Welcome back!
What a lovely week we’ve had! The children have been really pleased to be back at school and seeing their friends. We have received some wonderful topic work done at home including animal habitats and even an Egyptian Sarcophagi in the corridor!

10k for iPads
We are delighted that a local runner, Heather Vidgeon, is raising money for her Nailsworth School in her forthcoming 10k run at Westonbirt. She heard that school would like to create a bank of iPads or tablets which could be booked out on loan by parents to give their children access to Remote learning, if they have to isolate and have no device at home. She really wanted to support us in this and so decided to complete a charity run for school. If you would like to sponsor her, please go on to her Just Giving page.
https://my.race-nation.co.uk/sponsorship/entry/388558

Please see our question and answer session with Heather on the next page.

Scholastic Book Fair
We have extended the book fair until Friday. The children have all had a chance to look around the fair and at the books since they returned on Monday. There are order forms available from the main reception area for those who wish to order books. You have all received the order form and catalogue of books online.
If you need this again please pop to the office and let us know.

Christmas lunch
You should have all received a copy of the Christmas lunch menu for your child to make their choice for lunch on 16th December. We must have all orders in by 3.30pm this afternoon. Christmas lunch costs are £2.35 per child unless they are entitled to a free meal. Children will be allowed to wear a Christmas jumper and can bring in a Christmas cracker on the day if they wish.

Written reports
If you chose not to have a call from your child's teacher and have a written report instead for parents evening, you should have received this. Please let the office know if you have not.

Christmas Cards
We have been advised by the local authority not to exchange Christmas cards within school this year. This also applies to sweets children may want to being in for their birthdays to share with their class.

DIARY DATES

November
25th Guitar lessons
26th Piano lessons
30th Drum lessons

December
1st Piano lessons
2nd Guitar lessons
3rd Piano lessons
16th Christmas lunch
18th Last day of term
12.50pm - 1.10pm finish

From Y6 please
For the Christmas fair we need the Y6’s students to bring in clean jars with labels removed. Any unwanted gifts, bottles or tins to create a small hamper. Any unwanted teddies (in good condition). Please can these be brought in as soon as possible as we need to quarantine items.

Teacher gifts
We know that some children may want to give their teachers gifts for Christmas but this can’t be done in the usual way this year. So, we will have a Christmas tree in the reception area for gifts to be left under for teachers. Please make sure they are clearly labelled.
Year 1
In Year 1 we have had fun learning about how sounds in words can be spelt differently. Also, lots of children came back after 2 weeks at home with some lovely homework.

Year 2
In guided reading, we read about Victorians and people who invented the telephone. By Evie.
We drew the inside and outside of apples. By Nasir.
We have been writing letter to the Tiger. By Sam.

Year 4
I have enjoyed learning about column subtraction in Maths and making my handwriting beautiful! By Kyrar.
I have really enjoyed writing up our herbal remedy leaflets in English, they are amazing! By Amber.

Year 6
In Maths, we are ordering and comparing numbers. In English, we are writing about a Christmas craft fair and why do people want to go to it. Also in PE, We did cross country and we will find out who is in the team next week. In Art, yesterday we had to draw something for the winter wonderland competition. Our topic for this term is the Christmas Craft fair.

Value Badges
Please can we nominate Sam (Y2) and Steven (YR) for a value badge. They worked really hard after school to move our firewood delivery off the drive, mostly by themselves. Then when daddy got home they worked really hard again to help put all the logs away. Thanks, Carly (Mummy)
We would like to nominate Oliver & Alex for a perseverance badge. They have been working really hard and encouraged each other all the way, not only during school closure but since they’ve moved. Well done boys. We are really proud of you.
Mum & Dad

Year 5
This week we have been writing diary entries about Phillipe Petit and how he walked between the twin towers.
In Maths, we have been learning long multiplication. During isolation we were using Teams and Miss Cullimore was uploading work daily but we are really happy to be back at school.

Nativity Celebration
Great news on the Christmas front. KS1 will be recording a Nativity celebration to go onto KS1 Teams pages. All classes in KS1 including Reception will make an appearance. They will remain in their bubbles at all times.
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We asked Heather some questions about why she had chosen to complete a charity run for Nailsworth School.

Q Have you always enjoyed sport?
I enjoyed netball at school. I then had two little boys and loved supporting them to swim at Stratford Park as they grew up!

Q Why did you decide to take up running?
It's uncomplicated - you just need a pair of trainers.

Q Have you had to train hard to run long distances?
No, I just go out and run and over time I have slowly increased the distance.

Q What is your training routine?
I am an early bird - so it suits me to get up early and go out. I've now made it a routine part of my life.

Q Can you tell me about the physical benefits?
I like going out, moving about, breathing in fresh air. It keeps me fit.

Q Have you noticed any mental health benefits?
Running makes me feel happy - it's refreshing to be outside and see what's around me. It lets my mind have a quiet time to reflect.

Q Has running been helpful in lockdown?
It's been critical - I've been working from home at my laptop, and running has meant that for an hour a day I am moving about.

Q Why have you chosen Nailsworth School as your charity?
I know that Nailsworth School has a great reputation for sport and offering lots of different clubs to the children. Because our world has changed this year, I thought it was important that schools have the funding needed to allow students to learn flexibility. It seemed that Nailsworth School was the obvious choice to me to link exercise and learning. I've contacted all my friends, family and work colleagues and asked them to sponsor me on the 10K run at Westonbirt Arboretum on 13 December.

What will be your next challenge?
I've decided to do 100 runs, not within any particular timeline but just as a target - I've already started. So every time I run - I have the next one in sight.

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