



## Newsletter 15

Dear Parents and Carers,

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

I continue to be very impressed by the children's attitudes to learning as we really settle into the new term. I have seen this across all classes throughout this week in school. The children are very keen to share their learning with me and they talk and discuss all aspects of their work confidently and with pride. Well done to all the children for the excellent start to the term that they have made.

Although the weather has been cold, children have continued to make very good use of our wonderful outdoor facilities. Please can I ask that to support with this, all children bring coats to school and wear layers of clothing to help keep themselves warm, both indoors and outside.

### **Nut Free School**

We are a nut-free school. Thank you for your support with this.



### After School Clubs

I hope that children were excited about the range of after-school clubs available through this term in school, that were emailed out yesterday by the school office and discussed in classes.

All clubs will start in the week commencing **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January**.

Thank you for your support in signing up for clubs through ParentPay; this routine will really help streamline the administration of the club programme for the office staff.

If any more help or support is required regarding the after-school club programme, please contact the school office, who will happily provide any assistance needed.

### Christmas Card Charity Donation

Thank you to the children/families and members of staff who identified charities prior to the end of the Christmas term, through our Christmas Card Scheme.

Some of the School Council members worked with me to organise the draw for the selected charity and I am very pleased to share that Macmillan Cancer Support was drawn as the Christmas Charity for the school. We have now made a donation of £28 to this very worthy cause.

Thank you again for your support.

### Solar Panel Installation in School

I am very excited to be able to inform you that we have been successful in our application to take part in an Oxfordshire County Council De-Carbonisation Programme.

The school will now be having solar panels installed in school the latter part of January/early February.

Works will commence from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January, with a clearly defined safe working area and scaffolding on one side of the playground for the duration of the works. I anticipate that these works will be completed by the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## Parking Outside School

Please can I ask that parents take great care when parking on the road that leads up to Great Bourton, especially with the current wet and muddy conditions.

Please can I remind parents that if there are maintenance problems with the roads in the locality (potholes etc...) you can report these to [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) to raise awareness about remedial works to repair damage that are required.

## Creative Writing Competition

Oxfordshire Libraries are currently running an exciting free project that I hope the children will enjoy taking part in.

The competition aims to inspire writers to tell their own original story and so is a great opportunity to discover unique writing voices. This year, children aged 7-11 are invited to write a short story (up to 3000 words).

There are also other categories in this competition for 12-17 year olds and 18+.

The winner of each category will see their entries published as an eBook, to be made available to members of Oxfordshire Libraries to read and borrow in 2022. You can see last year's winners here: <https://oxfordshire.overdrive.com/collection/1210418>

Full terms and conditions, as well as instructions on how to submit entries, can be found on the Oxfordshire Libraries website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition)

**Competition Closing Date:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Next Week in School

### School Lunch Menu – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Some members of the School Council have identified their favourite school meals, to help Educaterers organise a special lunch for Thursday 20th January. Please pre-order on ParentPay in the usual way if your child would like one.

#### Menu

- Fish Stars with potato wedges served and baked beans or peas
- Cheese and tomato pizza with potato wedges and baked beans or peas (V)

#### **Monday:**

- Cygnets, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Physical Education lessons
- Vision Screening for children in Cygnets class during the afternoon.

#### **Tuesday:**

- Forest School for Cygnets

#### **Wednesday:**

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

#### **Thursday:**

- Year 1 Physical Education lessons
- Forest School for Year 2

#### **Friday:**

- Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Physical Education lessons

## 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.

**Evie G-F, Poesy O, Toby H, Olithia G, Harry J, Nicholas W, Oscar F-D, Tahlia P, Ethan D, Amelie C, Elliot S, Georgia P, Molly D and Oliver A.**

### House Points

House Points Totals			
Sycamore	Willow	Oak	Chestnut
1056	1070	1072	1059

### **Stars of the Week**

**Arthur R-B** for great enthusiasm in topic work this week.

**Eric P** for his fantastic maths work when making 5 in a range of different ways.

**Wilbur R** for working confidently to make teen numbers using Numicon.

**Henry H** for great comprehension with our guided reading book. Henry referred back to the text very well when answering questions.

**Jada-Louise H** for impressing Mrs Middleton-Mai in so many ways with her reading, writing and maths through the week. Jada-Louise showed a great 'can do' attitude.

**Freeman W** for showing great focus; being one of the first to get settled to his work; Freeman also completed some excellent Maths work.

**Oliver B** for great efforts in his writing, with excellent results shown. Well done Ollie!

**Emmett T-C** for maintaining a fantastic attitude towards his Maths learning.

**Logan M** for a great attitude to all aspects of this learning and completing some amazing Maths reasoning work.

**Isabelle C** for excellent efforts and drive to improving the presentation of her work.

**Violet A** for brilliant recall and eloquence when discussing features of a mosque in RE.

**Charlie A** for providing the most detailed answers in his Science learning about inheritance; great use of technical language Charlie, well done.

**Henry H** for making a fantastic start to the new term, with insightful contributions and sharing great nuggets of knowledge; particularly in our topic and science work. Keep it up Henry!

**Freddy S** for beginning to show greater consistency with his quality of work and resilience towards the greater depth aspects of the curriculum. With continued effort you can do it Freddy!

Very well done also to:

**Harriet H** for gaining a certificate for her amazing tennis skills, from a tournament that she took part in at the Tennis Centre in Abingdon. Thank you also Harriet, for sharing your wonderful skills with Year 2 to help the children in school develop their tennis skills.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend

Yours sincerely

Phil Goldsworthy