



SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

What an incredible start to the new academic year our children have had. They have adapted to the new routines and rules brilliantly (additional handwashing, staggered playtimes and lunchtimes, separate merit marks to name a few) and I am really proud at how they have settled straight back in. I would also like to give a very special mention to all our new Reception children who have joined us this year – you have joined a very special school - one that we are incredibly proud to be part of – Welcome to the Warden Hill Family! I would also like to welcome Miss Jones (teaching Year 4) and Mrs Wilson who has been appointed as our music specialist for two days a week. Both, Miss Jones and Mrs Wilson are already feeling very at home in our school, and the children and staff have made them feel very welcome. Currently Mrs Wilson is teaching Year 5 and Year 6. Our vision is that every child, whilst at our school, will learn a musical instrument and the Year 6 children have started the year with the Ukulele (which was a big hit) and their teachers joined too!

Finally, one more welcome to Mr Williams' latest family addition. Baby Theo arrived safely and mum and baby are doing well. Congratulations!



Open Mornings

Normally this is the time of the year when I get together with our Year 6 children and brief them on our open morning tours for our prospective parents. Sadly, this year we are unable to carry these out due to GCC restrictions but we are very excited about the filming of our school in action, which will take place on Monday. Once it's finished we will place it on the website home page for your viewing too.

Site update

Thank you to all of you for managing the site by using the main gate for entry and the small gates for exiting. This, alongside wearing a face mask and social distancing on site, is really helping to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Next week work will start on the path from the Infant blue gate round to the green. I would ask you to take extra precautions when accessing the school. To make sure everyone stays safe, myself and the Site Manager will continue to evaluate the route whilst the work is being carried out. The work should be completed in a week – weather permitting. It will be an excellent addition once complete.

Video Calls for Parents' Evening

This term Parents' Evening will be held via video calls. The evenings have been scheduled for Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October. You will need to book your appointment online, as usual. We will be sending detailed information regarding the booking process shortly.



Curriculum Information Videos

I hope that you have all managed to watch the relevant year group information video. We hope to have the year 2 video out by Wednesday. We will send an Xpression to year 2 parents once the video gets uploaded to the website.

School Photographs

Our yearly school photographs session will take place on Thursday 15 October. Please note, due to current situation there will be no Family photos taken, individual and siblings within the school only.

School Lunches

Hot meals will start on Monday 12th October on a trial basis. There will be a choice of only two options. The menu will be on our [website](#).

Change of menu for Thursday 1st October only

Ham, cheese, tuna or egg filled baguette or sausage roll or Mexican bean roll.

Remote Learning

In the event of a class or year group having to be sent home due to a positive case of Covid-19, our remote learning package will be implemented. We will continue to use the platform of Google Classroom for year groups 1 – 6 and Tapestry for our Reception children. In the first couple of days of a class having to self-isolate, the children will have brought home a home learning pack to keep their learning going.

During this time the teaching team will adapt the planned lessons to ensure that they are easily accessed at home. In addition to the type of work carried out during lockdown, teaching videos will be uploaded by the team which will contain new curriculum content. This is to ensure that our children continue to make progress and it will allow you to manage the day if you have limited computer devices.

Visit from the Bournside's new Headteacher

Mr Jefferies visited our school today to speak to our Year 5 and Year 6 children. He shared a video with them and answered as many questions as he could. Through the course of the session it was evident that many of the children's worries about transferring to secondary school were addressed. It was a nice way of meeting the new head of our closest feeder school.

Whole School Assemblies

Like lots changes in school, our whole school assemblies are unable to go ahead at the moment. However, Mr Antonious and myself have been recording them all for the children to watch. So far this term we have had assemblies on Kindness, Mindfulness, Thinking for Yourself and British Values with a focus on Tolerance and Everyone being welcome.

That just leaves me to say I hope you enjoy the snap shot below of all the goings-on in school since the start of term, and have a lovely weekend.

Georgina Flooks

House Captains

► Windrush: House - Daisy T
Vice - Daisy M
Sports - Charlie



Leach: House - Caitlin
Vice - Joe
Sports - Ellie



► Coln: House - Lily
Vice - Maria
Sports - Tobi



Churn: House - Zara
Vice - Teo
Sports - Immy



House Points Update



Windrush

773



Churn

767



Coln

747



Leach

736

WHPS House System

Our houses play a significant role in our school. Not only do our children join their classes but they join a bigger community in their school houses – thus nurturing that sense of belonging. Within our school houses the children take part in a vast variety of inter-competitions from choir, to rugby to spelling to Times Table Rockstars to Athletics (and a lot more in between!) We are very proud of the competitive nature we develop and encourage in our children. They learn what winning feels like and what losing does – but alongside that they learn to congratulate the houses and respect their wins but also they learn a want to do better. They also become fiercely proud of their houses and love to represent them in the many competitions we offer at our school.

More About The Rivers

The Rivers Churn, Coln, Leach and Windrush all flow through the Cotswolds valleys and are all tributaries of the River Thames, which rises in the Cotswolds near Kemble in Gloucestershire.

Visit our website for more information:

<https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/school-houses/>

Warden Hill Art Gallery

We are incredibly proud to be able to launch the first Warden Hill online art gallery, documenting the incredible range of artistic talent and creativity possessed by our pupils. We are thrilled to have a platform to be able to display the very best of their inspirational achievements with you and to celebrate all their hard work.

<https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/art-gallery/>



Vacancy

We are looking for a responsible and enthusiastic person to join our Midday Supervisors Team as soon as possible. Please visit our website for full details:

<https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Coronavirus Information

Please remember to check the Coronavirus updates page for latest information and useful advice regarding symptoms and testing:

<https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/coronavirus-update/>



Pupils' Success

“Dear Mrs Catchpole and Mrs Flooks

I hope you both had a lovely summers break. I thought you may like to know that Lucas completed his ‘marathon bike ride’ and managed to raise £1005 plus gift aid for Winstons Wish.

Thank you for circulating amongst the school as this really helped him achieve this fantastic amount.”

From Lucas’ Mum

“Hi. I just thought I’d let you know that Fin cycled from Cheltenham to Bude (over 200 miles in total) with his dad in the summer over 7 days. The longest day they did was 52 miles! Camping and bnb’s along the way.”

From Fin’s Mum



Walk, cycle or scoot to school and discover a new way to travel

- ✓ **Challenge** your friends and family to join you
- ✓ **Enjoy** exploring new routes to and from school
- ✓ **Help** the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ **Improve** air quality and reduce congestion

Win an Apollo kid’s bike from halfords

1. During Bike to School Week, take a short video or post a photo and message telling us why you love to or would like to cycle to school
2. Follow and tag **@Sustrans** on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram
3. Post your entry with **#SustransWin** by Monday 5 October to be in with a chance of winning a brand new Apollo kid’s bike



www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek



Sustrans is the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.
Registered charity no. 320550 (England and Wales) SC039263 (Scotland). Competition T&Cs apply: www.sustrans.org.uk/btswphotocomp

#BikeToSchoolWeek

Reception 2020

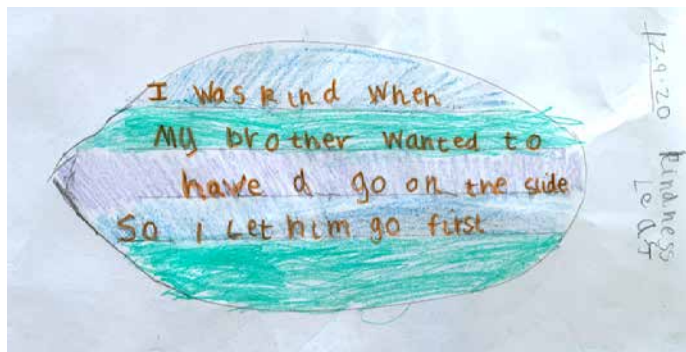
Our new Reception pupils having fun and settling in to their first term at Warden Hill.



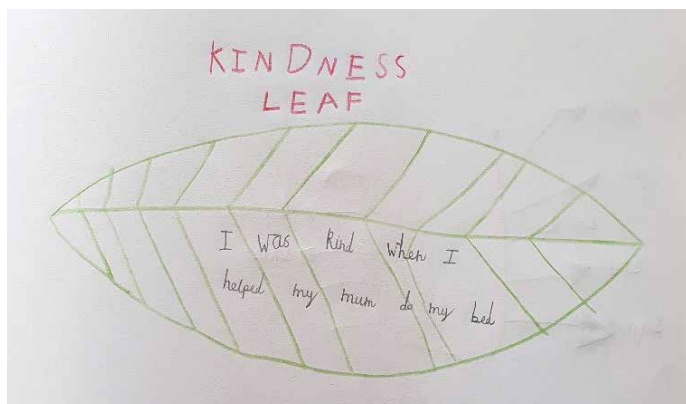


Leaves of Kindness

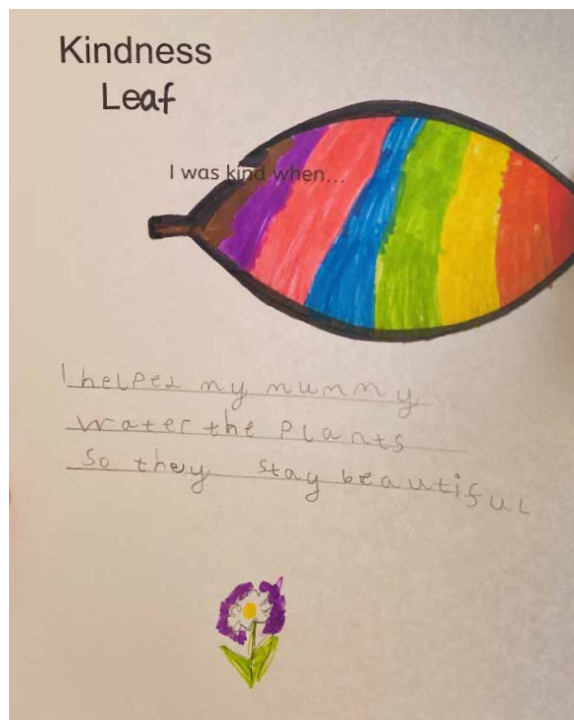
Following Mrs Flooks' assembly on kindness, year 2 pupils thought about when they have been kind to others.



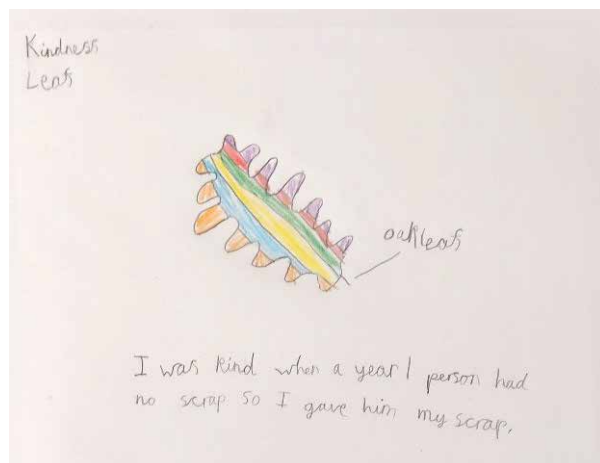
by Finley



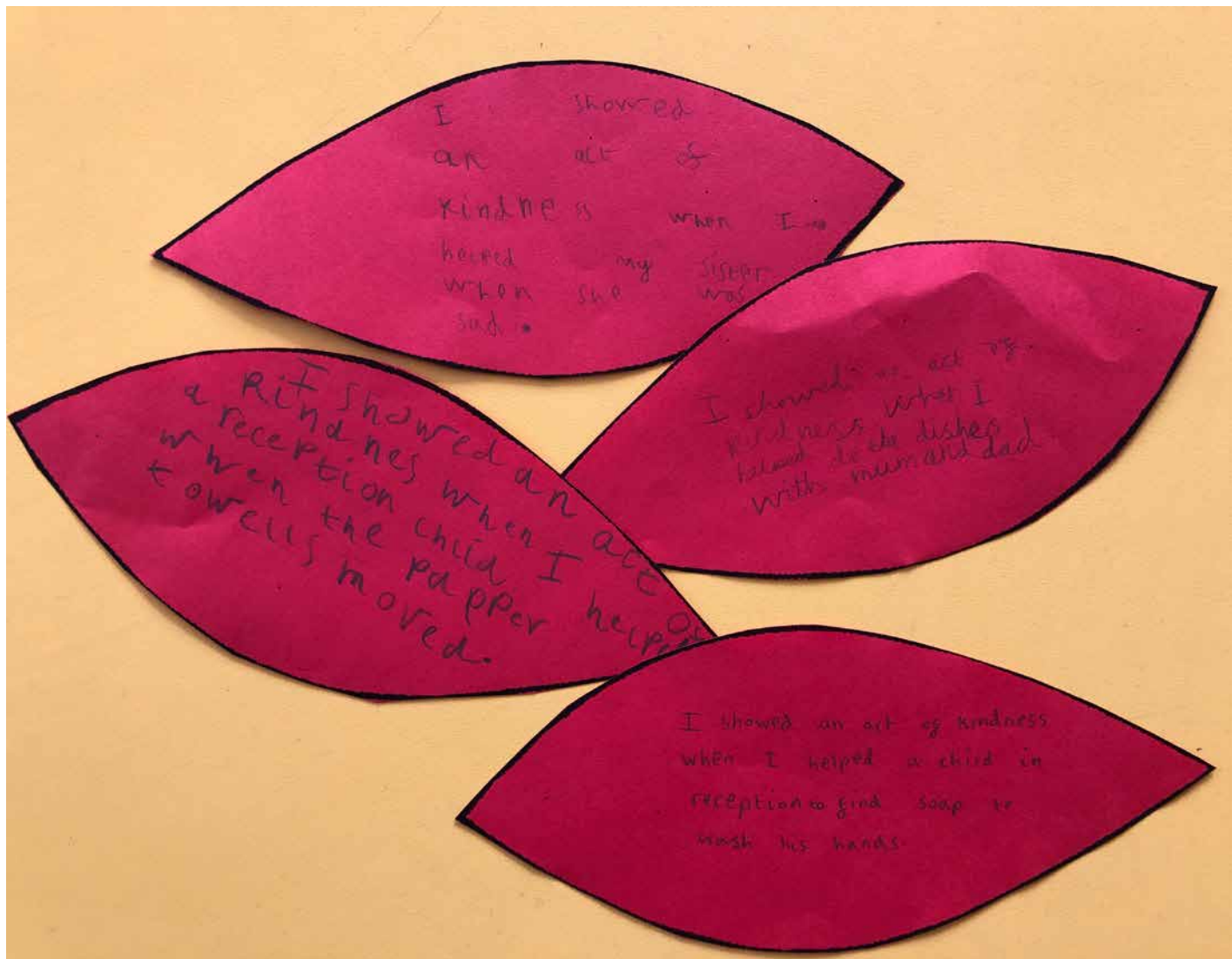
by Veronica



by Emilia



by Thomas




HAPPINESS

Happiness is a  turning into  Gotten candy.
It's a line of sunshine coming through the  sluggish

 clouds.

It smells like freshly made pizza.

It tastes like cookie dough which has just come out the oven.

As bright as a  fire.

It sounds like a birds tweeting to other birds.
Happiness is felt from Head to toe.

by Thomas

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ANGER is the runway to HELL.

It **BURSTS** through candyfloss **CLOUDS** as they turn into the **DEVIL'S** **CUSHIONS**.

It smells like **GIRTY** **ASH** that has been there for a **DECADE**.

It tastes like **MOLDY** **CHEESE** that has been going **DEE!** for 5000 years.

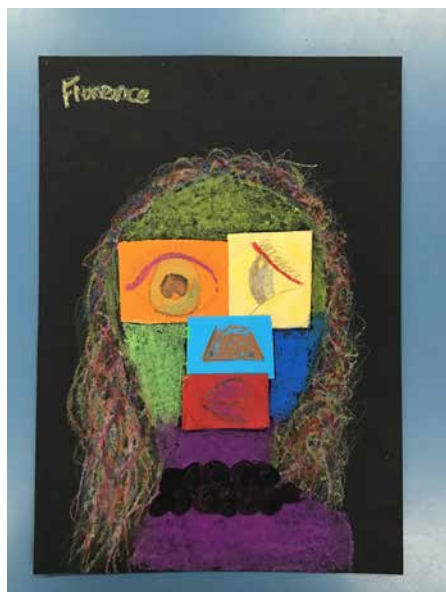
As **gloomy** as **HELL'S** **SUN** mixed with **BLACK** **COAL**.

It sounds like a **RED** **YETI** **LAUGHING!**.

ANGER is felt on **SATUR** **DARK** stuff. Y

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Year 5 Artwork inspired by Picasso



by Florence



by Noah

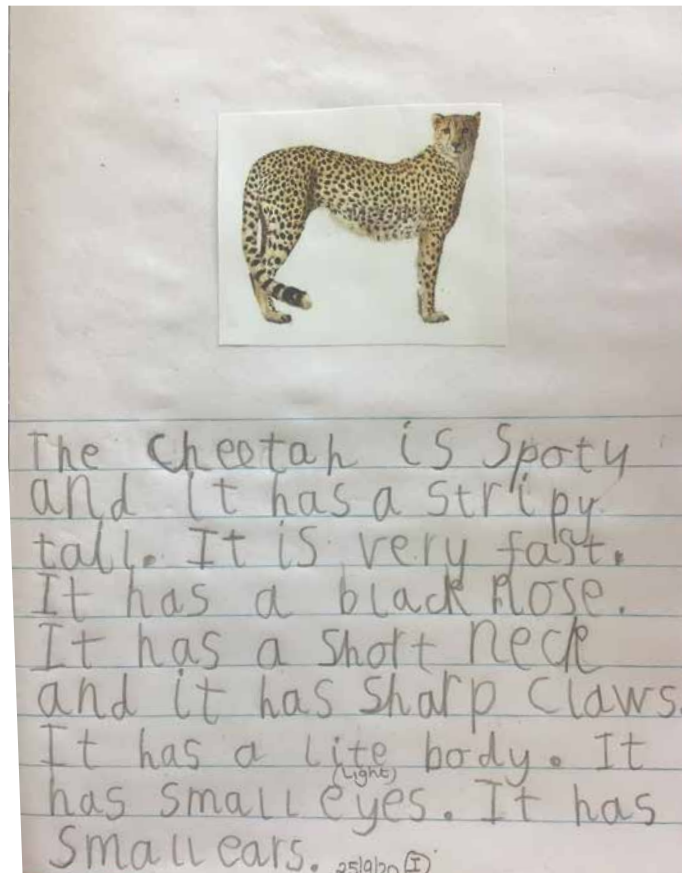


by Jake

New Reading Scheme in Key Stage 1

We are delighted to begin the new school year with the news that we have a wonderful selection of brand new reading scheme books (Collins Big Cat) for pupils in our Reception and Key Stage 1 classes.

Our new scheme of reading books (from pink to turquoise) are based on the 'Letters and Sounds' phonics programme that we use in school and are fully decodable, matching the phonemes that the children are being taught.



Year 1 pupils were writing about animals using describing adjectives in the sentences. Here is a writeup by Holly, 1B.



Fun Science

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A *free online course for parents

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9.30 - 11.00am**

The course is being delivered via Zoom. You can access this through your smartphone, tablet or computer. We can help you to use it.

To book a place, please email fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk or

*free subject to eligibility

We're looking for new team players!



Southside star

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for the cubs (Reception, Y1 & Y2),
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Contact: Steve Pitman
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Southside Star Cubs

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6 – 9 year olds

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 28 September - Friday 2 October	Bike to School Week
Monday 28 September	Flu Vaccination - Juniors
Tuesday 29 September	Flu Vaccination - Juniors
Wednesday 30 September	Flu Vaccination -Infants
Monday 5 October - Friday 9 October	Walk to School Week
Thursday 15 October	School Photographs
Tuesday 20 October	Virtual Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 October	Virtual Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 October	Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday 3 November	Term 2 Starts
Monday 16 November	Odd Socks Day
Monday 16 November - Friday 20 November	Anti-Bullying Week



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