



*Delivering an outstanding learning experience for all children so they flourish and thrive; enabling them to achieve their own individual excellence.*

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Newsletter 16

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been really wonderful to see the children back in school. The school environment has its familiar buzz again! The children have all returned with such positivity and enthusiasm and a variety of carefully planned activities have helped them to transition seamlessly back into school.

#### **Fun With Phonics**

Many thanks to all parents and carers who managed to attend the latest Phonics session held by Literacy Counts. If you were unable to attend, a recording has been made available:

<https://zoom.us/rec/play/vf0vNQ9kr-pX4mnhkqRdDiPQ94LU3DU1qq5KeaHNqQH3ukzO3kCtMhg3gvgWeuxq45gRB5CVyD9BRXur.EaP-TYoV6sghaegE>

#### **Mega Mileage Challenge**

The mileage challenges are continuing to go well. The children have completed a superb **436 miles** towards the John o' Groats to Land's End challenge. Meanwhile, our staff are progressing well on their journey around the equator. They have now travelled a superb **2928.39 miles**, meaning they have now reached South America from their starting point in the Gulf of Guinea. On our return to school, we will be continuing our challenge so keep track of your own miles travelled as well.

#### **Stoke City 7s**

This week, Year 2 were really lucky to receive membership of Stoke City's City 7s Programme. For the past few years, we have been part of this scheme which aims to engage with more young football fans. The children in Year 2 were delighted to receive their replica Stoke City shirts.



#### **Keeping Active**

It has been an incredibly active return to school with a host of high quality PE lessons delivered by sports coaches from ASM and Sports Coaching North West. In KS1, the sessions have focussed on fundamental skills, including object control and movement skills; in KS2, the children have worked on developing their games skills, with a focus on strategy within team sports.

#### **Where's Walley?**

Keeping with the theme of physical activity, Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Woodcock and Mrs. Mackey are taking part in the virtual Where's Walley? Weekender. The event challenges participants to run 5k. Keep an eye out them over the weekend - you may very well see them completing their challenge, donned in their Where's Walley outfits!

#### **Great Fire of London**

Our Year 2 children have been busy learning about how the Great Fire of London was tackled. They discovered that fire hooks were used to pull the houses down; leather buckets were passed along human chains; and fire wagons trundled up and down the streets with their barrels full of water. You have been superb historians over the last two weeks, Year 2!

#### **School Council**

With the return to school, our School Council are going to be meeting this week for their first meeting of 2021. They are going to be discussing what they would like to do as class representatives for the rest of this year. We look forward to seeing what exciting projects and initiatives they will plan.

#### **Parking**

Please could you ensure that, when you are dropping off or collecting your child, you park both safely and with consideration for others? We have received notification of occasions where cars are double parked, leaving insufficient space for traffic to get through.

#### **And finally**

As well as it being lovely to see our children back in school, it is equally lovely to see our parents and carers. The past year has not been an easy one. Please remember - we are here for you. Although our "open door" policy is restricted by social distancing guidelines, please do not let this be a barrier if you need to contact the school for any reason.

I am always here to help, support and listen!

**Mrs Jones**  
**Head Teacher**