

Dear Families

In our assemblies this term we have been exploring British Values and how we live these values in our school. Last week we explored tolerance and respect and this week we have explored democracy. Linking into democracy, the children, in their teams, voted democratically for their vice captains this week. Congratulations to Megan, (Endeavour), Isabelle (Challenger), Kingsley (Enterprise) and Oscar (Discovery), who were the successful candidates.

Each class will also be voting for their new School Parliament members in the upcoming week. I can't wait to see who is elected and hear all about their ideas for improving Jacobstow and serving the community.

Wishing you a fabulous weekend

Lesa Garside

Interim Head

### **Christmas Dates**

We have set the following dates for our Christmas celebrations. Any additional events will be shared as soon as possible.

Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Trip
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (pm)	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to parents
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (am)	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to parents
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day and Party Games afternoon
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

### **Forest School Update**



As mentioned in my newsletter last week, I have had a meeting about Forest School this week. As a result of the meeting, I am pleased to share with you the following plans.

We need to ensure that Forest school is sustainable, therefore some staff will be trained in this at the end of November. We will then be able to safely offer each class a regular session. We will share the assigned days for each class nearer to the time.

In the Spring term, a trainer will work alongside staff who are delivering the programme to support them to ensure that the sessions are as fun and safe as possible.

Additionally, we have also planned a beach school day for each class for the summer term. I am awaiting confirmation of the dates for these and will then share them with you.

### **Staffing Update**

Following our advertisement for a Breakfast Club leader and LSA, we will be interviewing for the post and hope to be able to share the successful applicant next week.

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations are on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Maloney has sent out information on how to book appointments with your child's teacher already, please contact her if you have not received this.

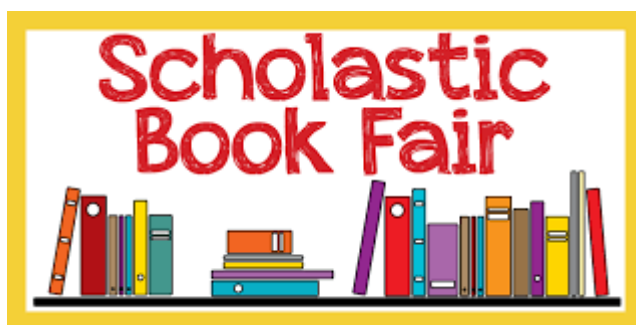
The consultations will be held in the Little Star's classrooms and then Mercury, Neptune and Saturn classrooms will be open for you to go in and look at your children's books, if you wish. We ask that you wait in the classrooms for the teachers to come and collect you for your appointment. Little Star parents, will have chairs in the hall to wait on. The teachers are looking forward to sharing the children's progress with you.

### **Nut Free School**

A reminder that we are a 'Nut Free School' and children must not bring any nuts into school from home in their packed lunches. There are children in school with nut allergies and any nuts/seeds in school could put them at risk.



### **Book Fair**



We have organised a Scholastic book fair for the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> November where the children will be able to browse and buy books with the school receiving a small percentage of the takings for books for the library. This is perfect timing for Christmas and a great opportunity for the children to read some fantastic books.

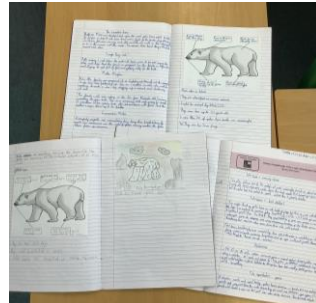
### **In School This Week.....**

The good weather has allowed Mercury Class to get outside and really enjoy our PE lessons this week. The children enjoyed tag rugby with Mr Pitman, working on running with the ball and passing while moving. On Tuesday we have been perfecting our ball skills with our feet focusing on passing, dribbling and scoring goals. The children then enjoyed some free play

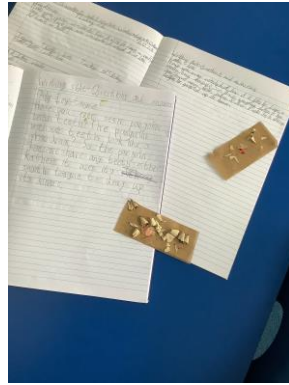
where they could play football, use the climbing trail or play basketball. Lots of fun was had by all while learning and perfecting new skills.



Neptune have been using the skills they have developed during their English lessons to write their own Non-chronological reports all about Polar Bears! They have used all of the features including headings and subheadings, labelled diagrams and even a picture with a pun in the caption.



In Saturn we have really enjoyed writing our non-chronological report about the pangolin. We have been focusing on writing chunks to describe the features of a pangolin that make it quite different to other mammals. We have even been using tape to pick up crumbs around the classroom to mimic how a pangolin eats its food as it doesn't have teeth!



This week Little Stars have been exploring Autumnal objects. We've had pumpkins and used tweezers to pick out the seeds. We have also been learning how to write the letters: h, r, j and v.

