

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 1 and 2 have been learning about Special Books as part of the RE curriculum. The children brought in and shared special books from home, telling their friends why their book was so important to them. The children then created a special book, giving ideas for what should go inside and designing the pages carefully. The end results were so impressive with beautiful drawings, paintings and even the suggestion of a contents page!

This learning then helped the children to understand why the Bible is a special book for Christians and why the Torah is a special book for Jews. Finally the children tried to create their own scroll with rules that would make everyone kind and the world a better place.



Year 5/6

We have been learning about the Rainforest as part of our Topic in Year 5/6. We have been looking at the Aztec Indians and we have done some Art based on them. We learnt about how they used images from nature and symmetrical patterns in their art. We also learnt about what the different symbols meant and how they were included to scare off enemies. Our Aztec shields and masks are looking very realistic! By Kenzie Year 5.

Year 3/4

In Science we have been looking at different types of teeth, their functions, how to look after them and what effect different food and drink have on our teeth. We put some eggs (teeth) in a jar of water, a jar of orange juice and a jar of coke which we observed every day for a week. The results were quite shocking – and a bit disgusting!



Foxes Class

On Thursday Foxes class went outside to complete their maths lesson. We were collecting leaves, sticks and apples and presented the data in tables and pictograms. The children worked hard to show their findings.

PE Hoodies

We have decided to include an optional PE hoodie to our uniform list. The hoodie will be for the children to wear for PE lessons. They will be available from our school uniform supplier direct4logos. You can order via their website www.direct4logos.com or telephone them on 01794 511550. Please note that they will be closed on **Saturday 29 September**.

Adult hoodies and zipped jackets are also available.

Please name all items of school uniform.

Maths Challenge

Henry Beaufort School are setting a Maths Challenge for Year 5 and 6 Pupils. If your child would like to take part please collect an application form from the school office.

Nits

We have had an outbreak of nits in the school – please ensure that you check your child’s head – thank you.

Phonics and Assessment Evening

We are holding a Phonics and Assessment Evening on Thursday 1 November. The Phonics part of the evening (aimed at Year R parents/carers) will commence at 6pm and the Assessment (Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2) will commence at 6.45pm, finishing at 7.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend all or part of the evening.

Year R Parents Evenings

Parents evenings for Year R will be taking place on **Monday 15 October 4.30 – 7pm** and **Tuesday 16 October 3.40 – 6.10pm**. Sign up sheets will be available in the classroom from **Monday 8 October**.

Change of Menu

There will be several changes of menu next week:

On **Tuesday** we will be celebrating British Food and we will be offering Pork Sausage Grill or Quorn Burger with beans or peas and chips. The picnic bag will remain the same.

On **Thursday** the menu will be Fish Fingers or Veg Sausages and Friday’s picnic bag option.

On **Friday** the menu will be Thursday’s menu – Baked pork sausages with potato wedges or vegetarian meat free balls and Thursday’s picnic option.



UPDATE FROM OLIVER'S BATTERY PRE SCHOOL

PRE SCHOOL PLAY AREA

It has come to our attention that the Pre School's outside play area has been used outside of school hours and on weekends. We would remind parents and guardians that this area is out of bounds unless being used by the Pre School children under the supervision of the staff.

PRE SCHOOL TRUSTEES

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that the Pre School is now acting as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This will not affect the day to day running of the Pre School.

One thing that will change is the structure of the Pre School so there will no longer be a "committee" as such but a board of trustees. The trustees will work together to ensure the running of the Pre School is as efficient and profitable as it can be, whilst making the environment a happy one for the children and staff and ensuring the children get the best start we can offer them.

HOW CAN PARENTS/ GUARDIANS GET INVOLVED?

We are looking for parents and guardians to join the board of trustees and give as little or as much time as they can offer. Come and use the skills you already have to help the Pre School as a trustee. The board of trustees will meet half termly to discuss the running of the Pre School over a coffee and biscuits. It's a great way to make new friends and get involved with your community. **If you are interested in getting involved and helping we would love to hear from you.**

For more information please contact Jackie Johnston (Pre School Leader), or Sophie Over (Pre School Secretary) – secretary@oliversbatterypreschool.co.uk
Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Bordoli
Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Get Active Day	4 October 2018
Kings' School Open Morning 9.30 – 11.30am.	9 October 2018
Year R Parents Evening 4.30 – 7pm	15 October 2018
Year R Parents Evening 3.40 – 6.10pm	16 October 2018
Mr Leeming's visit to Year 6 Parents/Carers	17 October 2018
Last day of Term	19 October 2018
Phonics and Assessment Evening	1 November 2018
Oliver's Battery School Open Morning 9.30 – 11am	16 November 2018
Oliver's Battery School Open Morning 10 – 11am	24 November 2018
End of Term	21 December 2018
Start of Spring Term	7 January 2019
School Open Morning 9.30 – 11am	11 January 2019
Inset Day	25 January 2019
Half Term	15 February 2019
Inset Day	15 March 2019
End of Term	5 April 2019
Start of Summer Term	23 April 2019

Half Term
Inset Day
Inset Day
Last Day of Term

24 May 2019
5 July 2019
8 July 2019
23 July 2019