Defford and Besford CE Primary School Newsletter Friday 20th November

What a fun week it has been in school! A brilliant visit from Severn Arts music really inspired us all with a range of modern instruments. There has also been a lot of excitement around reading after the Book Trust delivered our new books. As we move further into this exciting term, there is a real sense of anticipation around school as we begin preparing for our Christmas events and celebrations. From practising songs to planning special activities, the festive season is starting to take shape and we are looking forward to sharing these memorable moments with our families and community.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hanson

Staffing Update

We are delighted to share that Mrs Askew, who joined us earlier this year as a supply teacher covering staff absence, will soon become a permanent member of the Defford and Besford CE Primary School team.

Having already worked across all classes, Mrs Askew has quickly become a valued part of our school community, building strong and positive relationships with both pupils and staff. Many of our children will already know her well and will be pleased to see even more of her around school.

Mrs Askew will be working with us on a part-time basis, supporting a range of classes during teachers' planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time, as well as providing cover that enables staff to undertake important school improvement work beyond their classroom responsibilities.

We are delighted that Mrs Askew has chosen to join us permanently and we are sure you will join us in giving her a very warm Defford and Besford welcome.

Children in Need - Bake Sale

Thank you from everyone at BBC Children in Need to the children and families of Defford school for raising £205 at their bake sale!

We do everything we can to make life lighter for children and young people who are affected by challenges involving the cost of living, mental health, family-related issues, disability, marginalisation or anything else that prevents them from thriving.

The more money we receive through donations, the more we are able to be there for children and young people right across the UK, in local communities like yours.

So - once again - thank you.

Pudsey and the BBC Children in Need team









Severn Arts Music Box

We enjoyed a fabulous day visiting the Music Box bus from SevernArts. We played instruments, recorded compositions and sang!















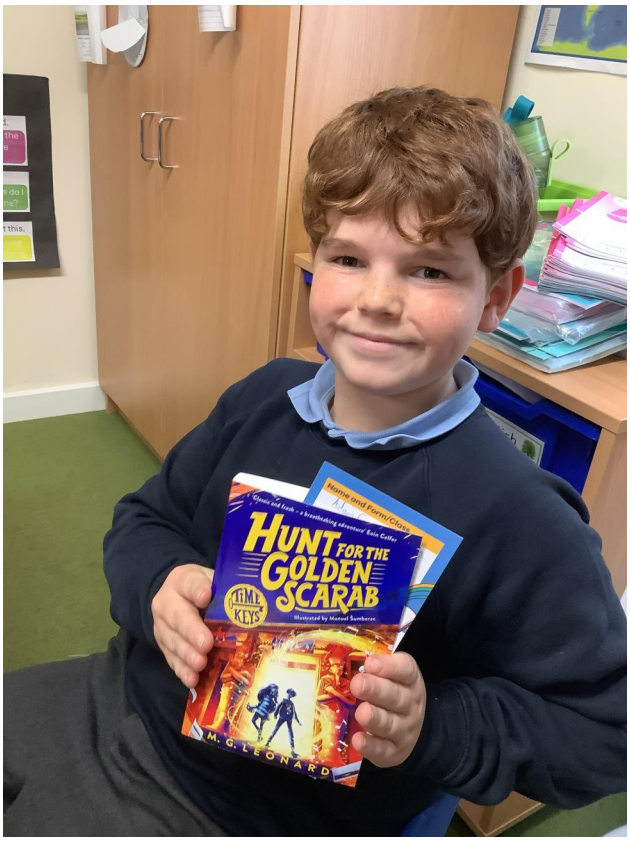




Book Buzz

It has been great to receive our Book Buzz books that have been kindly sponsored by the FA. The children have loved reading them and it has been wonderful to see an increased enthusiasm around reading for pleasure.







Zero Hero

Any children who have been in school every day and on time received a special certificate and small prize today. It was great to hand out so many!

The counter now has been reset for the next three weeks.

Attendance really matters - thank you for your support!

Attendance

Please follow this link if you are unsure if your child is well enough to attend school.

Class attendance since last newsletter:

Willow - 99.3%

Birch - 89.1%

Oak - 97.4%

Ash - 96.2%

Well done to Willow class!

Whole School Attendance this year

Defford-cum-Besford CE First School - 95.2%

National - 95.7%

Local Authority - 95.7%

Reminder - All absences must be reported directly to the school office either by telephone - 01386 750321 or email - office@defford-cum-besford.worcs.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 25th November - Christmas non-uniform day in exchange for chocolates and bottles for FA Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 25th November - Dick Whittington pantomime (whole school)

Friday 4th December - Christmas non-uniform day in exchange for Reindeer Raffle prizes

Friday 11th December - Christmas Fayre in the village hall

Tuesday 15th December - Guitar assembly (for parents whose children have lessons)

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner

Monday 21st to Friday 31st December - Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January - TED day

Defford Village Christmas Fayre



The Hive Christmas Fayre

