# threshfield primary school NEWSLETTER 02.02.2024



## Headteacher's Message

Monday is our Number Day. Please remember children can dress up in anything number related; please bring in coppers or silver coins and a sensible amount of money for the tuck shop which will be running all day. As the Seedlings are studying money in mathematics, they will be running the tuck shop.

#### Dates for your Diary Please check the calendar

Please check the calendar on the school website for future events

**The Big Garden Bird Watch** Friday 26th January Whole school event

NSPCC Number Day Monday 5th Feb

Valentines Disco Thursday 8th Feb

School closes for Half term Friday 9th Feb

**The Big Winter Wander** Wednesday 21st Feb A walk for WWF

Harlow Carr Visit Tuesday 5th March Saplings

Thornton Hall Park Visit Wednesday 6th March EYFS

World book Day Friday 8th March

Parents Evening Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March

**Crucial Crew for Year 6** Wednesday 20th March



The Acorns Kung Hei Fat Choi!! What a very busy week we have had making and serving meals out of our new restaurant and takeaway in celebration of the upcoming Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the dragon and we were very surprised to find a clutch of eggs in a nest in our classroom on Monday morning. We have made predictions as to what animal we think may hatch from our eggs. Mrs Appleton is very worried based on our predictions that we may end up with a classroom full of baby snakes or crocodiles.



<u>The Saplings</u> This week in Maths the Year 4's have been finding factors of numbers whilst the Year 3's have been looking at related calculations when multiplying by 10. We had an exciting and very practical Geography lesson where we explored pollination and how the pollen gets transferred from flower to flower. The children were learning about the Ancient Egyptian writing system in History and they had a go at writing their own names using Hieroglyphs.

#### The Seedlings

Our PE topic this term is Send and Return and I have been very impressed with the development of skills in the children! This week they were using rackets and bean bags to try and score points in their partners court. In History, the children made story clocks to help us learn about the events of The Great Fire of London- we're always thinking about why we know so much about events of the past and this week we started looking at Samuel Pepys and his informative diary! Year 2 have been getting to grips with number bonds to 100 to help them find change in mathematics. They will need this skill when running the Tuck Shop on Number Day!



#### The Oaks

Continuing with our fractions, this week both year groups have been studying improper fractions and mixed numbers. Whilst the year 5 have been developing their fluency skills of converting between the two, year 6 have been using their problem solving skills to answer complex and time onerous questions.

A lot of the parents seems to enjoy our fraction question last week, so we will be sharing another on today. Have a go! See if you are smarter than a 10 year old.

In computing, we have been continuing our studies of spreadsheets.

### The Big Garden Bird Watch

The Big Garden Birdwatch is the UK's biggest citizen science wildlife survey. By taking part, we are helping them understand how our local birds are doing.

On Friday 26th January all the children in school took part in the survey. The younger children remained on site whilst our older children walked around the surrounding area to see what wildlife there was.

A great session, even with the strong winds making an appearance near the end.





| Week       | Acorns | Seedlings | Saplings | Oaks  | Whole School |
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|            |        |           |          |       |              |
| Week One   | 99.0%  | 96.5%     | 95%      | 99.1% | 97.4%        |
|            |        |           |          |       |              |
| Week Two   | 96.6%  | 97.8%     | 90.0%    | 87.4% | 93.0%        |
| Week Three | 95.1%  | 91.3%     | 87.1%    | 90.4% | 91.0%        |
|            |        |           |          |       |              |
| Week Four  | 95.1%  | 91.3%     | 87.1%    | 90.4% | 91%          |
| Week Five  |        |           |          |       |              |
| Week Six   |        |           |          |       |              |
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| Week Seven |        |           |          |       |              |
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This week our overall attendance: 91.0%