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The Dassett Dispatch - 16th October 2026

This Week:- Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in Celebration Assembly on Monday morning. Well done all of you.

Hedgehogs (Reception)	Owls (Year 1)	Squirrels (Year 2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Lizzie	Ruby	Grace	Benio	Ollie
			Autumn	Freddie



Reception— Wow – I can't believe that Reception have been in school for a whole half term!! We have had fun making 'Thank you' cards for our Year 6 Buddies who have helped settled us into life at The Dassett. Their support has been much appreciated! The children have all impressed me with how they have taken on board our learning behaviours – SLANT and following our school rules. In phonics this week the children practised their segmenting. They loved being teacher, saying the sounds at the front of the class, while their friends repeated the sounds and then the word. In maths, we have continued to look at the different ways to show 4. We have been practising our throwing and catching this week and building our muscles using the body wheel! The children put their prepositional language to good use as they learned the route to church. Once at church they did lots of noticing as they searched for the different features of the wonderful building. They were particularly fascinated by the bell ropes and loved listening to bell ringing once we got back to school. Sue shared the story of the boy who shared his loaves to feed lots of people and we are looking forward to sharing our food at Harvest Festival on Thursday. The children did a fantastic recital of 'Big Red Combine Harvester' at the church service, I was very proud of them all! Well done on completing your first half term at school. I hope you all have a very well-deserved rest over half term – you are all superstars!



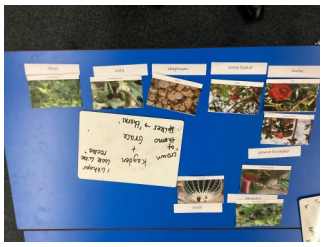
Year 1 -It has been as busy as ever as we end our 8th week together in Year One! Motivation has not waned and we have been working incredibly hard across the curriculum. In phonics, we have spent the week recapping some level four tricky words as these are really hard to retain! Your child will come home with some simple level 4 tricky word home-learning that they can use to consolidate this learning over half term! In maths we have been working on part-part whole models, fact families and number bonds. This is key learning, so we have been overlearning to ensure that we are confident with the concept of adding but also the language and symbols used to write simple addition number sentences. In English we have concluded our learning based around the book Look Up! by writing simple diary entries as the main character Rocket. I have been blown away with the written work that Year One have produced, well done! In Science we have been writing simple conclusions on our worm experiment from last week as well as exploring plant adaptations.
We loved having some special visitors with us on Monday morning; the fire service joined us to deliver a very informative and interactive workshop on fire safety. Finally, we have enjoyed practising songs and our poem for the harvest festival! A very successful first half term together! Wishing you all a restful and happy half term!

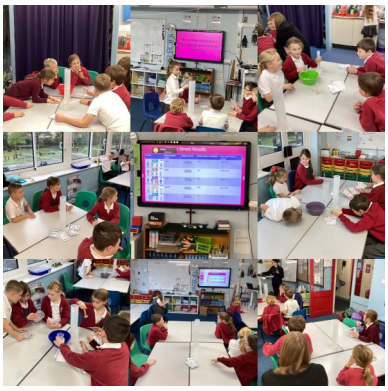




Year 2— An excellent end to the half term and lots of great work completed. We've written our diary entries as Rocket from the book 'Look Up'. We focused on writing as Rocket and using feeling vocabulary. The children have completed some excellent writing which really shows the progress they are making. In maths we have looked at using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us make bigger calculations easier (e.g. making 7 + 5 into 10 + 2 = 12). In science we looked at plant adaptations and looked at some really life examples (handled by Mrs Proudfoot!) and then sorted pictures of plants from all over the world into different categories of adaptation. We also spent some time rehearsing for our Harvest Festival at the church - well done to the children for a fabulous reading and lots of lovely singing! Hope you all have a lovely half term and see you in November.

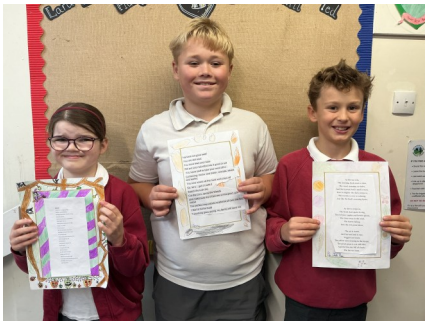






Year 3/4– English this week has seen us look at poetic devices and an initial attempt at drafting shape poetry. Shape poems are simply presented in the shape of the topic they are about, for instance a poem about a star writing in a star shape. We have more to do to complete this work. In maths we have looked at commence simple writing addition of number up to four-digits in length and we have introduced exchanging ten ones for a ten in tens column (sometimes referred to as 'carrying a ten'). Our mastery works has looked at the five times table. In French we look at asking and presenting our ages. Whilst in computing, we started to consider online relationships and how to stay safe from essentially strangers online - whilst in/on gaming platforms etc. Our history looked at Stone Age monuments, wherein we watched a video about the local Rollright Stones and started some work about Stonehenge. On Wednesday morning, after a whole school assembly by Severn Trent, 3/4 class members were treated to a practical scientific workshop on efficient water usage, which they thoroughly enjoyed and learnt a great deal. (Hopefully this translates to your home savings!) Whole Class Reading and Harvest Festival rehearsal (Music/RE/PSHE) accounted for remaining timetable areas.

Year 5/6 - This week in Badgers Class, we have been finishing off our work on factors and multiples in Maths. In English, we have started exploring King Kong, writing conversations between two characters and developing our descriptive writing skills to bring scenes to life. We have also enjoyed getting creative with autumn poems and Halloween stories, with some particularly beautiful and imaginative entries! In Science, we investigated gears and explored how they help us when cycling uphill. In French, we have been learning to describe ourselves and have created an interactive display featuring spoken French. We have also been busy practising for our Harvest Festival and had lots of fun playing our own version of The Traitors, complete with a hidden potato! Alongside all this, the children have completed some SATs papers to help us benchmark their current attainment and identify their next steps in learning. As our first half-term draws to a close, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed getting to know all the children in Years 5 and 6. I have been made to feel so welcome at The Dassett School and am very grateful for such a lovely start. I hope everyone has a wonderful half-term break, enjoys a well-deserved rest and comes back refreshed and ready for another busy term! Have a wonderful half term!



Mrs Garland

We would like to let the school community know that Mrs Garland is leaving The Dassett at the end of half term. We understand that this has been a quick turnaround so, if parents would like to send best wishes to her, these will be passed on. We will miss Mrs Garland and we wish her all the best for the future.

Myton Hospice

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Myton Hospice Nurse Appeal, you raised over £200. Names were drawn out to win the Myton Teddy. Well done to Madison and all the children who took part. Thank you all for your support you gave to this great cause.



Individual Photographs

All children had their photographs taken individually and in sibling groups. For those parents who would still like to order, the last date for free delivery to school is **Sunday 1st November.**

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all those parents/carers that joined us in the church for our annual harvest festival. All donations will be taken to the food bank after half term. Thank you for your support.







Onside a after school club Friday

Please see attached information on how to book this club.

Parent Evening

Parent Evening will take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November between 3.30pm and 6pm in the hall or online. Please see attached letter.

Medication

Please can you ensure that any medication that we need to hold in school such as inhalers for asthma and epipens are in date and that a Health Care Plan has been agreed. If you have an asthma plan or other health plan from your GP or nurse, please send a copy into school.

Governors

We are pleased to announce that Mr J Hibbert has volunteered to join the Governing Body. We look forward to working with you.

Modification Order of Memorial Road Footpath

Please find attached information regarding Warwickshire County Council's notice of a modification order concerning its plan to reinstate the footpath across the field on to the definitive map. The school and the local community currently have an agreement, as part of an existing covenant, that the field is opened for access when there are no children on the school site. We believe this arrangement is working successfully for all parties and, most importantly, enables the safeguarding of all students using The Dassett School site, whether they are school pupils, Abacus Nursery children or Dassett Care Club users. If the modification order is enforced, there would need to be considerable rearrangements to break times, lunch times, PE lessons and forest school activities. We invite parents to read through the documentation and, if they have any concerns or observations, to write to: The Strategic Director, Communities Group, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4SX. **Closing date for consultation is 6th November.**

Half Term Clubs/events

Please see attached information about half term clubs

Danz Academy—please see attached information. This is the booking link: https://danz-academy.classforkids.io/camp/26

Stratford District and Family Centre—Please see attached October half term timetable for families to join in. There are also 2 session in Alcester and Stratford—please see booking links below.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bear-explorers-2-5-years-at-stratford-cfc-tickets-1992477155809?aff=oddtdtcreator

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bear-explorers-2-5-years-at-alcester-cfc-tickets-2002429153502?aff=oddtdtcreator

GoGo Makers –Please see attached information.

Have a lovely weekend from Miss Corry, Mr Hackett and All at The Dassett!