

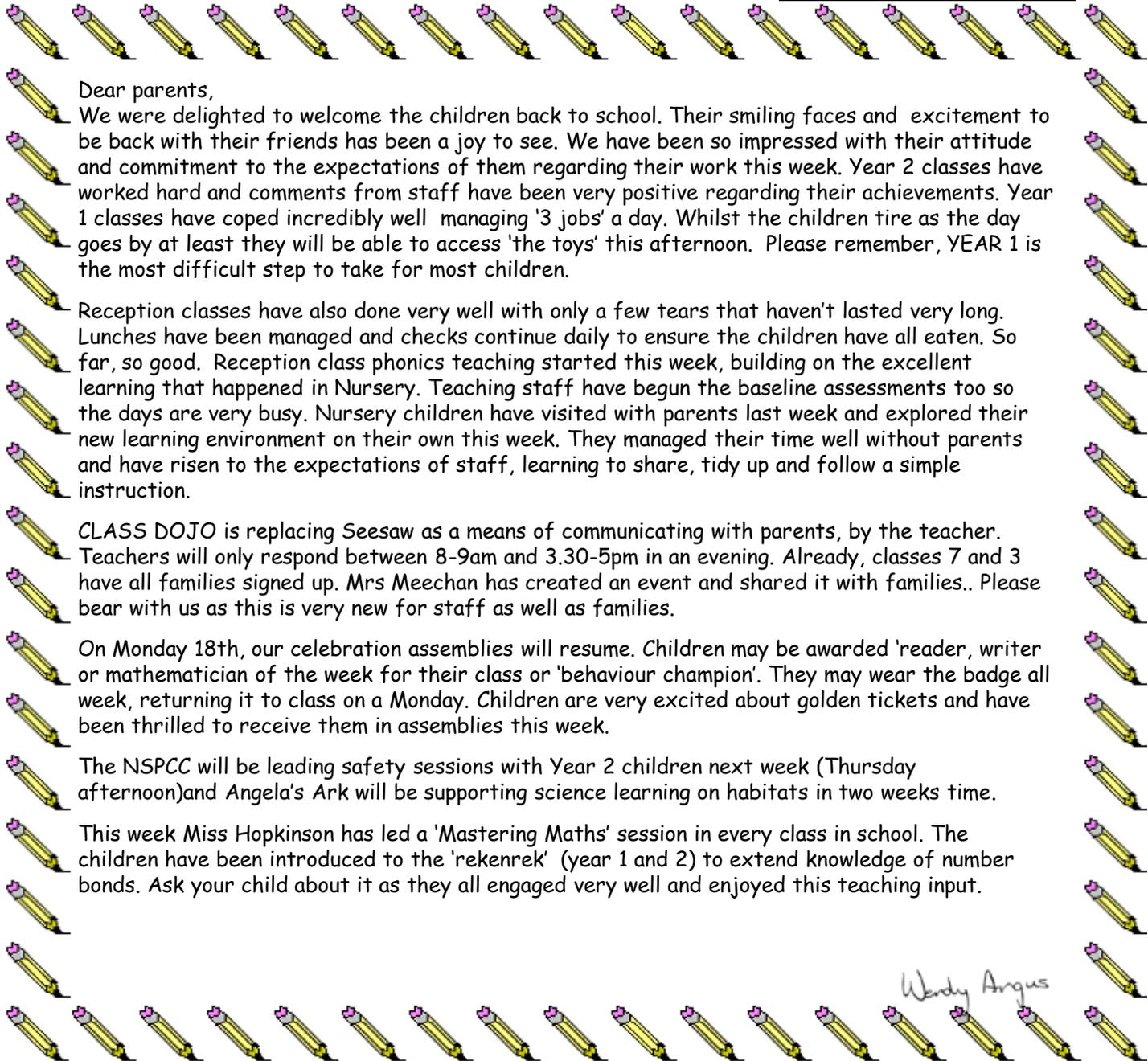


# Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of Fulwell Infant School Academy  
Mrs Angus's message...

Number 1  
15th September 2023



Dear parents,

We were delighted to welcome the children back to school. Their smiling faces and excitement to be back with their friends has been a joy to see. We have been so impressed with their attitude and commitment to the expectations of them regarding their work this week. Year 2 classes have worked hard and comments from staff have been very positive regarding their achievements. Year 1 classes have coped incredibly well managing '3 jobs' a day. Whilst the children tire as the day goes by at least they will be able to access 'the toys' this afternoon. Please remember, YEAR 1 is the most difficult step to take for most children.

Reception classes have also done very well with only a few tears that haven't lasted very long. Lunches have been managed and checks continue daily to ensure the children have all eaten. So far, so good. Reception class phonics teaching started this week, building on the excellent learning that happened in Nursery. Teaching staff have begun the baseline assessments too so the days are very busy. Nursery children have visited with parents last week and explored their new learning environment on their own this week. They managed their time well without parents and have risen to the expectations of staff, learning to share, tidy up and follow a simple instruction.

CLASS DOJO is replacing Seesaw as a means of communicating with parents, by the teacher. Teachers will only respond between 8-9am and 3.30-5pm in an evening. Already, classes 7 and 3 have all families signed up. Mrs Meechan has created an event and shared it with families.. Please bear with us as this is very new for staff as well as families.

On Monday 18th, our celebration assemblies will resume. Children may be awarded 'reader, writer or mathematician of the week for their class or 'behaviour champion'. They may wear the badge all week, returning it to class on a Monday. Children are very excited about golden tickets and have been thrilled to receive them in assemblies this week.

The NSPCC will be leading safety sessions with Year 2 children next week (Thursday afternoon) and Angela's Ark will be supporting science learning on habitats in two weeks time.

This week Miss Hopkinson has led a 'Mastering Maths' session in every class in school. The children have been introduced to the 'rekenrek' (year 1 and 2) to extend knowledge of number bonds. Ask your child about it as they all engaged very well and enjoyed this teaching input.

Wendy Angus

*We have 'meet the teacher' meetings coming up. If you are unable to attend, other family members are very welcome.*

**Year 1 parents (in classroom)**  
20th September 2023  
2.50-3.20pm

**Year 2 parents (in classroom)**  
19th September 2023  
2.50-3.20pm

**Reception parents (in classroom)**  
25th September 2023  
2.45-3.15pm

# In Nursery and Reception, busy children very engaged.



The children in both Nursery and Reception classes have begun to settle really well and enjoy everything they have encountered so far. Experiences are many and varied from early writing, to construction and even bubble blowing. Reception children have enjoyed phonics and other adult led activities as well as a first visit to forest school and class 7 have begun monkey moves with Nathan.



# Big Science



We welcomed Neil from BIG SCIENCE to lead our brand new after school science club. The pictures here tell a million stories... How much fun is science when you can safely experiment and watch what happens?



**P.E.**  
Welcome back Mrs Coates!  
Excellent outdoor PE yesterday.  
Byron caught in action...





Year 2 recorder club began this week for some of the children. The dance group in the photos were dancing to Matilda's 'Revolting' as their faces and moves may give away...



In sewing club the children have been practicing a running stitch as they start to make their book marks. Mrs Cockton was very impressed!



