

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have been thinking about ordinary people who have led extraordinary lives. The children learnt about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale's impact on nursing and how Marcus Rashford made a difference for speaking up for those who are vulnerable.

Hazel Class Parent Visit

On the 18th October, Hazel Class had a special visitor! Mrs. Taylor, who is a parent at the school and a baker, came in to talk to us about her job and showcase some of her special skills. The children were perfectly behaved and asked her many questions about her profession.

After that, Mrs. Taylor showed the children how to decorate a cup cake using special equipment to shape icing into a pumpkin, tendrils and leaves. The children had a lovely time and learnt new skills – one of which was perseverance!

This visit was the outcome of our Design and Technology unit on adapting a simple recipe and using cooking equipment.

Thank you Mrs. Taylor for your time; we loved having you!



Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on the 14th November and the 16th November. Saplings will have an extra session on the 15th November. Appointments will be available to book from 10am on 4th November.

Please book your slot via the school website. Instructions have been emailed to parents but if you do require any help please do contact the office and we will be happy to help!

Names in Jumpers

We have noticed an increasing amount of jumpers around the school with no names in. Please ensure that all uniform is labeled so we can ensure lost property is kept to a minimum and lost items can be returned to their owners.

Lateness

Please could we remind all parents about the importance of arriving at school on time as there have been a number of instances where some children have been routinely arriving at school at 9.00am or later.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of learning lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

If you are experiencing any difficulty with punctuality, please feel free to come and speak to us.

Remembrance Poppies

The PTA will be selling poppies, snap bands, reflectors etc. on behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at drop-off and pick-up on Monday and Tuesday only next week. It is CASH only collection.



Next Week	
6 th November	
7 th November	Sparkle and Shine
8 th November	Open morning for 2024 admissions
9 th November	
10 th November	



Happy Birthday!	Max K Sophia L-T Toby C Jack W Remy D Arthur N
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Elms	Clara - For really trying hard to improve your handwriting this week. Keep it up Alex - For your incredible maths, which you are choosing to complete during SPLAT time.
Beech	Alice R - For writing a super description of a setting from the book "Meerkat Mail" Oscar - For accurate answers to adding 2 multiples together!
Willows	Maddie - For her excellent attitude towards her maths learning. Lottie - For great learning in our timeline work
Hazel	Fleur - For always presenting her work so beautifully and for her highly creative free verse poem Felix - For writing such a beautiful free verse poem about darkness.
Ash	Keyan - For his perseverance and dedication to completing his work Jake - For his determination and drive to doing his best all week.
Oaks	Olivia - For being such a wonderful and caring member of Oaks during her time at Ide Hill Summer - For her poignant and thoughtful insights when discussing Remembrance in class

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"Change, Grow, Serve"



Forest Church News - November 2023

Sunday 5th November 3pm – Toys Hill Triangle. *We will be exploring ways to remember special people and events. Sparklers feature!*

Sunday 10th December 10.30 – Ide Hill Church. *Forest Church will be part of an informal carol service linked to the Christmas Tree Festival. We will be making our own Christmas trees - possibly outside.*

Sunday 7th January 3pm – Toys Hill. *Christmas isn't over as we welcome the Three Wise Men. Bad weather will not deter them but we might invite them inside if necessary.*

All are welcome whatever your age, however noisy or wriggly! Wear suitable outdoor clothing.

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Forest Church joined the Harvest Festival service in Sundridge in September. After the first hymn we left the church to continue our service outside. We learnt about the importance of soil in providing a place for plants to thrive and how it provides a home for many living things. Nutrients need to be added to the soil for plant growth and we saw pieces of rotting leaves in our soil sample that will eventually be pulled down into the soil by worms. We then chose leaves to make rubbings with wax crayons, writing "thank you" messages on and hanging them on our twig tree. The messages thanked God for "Weetabix" and "all the vegetables". After returning to the church for a blessing everyone proudly showed off their creation.

