



We've had another busy two weeks full of learning opportunities. Nursery and Reception have visited the Sensory Garden as part of their work linked to the story 'Owl Babies'.

We have been delighted to host 20 children from two other local schools (Lickey End First School and Fairfield First School) who trained alongside some of our Year 4 pupils as play leaders.

We've also had visitors who have come to see teaching and learning; welcomed Governor, Catherine Sherwood who came to look at our new assessment system; three teachers from a school in Redditch came to see our good practice in Key Stage 2 and we hosted staff from all the Bromsgrove schools at our Pupil Premium Network.

Mrs G Plant – Head of School

## OPERATION LOLLIPOP

A new scheme has launched in Bromsgrove and the surrounding district to tackle inconsiderate road users. As part of the latest "You Said, We Did" initiative, local policing teams are seeking to better promote safer parking near schools. Inspector Gareth Keyte said "We are asking members of the public to take a photo and send it to us if they see vehicles parked in a dangerous or inconsiderate manner which could pose a risk to children, vulnerable people or other road users."

Members of the public are now able to send digital photographs of dangerous or inconsiderate parking outside schools direct to their Safer Neighbourhood teams via a dedicated email address [OperationLollipop@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:OperationLollipop@westmercia.pnn.police.uk). They ask you to provide details of time, date and exact location of the vehicle when the photo was taken and stress the importance of a high quality photo which clearly shows the Vehicle Registration Mark. Officers will then investigate and make contact with the registered keeper to take appropriate action where possible.

"By encouraging the community to get involved, we hope to empower local people to keep our school and young people safe by capturing details of offending vehicles and sending images to us."

Following a near miss when a child was almost hit by a car this week, we are asking parents to avoid parking and driving in the area close to The Dock. Please consider parking further away and walking a short distance.

We have also had complaints that access to the health centre is being blocked due to inconsiderate driving/parking.

Please **do not** use the walkway to the back entrance to school for turning. There will be cones in place to remind you of our request.

**Flu Nasal Spray** If you have not already returned the form relating to the Flu Nasal Spray for Reception to Year 4 children happening on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October please do so as soon as possible. Even if you do not wish your child to have it please return the form to us indicating this.

**Family Learning** There are still spaces available on our Family Learning session being held at the Tulip Centre on Wednesday mornings. After half term they will be focusing on Christmas Crafts and if you are interested please call in to the office for more details.

**Website** We hope you have had a chance to look at our new website and appreciate any feedback you may have regarding this. In addition to the Website we also have our Twitter page and also a new Facebook page. Find us at 'Catshill First School' where you will find pictures and information including links to our Website.

**Bikeability** Yesterday a group of Year 4 children passed their Level 1 Bikeability. They showed how they could control their bike safely as well as mounting and dismounting, balance and basic signaling.

Due to the popularity this year, we will be holding a second session next Wednesday.

Well done to all those children who passed this week and good luck to those taking part next week!

**Sports, Hobbies & Interests** Next Friday (26<sup>th</sup>) will be our Sports, Hobbies & Interests day. We look forward to learning more about each other's interests, seeing your special outfits and sharing experiences.

**Teddy Raffle** Well done to the School Council who have helped to raise £66.00 for school funds!

