

Next Week's Events

- Monday 23rd November** - Pay & Play after school club 3.30pm - 4.30pm.
- Tuesday 24th November**- Pay & Play after school club 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- SAT's club continues
- Wednesday 25th November**- Sport after school club until 4.30pm
- Thursday 26th November** - Pay & Play after school club 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Friday 27th November** - PE lesson in the afternoon - please come to school in PE kit

Future Diary Dates

THINGS TO REMEMBER - KS2

- Signed reading records Monday
- Orange spelling books every day
- Reading books every day
- Come to school in PE kit on a Friday
- Trainers on a Wednesday if doing after school club

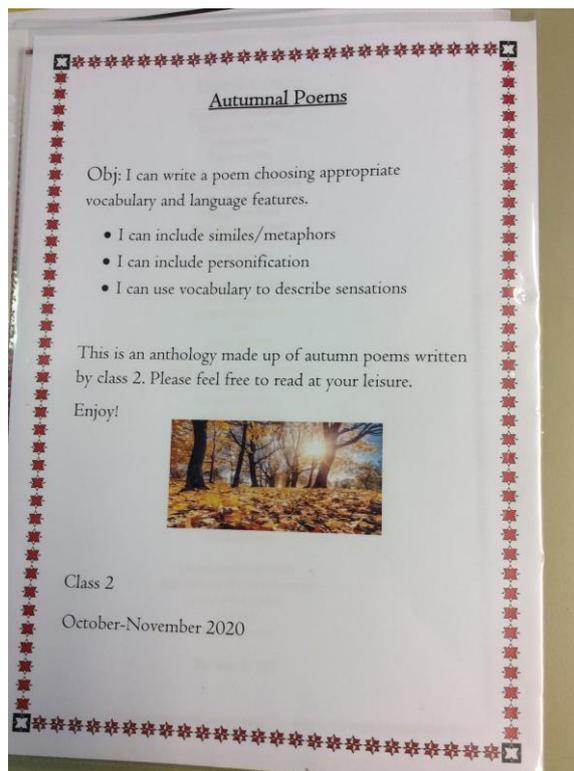
THINGS TO REMEMBER - KS1

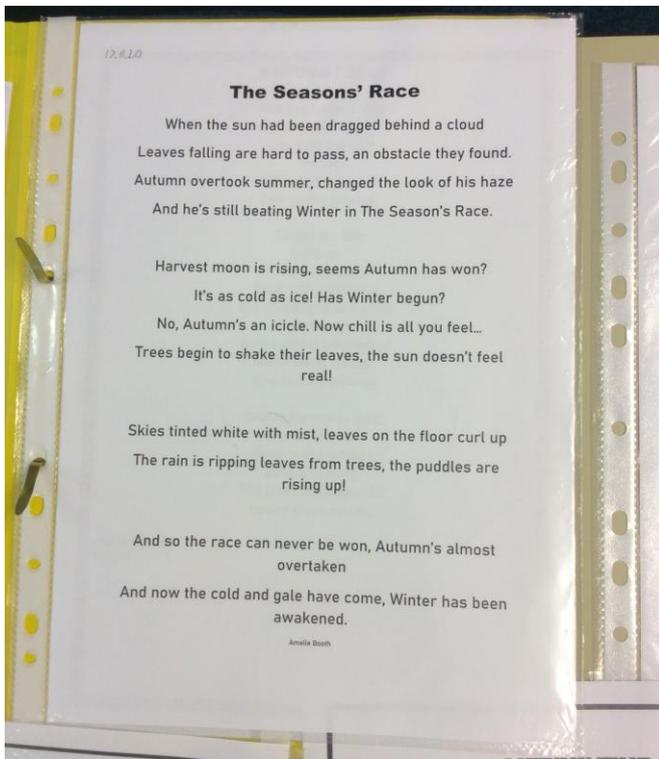
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Heads Oop

It has been another busy week at North and South Cowton. I am extremely proud of the staff who are continuing to work very hard despite the challenges presented by the current pandemic. It has been great to see the support and camaraderie between staff in the Federation as Melsonby is currently closed due to the confirmation of positive cases. Thankfully their recovery is well underway and school will open again on Friday.

I was really impressed with the quality of the poems produced by pupils in class 2 this week. They have produced a super anthology of their work and I had the pleasure of hearing them reading them out loud. I was particularly impressed by the quality of the vocabulary and intonation and expression in their voices when pupils were reading them out. The pictures I have taken do not do them justice - please ask for a copy of your child's poem if you would like to read it at home. Special mention to Amelie for her idea of a 'Seasonal Race' the sense of imagery she created with her vocabulary was fantastic.





Class 1 have also been working hard this week and I really enjoyed their work about the lighthouse. I know that an amalgamation of their work was shared online on the Facebook site and I would encourage everyone to read it.



One of the strongest assets of the school is the family culture that has been created between pupils. It was lovely to witness Lucas supporting a younger pupil who had fallen over by getting him a plaster. On 3 separate occasions this lunchtime I witnessed older pupils supporting younger pupils with their play and engaging in conversation with them if they had a problem.

Finally phase 1 of the redevelopment of the outdoor area at class 1 has started - the cracked perspex board has been replaced with a garden scene expertly modelled by Mrs Morrice and Miss Cheesbrough. We are awaiting a synthetic grass surface and new equipment as we continue to develop the learning environment into a more natural space.



I have a number of meetings with Mrs Robinson next week and we shall look at opportunities for her to meet pupils/staff and parents before the Christmas holidays. More news about that as soon as we have it.

Not a word about football this week as Sunderland have not won! I have decided to go back to rugby - England v France in Women's rugby at 12pm BBC2 followed by England V Ireland at 3pm on Channel 4. I might struggle to watch the television as the Crown is proving very popular in our house at the moment - Gillian Anderson as Mrs Thatcher is scarily realistic!

Many Thanks, Have a Good Weekend and Take Care,
Mr Linsley

Open afternoon for prospective new pupils

We have rescheduled our Open Afternoons. These will now be held on Monday 7th December & Wednesday 9th December, from 2pm – 4.30pm. If you know of anybody who would be interested in looking around the school, we would be grateful if you could let them know. They should telephone the office to make an appointment.

Children in Need

Thank you to all who came to school in casual / spotty clothes for Children In Need. We raised £28.05.

Poppy Appeal

Another thank you, this time to everybody who purchased items for Remembrance Day. A total of £40.45 was raised.

Halloween Party

£124.00 was raised at our recent Halloween Party. This has been passed to the Parents & Friends Committee.

Outdoor clothing

Please could you make sure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school. We do have outdoor break times and lunchtimes, even if it is raining sometimes, so a coat is a must.

Toys in school

A reminder that children should not bring toys or gadgets from home, into school. These often cause a distraction in class and we would hate them to get lost or damaged.

Clubs

A reminder that the children need to be booked in to both after school and breakfast clubs, in advance. Similarly if your child is booked in and then you need to cancel, please let us know beforehand.

Starting time

Please note that on a morning, children should not arrive at school any earlier than 8.50am. Classroom staff are not on duty until this time so if your child needs to be at school any earlier, then they should join the breakfast club at the infant building.

Christmas lunch

Our festive Christmas lunch will be served this year on Thursday 10th December.

Christmas jumper day

The annual Christmas jumper day is on Friday 11th December.

Party

Our Christmas party will be held in the village hall on Tuesday 15th December.