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Headteacher's Comment

The first week back as a whole school has been a very successful one with the children quickly settling back into school life! It has been pleasing to see the children return with smiles and enjoying meeting their friends again. This is the first step to returning to some normality and hopefully we will eventually be able to dispense with the 'bubbles' and have staff and children move around school more freely. Two members of staff are to have their first vaccinations next week and as more staff receive their vaccinations in the coming months it will help school to return to what it was like prior to this pandemic.

This week there have been some cases of Covid-19 in local schools so we will continue to adhere to the guidance from Leeds CC and the DfE, which includes all staff being tested twice a week. Please can parents also continue to support school by following the guidance within our risk assessment.

Star Pupils

Class 1

- ★ Wilfred W for his amazing and much improved beautiful cursive writing.
- ★ Max D for being a superstar with his reading and jumping up two levels.

Class 2

- ★ The whole of Class 2 for settling back in so well, working hard and caring for each other.

Class 3

- ★ Emily O for her outstanding attitude to learning this week and outstanding work produced across the curriculum.
- ★ William M for outstanding work produced and excellent reasoning skills using mathematical terminology in APE tasks this week.

Class 4

- ★ Isabelle C for the fantastic progression shown in her Maths understanding.
- ★ Bronwyn M for showing great enthusiasm to all her learning this week.

Class News

Class 1

We have been so impressed with how all the children in Class One have come back and settled back in, it is like they have never been away and they have all surprised us in many ways this week. We feel so proud of them all! This week we have enjoyed settling back into the school routine, playing with our friends and having lots of fun! As it is British Science week we have been investigating and exploring Materials. We also had planned to plant lots of strawberry plants, but the weather has had other ideas so watch this space! They are all very excited to get green fingered when the weather is a bit nicer. We have amazed Mrs Metcalfe with our knowledge about The Easter Story and why Christians place a cross in the Easter Garden. We just wanted to finish with a huge well done for being so fabulous during your time at home. The home learners really amazed us with how hard they worked and we loved seeing all the work and pictures that they sent to school. So, thank you to our parents too! *Mrs Malin and Mrs Metcalfe*

Class 2

Class 2 have settled back into school perfectly and it has been so lovely to all be back together! We had a gentle start to the week looking at the book 'Rain Before Rainbows'. A beautiful story about persevering through tough times towards hope, then painted rainbows whilst thinking about positive things which happened during lockdown. We have then continued with our usual Literacy learning, studying the story 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We have drawn a scene and then written a description of it. In Maths, we have been continuing our learning of 3D shapes - looking for examples of them around school and trying to make our own using Art straws and plasticine. We carried out some experiments

using our sense of sight and our memory in Science and we were much better at this than Mrs Oliver, who couldn't work out the item which had been taken away from a larger group of items on a tray! *Mrs Oliver*

Class 3

This week in Class 3 we have had a lovely first week back and thoroughly enjoyed learning altogether once more. We have immersed ourselves in our Amazon Rainforest topic this week beginning our class book- The Great Kapok Tree. We used actions to recap the book and are able to recall the story fluently, whilst learning about Possessive Apostrophes and using these to write descriptive sentences for the animals in the rainforest. This week we have learnt all about where the Amazon Rainforest is located, discussing the climate of the rainforest in relation to the Equator and the exploration of Tropical and Temperate climates. Children then used Salt Dough to create an accurate model of South America labelling and adding physical features and the countries found in this Continent. This week has also been National Science week and we linked this with our topic of Electricity, we learnt all about Thomas Edison and the invention of the light bulb, investigating conductors and making our own circuits. We have had a lovely first week back in the classroom and I am so thrilled to resume our learning and welcome the children back. *Mrs Dereix*

Class 4

It has been fantastic to see all the children again and return to the hustle and bustle of the classroom. The children have responded superbly to the routines and procedures which highlights the abundance of resilience they possess. After a relatively chilled day on Monday, it was evident the children wanted to get straight back to it, so the remainder of our first week back has been like we never left! Hats off to the children for their spectacular attitude to learning. Whilst much of the focus has been Maths and creating a new scene for Friend or Foe in Literacy, we also enjoyed a Science Day on Friday. The event was linked with our WW2 Topic and the children learnt all about Alan Turing and how he cracked the Enigma code. The children then made circuits to perform Morse Code messages to send to their allies! The messages then had to be relayed by telephone without the secret spies stealing information! We also received an additional treat on Thursday, from Alexander Mort, who performed four songs from his upcoming piano grading. Alexander has been recognised as a highly skilled pianist ever since he opened the Christmas performance at Esholt in 2019. The children and I were blown away by the advancement in his talents – a star in the making! *Mr McGuire*

Kestrels Before and After School Club News

It's so good to be back. We have had such an exciting week seeing all our families back in school and Kestrels. We have been busy playing outside, when the crazy weather has allowed! Making loom band bracelets, Mother's Day cards, colouring, playing Top Trumps, watching rainy day movies and creating different characters with our new 'Bunchems'. We hope you all enjoy your weekends and we will see you Monday! *Mrs Lister*



A 'Bunchem'

House Points and School Attendance

House	Total
Eagles	24
Falcons	32
Vultures	36
Condors	28

Class	%
Class 1	100%
Class 2	97.35%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	99.63%

(School target set by Leeds is 97%)

Nursery

Thank you to all those parents who emailed the school office with an interest in a nursery place. I was very pleased with the number of responses and the company we are presently negotiating with have a high number on their own waiting list. The Governors and I will meet with the nursery providers on Monday afternoon to discuss the proposed plans. These discussions will include a wide range of areas but hopefully a decision can be made swiftly.

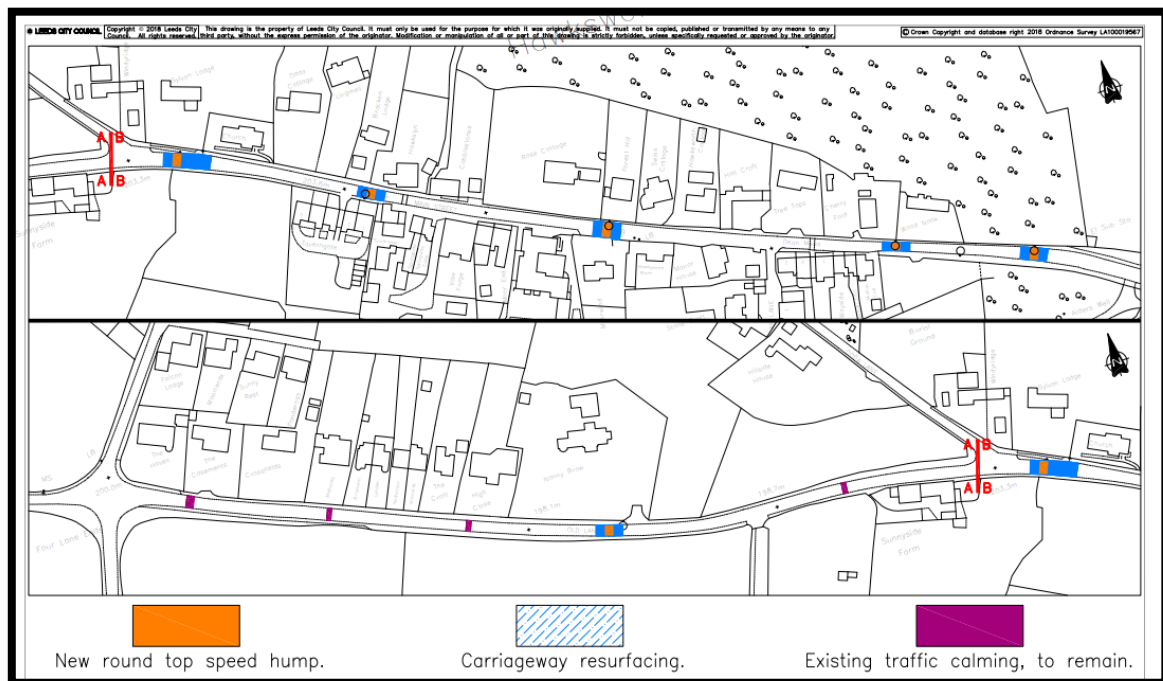


Path

I have had one or two emails from parents asking those who park on *Old Lane*, not to park so close to the drystone walls, as it blocks the path and forces parents with push chairs onto the road.

Speeding

A proposed road calming plan for Hawksworth was shared with villagers and school. The proposal is for six new round top speed humps in Hawksworth and humps 3,4 will be situated directly either side of the school so as to slow the speed of traffic from both directions. The legal advertisement phase (where the opportunity to formally object is given to the general public) will start soon. Cllr Pat Latty, has been very supportive to school and helping to get this initiative started. Below is the proposed plan:



Values

At Hawksworth CE Primary School we have six core values, underpinned by Christian values. Our values are embedded in the life of the school and underpin all relationships across the school. Our 6 core values are:



This term we are looking at TRUST

Art Gallery

Below is artwork completed by the *Key Worker* Y3/4/5/6 bubble during the period of the third lockdown. Mrs S. Gallagher planned, and taught these engaging art sessions which were linked to the children's curriculum topics:

- Children's Mental Health Week Exploring the theme, 'Express Yourself' by creating self-portraits
- Watercolours and silhouette based on Class topic WW2
- 'Night Sky' based on their Literacy work

Whilst chatting to the Keyworker children they were always eager to share their artwork with me, their newly acquired art skills and tell me how much they enjoyed their art lessons.



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Have an enjoyable weekend!

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Headteacher

