

Class LC Newsletter

September 2017 – Autumn Term 1

Welcome to year 4! I hope you all had a lovely summer and the children are refreshed and ready to get started, there's a lot to fit in!

Creative Curriculum

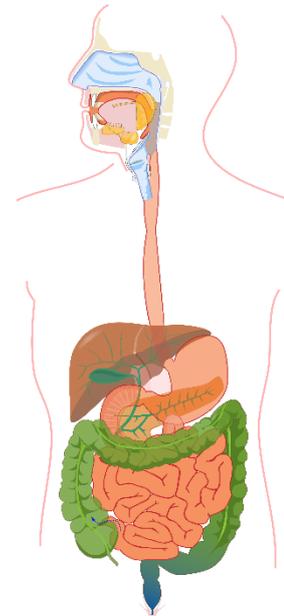
This half term, our topic is 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile'! This topic has a science focus and teaches children about the busy world inside the body. Children will explore teeth types and the importance of dental hygiene, I am also hoping to organise a visit to a dental surgery to enhance this learning. They will follow food on its journey, discovering how food is digested from the moment it passes the lips, until waste is excreted. The main intentions will be for the children to learn about the following:

- Science - Teeth types; tooth decay and dental hygiene.
 - The Digestive system; exploration of the main body organs and their function.
- Computing - Exploration of digital images; Algorithms; Video
- D & T - Healthy foods; Textiles; Making models
- PSHE - Healthy Bodies
- Music - Composing lyrics
- RE - celebrations (including Harvest)

These are just some of the components of the topic, that will be covered. There will be also be many opportunities for children to explore other areas that can be related to the topic, for example measures in maths, to link with healthy eating.

I have attached a separate document with details of this half term's learning log homework project.

I hope that the children will be inspired and motivated by the topic and we look forward to sharing their work with you at a later date.



Class Dojo

Hopefully your child has brought home a letter with detail of 'Class Dojo', a behaviour management tool that I will be using in the classroom. Children can receive Dojo points for positive actions and will receive a class reward of Golden Time on a Friday if they earn enough Dojo points as a class. Conversely, they can also lose Dojo points for negative choices. The letter you have been sent contains a code that will allow you to see what Dojo points your child is earning in class and children can create their own Dojo monster/avatar. Please come and talk to me if you'd like any further information or help getting set up.

Helping at Home

Reading

Children should still be reading out loud to an adult for 10 minutes a day, even if they are fluent and confident readers. This helps to ensure they are decoding words correctly and understanding what they are reading. It helps to discuss events in the text, or how your child feels about it - if they didn't enjoy it, why not? What has happened in the book since they last read to you? What do they think will happen in the next chapter? Please pop and see me if you need any support with this.

Spellings

Children will shortly complete a spelling assessment which will inform me what spellings they need to learn. Spellings will be sent home each Friday and should be practised throughout the week for a test the following Friday. I will also send home a list of the statutory spellings for year 4, as the expectation is that children will be secure with these by the end of the year.

Maths

We will continue to use the My Maths website for homework tasks, a letter has been sent home with login details in case you have misplaced them. New tasks will usually be set on a Wednesday and children will have a week to complete them. If your child does not have access to a computer at home or needs support to complete the task at school then please let me know.

Occasionally there may be other maths homework if it better supports the children's learning. Additionally, the expectation is that children will know all of their times tables to 12x12 by the end of year 4. Children will be practising these throughout the year but any help you can give them will be beneficial.

Learning Log

Learning log books will be sent home as soon as I have them and all tasks should be returned to school no later than Monday 16th October.

Pencil Cases

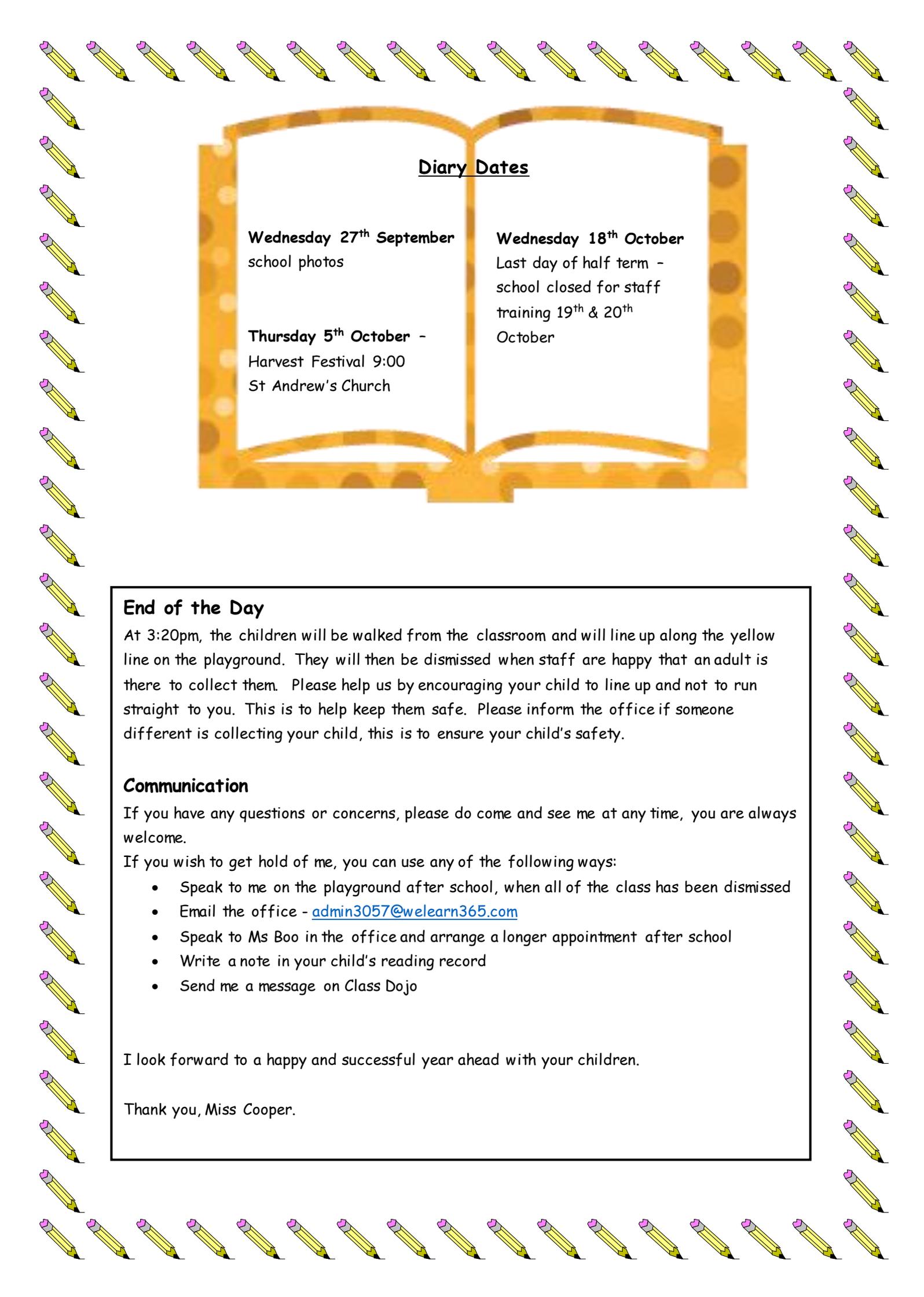
A number of children have brought pencil cases to school. This is fine, although they should only contain one rubber/sharpener/pencil. If pencil cases become a distraction, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. If they continue to be a distraction, then children will not be allowed to bring them in, they do not need them as we do have the resources they need in the classroom.



Harvest



This year, Class LC will be leading the Harvest celebrations at the church. This will take place on between 9-9:30 on Thursday 5th October at St. Andrew's Church. More details will follow.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 27th September
school photos

Thursday 5th October -
Harvest Festival 9:00
St Andrew's Church

Wednesday 18th October
Last day of half term -
school closed for staff
training 19th & 20th
October

End of the Day

At 3:20pm, the children will be walked from the classroom and will line up along the yellow line on the playground. They will then be dismissed when staff are happy that an adult is there to collect them. Please help us by encouraging your child to line up and not to run straight to you. This is to help keep them safe. Please inform the office if someone different is collecting your child, this is to ensure your child's safety.

Communication

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and see me at any time, you are always welcome.

If you wish to get hold of me, you can use any of the following ways:

- Speak to me on the playground after school, when all of the class has been dismissed
- Email the office - admin3057@welearn365.com
- Speak to Ms Boo in the office and arrange a longer appointment after school
- Write a note in your child's reading record
- Send me a message on Class Dojo

I look forward to a happy and successful year ahead with your children.

Thank you, Miss Cooper.