



# Wilden VA Primary School



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## Dates for the Diary:

Monday 12th Oct: Consultation phone calls for Squirrels, Otters and Muntjacs.  
w/c Monday 26th Oct - Half Term  
Monday 2nd Nov - Staff Training Day

## Message from Mrs Hutchinson

The children continue to impress with me with their enthusiasm for learning and cheeriness. Some of the highlights of the week for me include: reading some poetry to Otters from 'A Caribbean Dozen'; creating nature sculptures with Squirrels and discussing that every piece of art work is unique because of the natural materials used, the layers, the textures and colours; taking a guided reading group from Muntjacs and pupils using point, evidence and explain in their answers; watching Chipmunks and Hedgehogs make a wholesome vegetable soup - I was amazed by their cutting skills! A big thank you to all our staff for providing the wonderful learning experiences for our children. In this edition, I have included some poetry; I hope you enjoy reading it to your children.  
Have a lovely weekend.

## Golden Notebook Nominations

Week ending 9th October:



James  
Amirah,  
Grace,  
Rafferty, Jamie,  
Hayden  
Joshua  
and Darcie.

## Value Nominations

Jack, Jackson and Charlie JC

Well done to everyone



## Weekly Attendance

Hedgehog Class: 100%  
Squirrel Class: 98.52%  
Otter Class: 99.02%  
Muntjac Class: 99.15%

Our overall attendance for this week:  
99%

## Fair Play

Mirror mirror on the wall  
Could you please return our ball  
Our football went through your crack  
You have two now  
Give one back.

Benjamin Zephaniah

## Our Value of the month is:

Trust





## Digital 5 A Day

Simple steps to a balanced digital diet and better wellbeing

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>

The **digital 5 a day** provides a simple framework that reflects the concerns of parents/carers as well as children's behaviours and needs. It can also act as a base for family agreements about internet and digital device use throughout both the holidays and term time.

Based on the NHS's evidence-based "[five steps to better mental wellbeing](#)", the digital 5 a day campaign gives children and parents easy to follow, practical steps to achieve a healthy and balanced digital diet.

### Protect Yourself and Others from Coronavirus

Coronavirus cases are increasing locally and across the country.

We all need to do everything we can to slow the spread of the virus, and protect our families, friends and communities.

With some exceptions such as work, school, or where there are more than six people already living together, you must not meet in a group of more than six people.

It is against the law, and you may be fined.

This is the case whether outdoors, indoors, or in a private home.

There are a few simple things we can all do to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe:

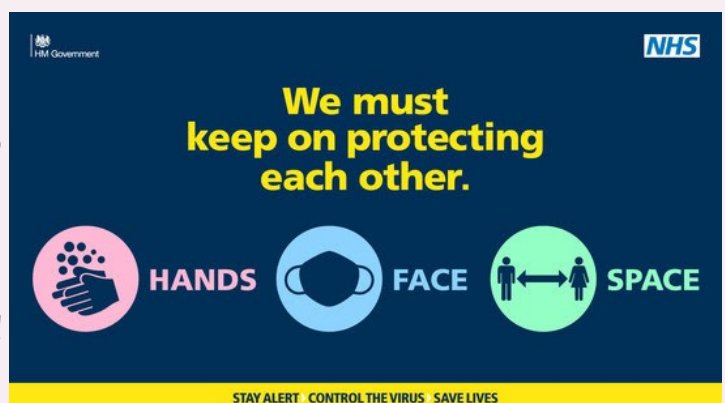
Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds.

Wear a face covering.

Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with.

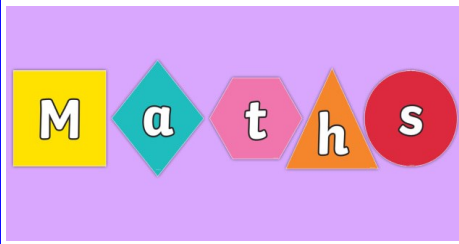
Just remember Hands, Face, Space.

Please do share this message with loved ones. Stay safe, and thank you.



## 6 Ways to Improve Your Child's Maths Skills:

- ◇ Let them **help** you with the cooking and baking.
- ◇ Get them involved in the food shopping.
- ◇ Play **maths** games with them at home.
- ◇ Read books that incorporate **maths**.
- ◇ Encourage them to do some **maths** every day.
- ◇ Familiarise yourself with what **your child** is currently learning.



## Hopalong Kangaroo

If you can jigaloo  
Jigaloo  
I can do  
The jigaloo too  
For I'm the jiggiest  
Jigaloo kangaroo  
Jigaloo all night through  
Jigaloo all night through  
If you can boogaloo  
Boogaloo  
I can do  
The boogaloo too  
For I'm the boogiest  
Boogaloo kangaroo  
Boogaloo all night through  
Boogaloo all night through  
But bet you can't hopaloo  
Hopaloo  
Like I can do  
For I'm the hoppiest  
Hopaloo kangaroo  
Hopaloo all night through  
Hopaloo all night through  
Gonna show you steps  
You never knew  
And guess what guys?  
My baby in my pouch  
Will be dancing too

(Written by John Agard)

## Sun is laughing

This morning she got up  
On the happy side of the bed,  
Pulled back  
The grey sky-curtains  
And poked her head  
Through the blue window  
Of heaven,  
Her yellow laughter  
Spilling over,  
Falling broad across the grass,  
Brightening the washing line,  
Giving more shine  
To the back of a ladybug  
And buttering up all the world.  
Then, without any warning,  
As if she was suddenly bored,  
Or just got sulky  
Because she could hear no one  
Giving praise  
To her shining ways,  
Sun slammed the sky-window  
closed,  
Plunging the whole world  
Into greyness once more.  
O Sun, moody one,  
How can we live  
Without the holiday of your  
face?

**Grace Nichols**

## Isn't my name magical?

Nobody can see my name on me.  
My name is inside  
and all over me, unseen  
like other people also keep it.  
Isn't my name magical?

My name is mine only.  
It tells I am individual,  
the one person it shakes  
when I'm wanted.

Even if someone else answers  
for me, my message hangs in air  
haunting others, till it stops  
with me, the right name.  
Isn't your name and my name magic?

If I'm with hundreds of people  
and my name gets called,  
my sound switches me on to answer  
like it was my human electricity.

My name echoes across playground,  
It comes, it demands my attention.  
I have to find out who calls,  
who wants me for what.  
My name gets blurted out in class,  
it is terror, at a bad time,  
because somebody is cross.

My name gets called in a whisper  
I am happy, because  
My name may have touched me  
with a loving voice.  
Isn't your name and my name magic?  
**James Berry**

## Otter Class Blog



This week, we have been learning how to play football like dribbling, aiming and blocking, my team scored 1:0. Jayden scored, but me, Darcie and Winter helped him. We have also been on Mymaths on the new computers learning about different column methods.

On Monday Darcie came to be an Otter, and has been showing us Bug Club, it's a reading game on the computer.

An autumnal collage created by Otter Class and Mrs Hornibrook

By Charlie and Felicity

**Places are available in each year group.  
Please call the school to arrange a private tour.**

Please could you answer these questions in relation to home learning during the Covid lockdown period, in order for us to make improvements should the school need to organise remote learning in the future.

How can our school provide you with more support for home learning?

What did we do well?

What could we do to improve our approach to home learning?

Do you have any other comments?