



# The Hoot

Friday 25th September 2020

We have tried a new arrangement for pick up times to try and reduce the crowded playgrounds and passage way after school. The free flow of the morning, seems to be more settled, we are seeing a much swifter drop off, with children carrying their own book bags and lunch boxes, rather than being handed them at the entrance gates, more adults are wearing masks, people are 'keeping left' and only one adult per family- so a huge thank you. We have asked that EYFS parents ONLY collect their children and siblings at 3:00pm, which greatly reduces the number of adults in the KS1 playground. Could all other parents PLEASE not come into school until at least 3:10pm to collect children at 3:15pm. Early arrivals goes against our aim to reduce numbers. If you are collecting from the KS2 playground—please use **either** the back car park, as well as the KS2 gate, as exit points, whichever is less crowded. The Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Green, Mrs Down and myself try to be visible before and after school. If you have any concerns, please pass them onto any of us. We are here to listen.

Our children have been enjoying looking for signs of Autumn in our wonderful Nature Area. The photograph opposite is of some of our Year1 children excitedly finding conkers as part of their outdoor learning. It is at times like this, hearing excited children, curious and happy, back into learning as a class, that puts a smile on everyone's face.



The bright chilly days, the changing colours and other wonderful signs of Autumn are all around us. Nature is still going on undeterred, the seasons are still moving forward and signs of the Harvest season surround us. We will be celebrating Harvest through Class Collective Worship, discussions and activities in classes. We will share some photos of these activities with you. People in our community still need support so we will continue to support Agape (our local food bank) as we always have at this time of year. From Monday to Friday next week, we will have a plastic box by each entrance to school—EYFS, KS1 and KS2 gates, Forge Crescent and the back car park, for children to drop off a non-perishable item of food. We will then deliver these boxes every day straight to Agape, so no food will be brought into school. We would appreciate your support with this and thank you in advance any food items that your child can put in a box next week.