a gift voucher for this would be kind.



Remembrance

As part of their topic learning, children in Owl class have been learning about the Second World War. This has really engaged them and captured their imagination. The topic was further brought to life during their Kingswood trip as children had the opportunity to spend time in a bunker and explore the many tunnels, as well as propaganda posters.

As a school we feel that it is important to mark this time and some children in Owl class will be leading an assembly at the end of lunch time including the two minutes silence.

As we have the soldier just by the school on the junction, we are going to be adding decorative pebbles around it for the community.

Mr Pearce has already sent a message on Classlist about it, but if your child would like to contribute, please could they bring in a pebble or stone from home and there will be an opportunity in school to design it. We will have some pebbles in school.