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Newsletter 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Saturday 9th October 2021

We have been fortunate with the weather through this week in school, with children enjoying time outdoors learning and also in their PE lessons. As the weather does turn colder and wetter, please can all children make sure that they have a coat in school each day and also a pair of wellies that can stay in school, so that we can continue to make the best use of our wonderful outdoors areas at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Over the next two weeks, children will have the opportunity to go through the welly stores, to help re-home boots that were left in school from last academic year.

Yesterday, it was a delight to see our Year 2 and Year 6 children joining together to share their learning about space. The children spent time discussing their work and sharing facts and understanding with each other. The quality of work was of a very good standard and the confidence shown by both year groups was lovely to see.



World Mental Health Day – Sunday 10th October

Please see the links below for parents; the websites have many useful resources that I hope you find supportive at this time.

As always, if we can help you in supporting your child/children in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

<https://www.oxfordshiremind.org.uk/wellbeing/wellbeing-for-children-young-people/>

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/carers/>



School Council

Our Year 6 children have spent time over the past week considering and applying for positions to be school councillors for this year in school.

From the elections held in Year 6, we are now very keen to offer this opportunity for children from Year 1 to Year 5 classes to apply for positions as School Council members.

There are positions for two children from each class to join the School Council.

The application process will be explained to the children on **Monday next week**, with applications forms given out by teachers for those that are interested in applying for a position.

Each class will then hold elections on **Monday 18th October** and our new School Council will have their first meeting on **Thursday 21st October** during the morning.

The School Council will then meet regularly through the rest of the academic year, in a group led by Year 6 children and myself.

Cropredy PTFA – ‘Friends of Cropredy School’

Our PTFA held their Annual AGM Meeting this week. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to the team who have worked very hard last year to organise fundraise events to help support in bringing additional resources into school for the children to enjoy.



Unfortunately, Mrs Saunders who has chaired the PTFA group exceptionally well has made the difficult decision to step down from this role. Additionally, Mrs Carruthers will unfortunately not be continuing in role as PTFA Secretary. I would like to thank both these parents for all their dedication and efforts to lead and support our PTFA team.

We are now looking for a new Chairperson and Secretary for the PTFA group.

Please see below for core roles required for each position. If any parent is interested in taking one of these roles and would like to find out more, please contact Mrs Saunders or Mrs Carruthers or alternatively, please contact the office to organise a meeting with me to discuss the positions further.

We are keen to arrange a PTFA meeting in the coming weeks so that we can finalise the committee for the year and start to discuss fun events and experiences for the children to enjoy. Many thanks in advance for your support.

PTFA Chair Person

The main role of the Chair is to help lead the committee and help run it according to the wishes of the members.

In addition the Chair;

- Organises and manages the meetings
- Prepares an annual report for the AGM
- Delegates roles to the committee team and organises volunteers
- Encourages new members to join the team
- Ensures PTFA works in accordance with its charitable status.

PTFA Secretary

The main role of this position is to work with the Chair to prepare and run the committee meetings

As part of this role, the secretary:

- Take the minutes at meetings
- Circulates the agenda/ minutes from meetings
- Helps the Chair manage communications to parents via email and social media.

Mrs Grant – leaving donations for a gift

As preciously shared through the school newsletter, Mrs Grant made the decision to leave the school at the end of the summer term.

Mrs Grant had worked in the school for over 20 years, making a huge impact to many areas of school provision. Through her dedicated approach, Mrs Grant focussed all her attentions on the children in her care, helping, supporting and nurturing them to achieve success across very broad areas of the curriculum.

Within her role, Mrs Grant took on the role of Higher Level Teaching Assistant in school, led the Teaching Assistant team, coordinated after school provision, ran numerous clubs and also used her talents to support with costumes and set design for school performances.

We are now very keen to organise a collection for Mrs Grant and to them organise a celebratory event for her in school, so that we can give her a proper goodbye as a school community.

If parents would like to donate towards a leaving gift for Mrs Grant, this will be available through Parent Pay from Monday next week. We will then inform you of our plans going forwards and share the date when we will invite Mrs Grant into school.

Next Week in School

Monday:

- Year 3 and Year 4 Physical Education lessons

Wednesday:

- Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 Physical Education lessons
- Forest School for Year 1

Thursday:

- Cygnets and Year 1 Physical Education lessons.
- Forest School for Year 2

Friday:

- Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Physical Education lessons
- Forest School for Cygnets

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 19th October: Nathan Allen visiting school for individual and sibling photographs.

Thursday 21st October: School finishes for half-term at 2.45p.m.

Friday 22nd October: Staff INSET Day.

Monday 1st November: School re-starts.

Monday 8th November: Flu Immunisation in school.

Week commencing 8th November: Parents Evenings – days and times to be confirmed.

Golden Rules and House Points

Golden Rules Stars this Week

Very well done to these children who have shown clear understanding and great application of our Golden Rules.

William W, Thea S, Ellie L, Alfred K, Alice F, Henry H, Maci C, Tahlia P, Amelie C, Henry C, Ashy B, Thomas W, Ruby R and Tyler M.

House Points Totals

Sycamore	Willow	Oak	Chestnut
348	340	327	334

Stars of the Week

Imogen D for superb phonics work through this week.

Arthur R-B for great efforts throughout the week in every areas of his work.

Miles P for showing great confidence when sharing all his phonics knowledge in front of the class; very well-done Miles!

Henrietta S for spotting digraphs and sounding our words confidently during phonics.

Ava-Louise S for confidently using the part-whole method to find different ways of making 10.

Monty C for amazing mathematical problem solving and reasoning skills.

Kacey B-P for showing great focus in all areas of her work and working very hard to support others around her.

Matilda R for great perseverance in Maths – always trying her best to learn and consolidate new concepts.

Finn B for showing a great approach when using expanded noun phrases.

Silva B for excellent problem solving and reasoning in Maths.

Reenie B for great, imaginative contributions to class discussions in English.

Violet A for showing excellent understanding in Geography.

Henry L-M for showing confidence and ability when approaching maths work; most particular was his success when working with Roman numerals.

Ben T-M for reading a wide range of texts, showing good inference and deduction.
Henry H for persevering excellently with his Maths work and making great progress.

Very well done also to:

Thomas W for showing amazing kindness and compassion to the younger children on the bus. Thomas has taken a lead role in supporting our youngest children, helping make sure they were safe in their seatbelts and also checking with the driver where the children needed to get off to meet their parents; thank you so much Thomas!

Tyler M for showing wonderful support and care for his Cygnets buddy on Friday afternoon.

Congratulations for these achievements from outside school:

Emmet TC and **Rory M** for taking part in their first Rugby Tournament last weekend for Banbury Rugby Club; the boys thoroughly enjoyed each of the 5 matches they played. I look forward to hearing about your future rugby successes, boys!

Bridget R-H for working incredibly hard to gain a Distinction in her LAMDA Solo Introductory Stage 1 exam. Well done Bridget!

Alfred K for taking 2 minutes off his personal best for the Banbury Park Run (now 33 minutes). Alfred has also gained his Red Gymnastics Award. Well done Alfred!

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend

Yours sincerely

Phil Goldsworthy