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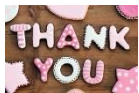
NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2023

## VALUE OF THE MONTH: ACCEPTANCE



Our assembly focus this month will be on Acceptance and what this means in the 'real world'. As part of celebrating this value we will be discussing how we behave towards each other and value each other's differences.

We welcome October with sunshine and a mini heatwave! So please ensure your children have hats and water bottles in school at all times.



### Thank you's

Thank you to the PA to sweeping the playground. It was such a lovely surprise to see on Monday morning.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest assembly. We received a note from Lady Sally Horton thanking us and explaining that 12 local families benefited from a harvest food box and anything spare was donated to the local food bank.

Thank you to Jo Baker who not only has volunteered to be our new Parent Governor, but also took time out of her day to visit Butterfly Class and show them artefacts and slides from her recent archaeological dig in Morocco. Thank you also to Will Baker to re-created a stone age axe which he demonstrated in class.



### **Water Bottle Amnesty**

Miss T bought a number of spare water bottles last term and some have gone home; please could they be returned as soon as possible.



### **School Council**

Last week we elected our School Council as part of our Democracy month. Details of each candidate were displayed around the school and the children had a few weeks to make up their minds. Each candidate gave a presentation of their manifestoes in assemblies and the election was held on Friday. The successful candidates will be published on Monday. Congratulations to everyone who put themselves forward and I am sure that the new Council will take your views into account as we plan the year ahead.



Congratulations to the new foundation children for having such a great start to their school careers. They have transitioned from their pre-schools seamlessly into Caterpillar Class and are already making an impact. Pictures of our youngest children were splashed all over the Henley Standard, including the front page! Welcome also to Anthony and Leon who have joined us from St Nicholas School.



Part of the work the children will be doing this term is around developing more independence with their learning. We are building on the skills taught last year to ensure that the children become increasingly independent both in their attitude to learning but also with some basic skills. To help, we are asking parents to encourage independence skills at home. These could include clearing up after meal times, independently dressing themselves, writing lists, reading road signs, picking up litter, cooking and washing up all these activities help children understand the world beyond themselves. We use the older children as role models and appreciate when they show the younger children and their peers appropriate behaviour and attitude, especially during break times.



### **Attendance**

Last year we were one of the few schools in the country that continued to have outstanding attendance. To celebrate this we will publish our overall attendance figures every term. Thank you to those children who have struggled through colds, coughs, splutters, hay fever and other ailments to attend school - we salute you!



To celebrate the learning in school we will be publishing pictures of the children engaged in a variety of different scenarios to show you the breadth of their learning.

Here are some of the pictures of the Butterflies learning in Science and History.





### **Lunches and snacks**

Please could I remind you we encourage healthy eating in school and would like parents to limit the amount of processed and pre-packed food items. Not only do these often contain additional sugar, but the packaging is causing a litter problem within the school grounds. I will also take this opportunity to ask parents to limit the amount food for lunch. The children enjoy the lunch time break as it gives them the opportunity for extended play. Some of the children have so much lunch that they only have a very short time to play with their friends. I would suggest 5 items: Sandwich/savoury item, savoury snack, fruit/veg, yogurt/dessert and a drink. An item of fruit or breakfast biscuit are ideal snacks for break time.



### **Footsteps**

Sadly the nights are drawing in and the light fades earlier and earlier. Please can I remind you to wear reflective clothing if walking to and from school, especially after school clubs. Be seen and be safe! For more information on road safety from Oxfordshire County Council is attached.



### **Parent/teacher evenings**

Please book your preferred time on the attached slip or email your preferences to the school office. Appointments will last approximately 10 minutes and will focus on how your child has settled since returning from the summer as well as information about their learning and progress. Parents who wish to discuss their child's individual needs should book a separate time with the class teacher to allow more time. Children are not encouraged to attend, however if they do they will stay in the middle classroom and will be informally supervised by staff until their parents are free.

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/teacher evenings:

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER (TICK PREFERRED OPTION PLEASE)

3.30-4PM	4.10-5PM	5.10-5.30PM

THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER (TICK PREFERRED OPTION PLEASE)

4.30-5PM	5.10-6PM	6.10-6.30PM



## IMPORTANT DATES 2023/24

### OCTOBER 2023

2<sup>ND</sup> 9AM HARVEST IN CHURCH  
18<sup>TH</sup> PARENTS EVENING 3.30-5.30PM  
19<sup>TH</sup> PARENTS EVENING 4.30-6.30PM  
20<sup>TH</sup> END OF TERM 3.15PM FINISH  
30<sup>TH</sup> TERM 2

### NOV 2023

16<sup>TH</sup> FLU JABS  
30<sup>TH</sup> 2.45PM CHRISTINGLE

### DEC 2023 NATIVITY DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

19<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS PARTY 12-1PM  
END OF TERM 2PM FINISH  
20<sup>TH</sup> *INSET*

### JAN 2024

8<sup>TH</sup> TERM 3

### FEB 2024

7<sup>TH</sup> PARENTS EVENING 3.30-5.30PM  
8<sup>TH</sup> PARENTS EVENING 4.30-6.30PM  
9<sup>TH</sup> END OF TERM 3.15PM FINISH  
19<sup>TH</sup> *INSET*  
20<sup>TH</sup> TERM 4

### MARCH 2024

28<sup>TH</sup> END OF TERM 1PM FINISH

### APRIL 2024

15<sup>TH</sup> TERM 5

### MAY 2024

1<sup>ST</sup> SATS PREP MEETING FOR Y2&Y6  
PARENTS  
6<sup>TH</sup> MAY FAYRE  
24<sup>TH</sup> END OF TERM 3.15PM FINISH

### JUNE 2024

3<sup>RD</sup> *INSET*  
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4<sup>TH</sup> TERM 6

**JULY 2024**

5<sup>TH</sup> SPORTS DAY 10-12PM PICNIC  
LUNCH, BACK TO SCHOOL AND HOME EARLY

12<sup>TH</sup> REPORTS OUT

22<sup>ND</sup> 9AM LEAVERS ASSEMBLY & REV  
BEN

23<sup>RD</sup> 9AM Y2/6 SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

24<sup>TH</sup> 12.30PM ASSEMBLY  
END OF TERM 1PM FINISH

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND 😊