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**Word of the Week:**



**Collogue – meaning ....**  
to confer secretly.

to plot mischief; conspire.

Children love new words please mention this word with your child and see what fun you can have adding it into conversation this week.

**Thank you**

This week has been challenging with the flooding and various accidents on the roads in and around the A65 and M6. Importantly it highlighted the importance of our text service in communicating with parents and to reduce our telephone systems being blocked. Thank you for your understanding in collecting your children as soon as possible on Wednesday which was essential in reducing the delays at the end of the school day and enabling families to travel home safely and our staff.

**Year 3 had a superb visit to Knowsley Safari Park in the rain.**



Year 3 had a superb time this week, not only did they visit the Safari Park on Wednesday but they also had a visit from Jo Gill who shared and discussed her snake with the children. This certainly proved to be an eventful time for the children.

The Year 3 web page has all the information you need for this and last week's learning! Please have a look and don't miss out.

## Early Years Harvest



A big thank you to Rev. Snow who came to see our Foundation Stage classes to deliver a Harvest Festival in the classroom.

Thank you again to everyone who supported our Harvest appeal this year for Kings Food Bank.

## Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Club Application this week

This week letters will be coming out to invite year 5 and 6 boys and girls to join Tag Rugby club after the half term break. Since Sept Year 3 and 4 have had the option to join Rugby Club and it is now the turn of Year 5 and 6 after half term. Please get your response form returned before half term as there are only 20 spaces available.

## Attendance

Well done to **Year 4** who achieved the highest attendance this week! As a reward they get to look after Attendance Super Dog this week.



## Helping our children at the dinner table.



Parents, recently we have made a dedicated effort to encourage our children to eat their meals with both a fork and a knife. For many this has proven to be quite challenging as this presents issues for pupils who only use a fork when eating. One of the reasons is that some of our pupils are unable to cut their own food and then put their fork into the right hand to stab or shovel their food into their mouth.



In a recent national study (Aug 2017) researchers noted that almost three quarters (74 per cent) of the nation's children use only a fork to eat all their meals. Also it noted that eight per cent of parents said they didn't mind

their child using their fingers for any food - whatever their age. The findings also noted that almost one in four parents (22 per cent) said their child 'rarely' or 'not very often' used both a knife and fork together at meal-time.

We are asking children to hold both a knife and a fork whilst eating at lunchtime. Whilst this is challenging at times, as children are unaware which hand to hold a knife or fork, we are hoping that with support, teaching and praise the children will become more adept at becoming both independent in eating and more competent in using both pieces of cutlery at the same time.

We would really value your support, alongside our attempts at lunchtimes, to support the children in making every effort to avoid using hands when eating food and holding a knife and a fork when eating. Together we can educate the children about this hopefully.

### Homework Club – letters and requests this week

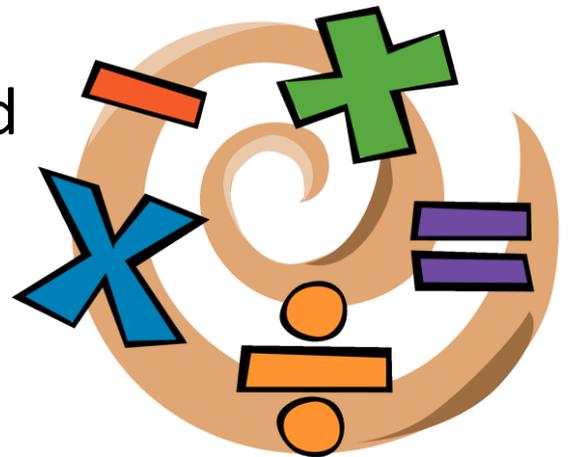
Year 5 and 6 pupils will be given the chance to join homework club via a letter this week, which will start on Monday after half term with Mrs Gladwinfield. Pupils will be given letters this week and are asked to return them ASAP so that they can be told on Friday if they have managed to get in (12 places). If there is a large demand we will reserve spaces after Christmas for anyone unable to come this term.

**Hoping you have a good last week of this half term and our children have a super break next week.**

**Mr Jones**

# Maths Evening

We are inviting parents and families from Reception to Year 6 to our Calculations Event.



All of our staff will be in the school hall on October 18<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30pm to share how we add, subtract, multiply and divide. There will be a chance to go into classes after our whole school presentation. Booklets will be provided to support the night.

We hope session will really help parents support their children.