

Little Phoenix

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Mrs Speight's message ...

My thanks to all of you who came to Stokesley Show and visited our school stand. I'm sure you'll agree that the weather was fabulous. Tomorrow is our first Open Morning and we have Prep School Guides eager to show prospective parents and pupils our wonderful school. There are many children who are coming into school on Saturday morning to showcase some of our exciting activities, thank you to all children for assisting with Open Morning. Please do take the time to invite family, friends and neighbours to take a tour of our school followed by a lovely lunch at the Senior School, word of mouth is by far the best recommendation. As you will notice from the Pre-Prep articles, we have had two super trips. Year 1 enjoyed a day outdoors at Foxglove Covert and Reception enjoyed themselves so much at the National Trust's Ormesby Hall that they were almost late back to school! Rugby and Running clubs before the school day starts have been very popular this week and I have enjoyed the running. Being outside, exercising and having fun with the children makes our days very special. As I write this, I can hear Mrs Sawyer teaching children to read, filling the children with enthusiasm, whilst blending and segmenting words. Have a relaxing weekend, whatever you may be up to.

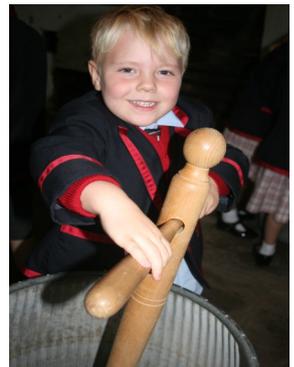
Warmest Wishes, *Jeanne Speight*



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Reception trip to Ormesby Hall

We had a wonderful day exploring activities at Ormesby Hall. Our train enthusiasts told us about the model railway and in the Victorian kitchen there were witches who demonstrated their potion making skills! After a delicious school packed lunch, we enjoyed some time in the natural sensory park and even found some buried pirate treasure. A big 'thumbs up' for Ormesby Hall from everyone!



Year 1's Visit to Foxglove Covert

Year 1 started this week with a wonderful trip to Foxglove Covert. It is situated within an Army Base, which made for a very exciting start. The children explored the nature reserve and carried out activities where we learnt about; how animals camouflage themselves, what animals eat and how plants spread their seeds. The children behaved beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Well done, Year 1!



Water Wall

The Nursery children had a super time exploring our new water wall. We have worked very hard to pump the water across the system through drainpipes, tubes and troughs. At the end, we discovered that the water drains out rather slowly from the water tray into the bucket, however, that didn't stop us, we invented a system to drain the water more quickly! This involved further drainpipes, buckets and scoops and lots of teamwork.



Autumn Weather

The changing season has inspired Year 2 to look at changes throughout the year. After reading the story *The Things I Love About Trees* by Chris Butterworth, the children used watercolours to create their own changing seasons artwork. They later went on to create a 'Season Wheel' which incorporated the months of the year. Which signs of autumn can you see at home in your garden?





After School Care Contact

Please note the phone number for after school care: 01642 792584. It would help us enormously, if you are running late after 5pm, that you could contact this number to let us know your estimated time of arrival.



Looking Forward



Saturday 28th September

Open Morning 9am till 12noon

Friday 4th October

Nursery Open Afternoon 1.15pm till 2.30pm

Tuesday 15th October

Year 1 Beach clean at Redcar

Thursday 17th October

Pre-Prep Halloween Disco

Nursery & Reception 3.30pm till 4.30pm

Year 1 & Year 2 3.30pm till 5pm

Friday 18th October

Half-term begins (after school)

After school care as normal

National Teaching Assistant of the year award



A huge congratulations to Mrs Jones, who was nominated for National Teaching Assistant of the Year award! Mrs Jones was recognised for all the hard work and commitment she gives to the School. We are delighted to say that she was presented with flowers and gifts by Sam Hornsby from Teaching Personnel. Well Done Mrs Jones!

Nurse Lanfranconi

Pupils and parents will want to join me in congratulating Nurse Lanfranconi on her recent appointment to a position in the NHS School Health team. Their gain is certainly our loss and, while there will be an opportunity for us to formally thank her before she leaves, it is right that I acknowledge the enormous contribution she has made to the wellbeing of our pupils, the confidence of our staff and the efficiency of our systems. Her warmth and energy is infectious!

Jess has touched many aspects of the school community in her role and we are already undertaking the important task of recruiting the right personnel to follow in her footsteps.

Dr Williams

Pre-Prep Monitors

This week we have appointed our Pre-Prep monitors and it has been a lengthy process which involved letters of application and lots of discussion! Our monitors have been awarded a special green badge of recognition and are already demonstrating why they were chosen.



Congratulations to Will, Erin, Niall, Trisha, Joey, Thea, Joseph and Ettie. We are eagerly awaiting the next set of applications for the Spring term.