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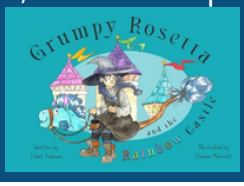
We are very proud of our school leaders and our Kindness Ambassadors have been very busy this term. They have arranged our harvest festival collection and will be writing positive notes on the food items to brighten local people's day, when we finally take the produce to the local foodbank. There is still time to send in cans or packets to support our local community and to help our kindness ambassadors make this first project a success.



Mrs Marshall

A MESSAGE FROM MRS MARSHALL

- We have had a really busy term but we are so proud of our children settling into their new year groups.
- This week our Maths and English lead teachers with myself, looked at all the children's books and have been really impressed by their hard work and increasing knowledge and skills.
- Thank you to parents for supporting the request for children not to scoot or ride across the playground or by our main school entrance. This is making our school a safer place to be.
- Look out for the Autumn activities you and your child may like to engage with over the half term break!
- We are very excited to end our half term with an author visit, Juliet Thompson.





Don't forget to book onto our workshops. If you have attended a workshop we invite parents to see some of the learning in class. It is vital you attend the workshop first. Please book via Arbor or phone the office.

- ☑ Have you attended a parent partnership meeting to talk about your child's progress in their new year group.
- ☑ If not please do not hesistate to phone the school to book an appointment. If you can't make next Wednesday, still ask to arrange another time.
- ☑ All families check eligibility for pupil premium to help support your child's learning. Please check as soon as possible by following **this link.**

UPCOMING DATES

- **Parent partnership meeting -** Please sign up on Arbor:
- **21st October** 3.30pm - 5.50pm

This is an opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher. Sign up on Arbor.

- **23rd October**- Author visit for Key Stage 1
- **23rd October - Autumn half term break**
- **Tuesday 3rd November - Return to school**
- **13th November - World Kindness Day** and Children in Need
- **Tues 8th Dec** - Nursery West Lodge farm visit and Christmas experience at the farm
- **Friday 11th Dec 2pm** – Reception Christmas crafts with parents in class
- **Mon 14th Dec 2pm** - Year 2 Christmas play
- **Tues 15th Dec 9.10am** - Year 2 Christmas play
- **Weds 16th Dec 9am and 2pm** - Year 1 Singing in hall
- **For our Reception, Year One and Year Two Christmas events we can only take two people per family in our hall due to health and safety.**
- **Thurs 17th Dec 2.30pm** - Rocksteady concert in the hall, for those with children in the bands!

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We have a few children, who are finding separating from parents in the morning challenging. We will always look to support these transitions in school but we also know it can be upsetting for parents to see their child worried or upset. Supporting your child through anxieties at home and school is a workshop we will be running in school. This could be separation anxiety, worries about going out or unusual worries your child may have. There will be time to talk to professionals after the meeting. Come and join us!

It will give parents a chance to connect with other parents too.

Safeguarding Support

We are here to help. You can contact any member of our school safeguarding team on our usual school number 01933 654900.

If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen.
Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900.


Mrs Parsons- Moore


Mrs Marshall


Mrs Luke


Mrs Cummins


Mrs Richardson

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays or weekends, please contact the local authority on 0300 126 7000 or phone 999, if you feel the child is in immediate harm.

Phonic support link on the school website.

PTA news

After our AGM I can now announce that we have a full committee.
We welcome:
Zoe Massey as our PTA chair
Chelsea Marshall as the treasurer
Sophie Roberts as secretary
Thank you so much for stepping forward to ensure our PTA can still carry on and continue making memories for our children and provide further exciting opportunities for our children.
We have a big push this year to raise funds for a new library. We want to convert our old ICT space into a space the children can come and enjoy, share books and read with their teachers and friends.



School visits for families starting school September 2027

A chance to come into school see the amazing learning environment and meet the Head Teacher and her fantastic team.

- **23rd November - 1.30pm**
- **1st December - 5pm**
- **13th January - 10am**

We look forward to meeting parents and carers for our school tours.

Nursery spaces

If you have a child wanting to start in our amazing teacher led nursery you can also phone and book a visit. We have spaces for January coming up! These visits can often be arranged for individual families.
Telephone: 01933 654900

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Children in Need and World Kindness day - 13th November

These two charity events are on the same day so our Kindness Ambassadors have decided to combine the events. They are asking the children to wear a small something red or pink to represent love and kindness or if you have a Children In Need headband or t-shirt you could wear those with your school trousers or skirt.
The children will be coming home with a special gift to give to someone special!! We hope you like your surprise! Great ideas from our Kindness Ambassadors.

Autumn fun!

We would like to share some activities that you may like to do with your children in the Autumn break.
Our policy is not to set formal homework for our children as we encourage reading with your child everyday. We feel that the children can see the world and all subjects through reading. It is a vital skill for every child. We want the children to have home fun with reading particularly!

October Half Term Challenge starting 26th Oct

How many things can you tick off of our list of fun things to do this holiday?

- Climb a tree
- ·Roll down a big hill
- ·Build a den
- ·Run around in the rain
- ·Fly a kite
- ·Go on a bike/scooter ride
- ·Make a trail with sticks
- ·Make a mud pie
- ·Bake a cake
- ·Create some wild art
- ·Gaze at the stars
- ·Hunt for bugs
- ·Go bird watching
- ·Read a book
- ·Draw a picture
- ·Play hide and seek
- ·Play a board game
- ·Kick some leaves
- ·Collect some conkers and pine cones
- ·Look for hedgehogs

How many can you complete? Your teachers will talk to you about Autumn on your return to school on 3rd November.



Home fun for all children!





Irthlingborough Cricket Club are holding a charity Halloween disco on Saturday 31st October to celebrate Oliver going into remission.
All proceeds go to the charity PASIC - Cancer support for children and young people.

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Irthlingborough Nursery & Infant School











Thank you to those parents who used the library over the summer. It was a great surprise to recieve our winning certificate today!