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### Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

It was wonderful to see the children back in school last week. I really hope that all the children all enjoyed their week back at school with their friends and teachers, learning all about the routines and structure of each day in school.

In the first few days of the school year, I have been hugely impressed by the children's positive attitudes and high levels of effort towards learning in classrooms. They have also played wonderfully well outdoors together, joining up with children from other year groups and showing great kindness and compassion towards others around them. All the children have made a fantastic start to the school year; I wish them every success and happiness as we progress through the term.

I would also like to share how incredibly impressed I have been with our new Cygnets children and how wonderfully well they have settled into school this week. Visiting the children in their classroom has been a real delight, seeing them settled, happy and confident with Miss Godsell and Mrs French. Very well done to all these children for a fabulous first week at Cropredy CE Primary School.

We would like to invite parents of children in Cygnets class into school next **Friday at 2.15p.m.** for a shared read in the classroom. All cygnets parents and children are then very warmly invited to join for tea and cakes at the end of the school day, to help mark and celebrate the children's first full week in our school. We do really hope that you will be able to join in school on this day.

Please see below for an overview of the children's first week in school, from Miss Godsell.

*This week has been a very exciting week in Cygnets, with the children enjoying their first days at school! All of the children have been SUPERSTARS and have settled in brilliantly to Cropredy School. They have been exploring all the areas of learning both inside and outside of the classroom. We have been thinking about our school's Golden Rules and how we can be kind friends and help each other (especially when we are tidying up!). With the hot weather, we have also enjoyed lots of water play outside, and cooking in the mud kitchen in the shade. Miss Godsell and Mrs French have been so impressed this week – Well Done Cygnets!  
Next week we are looking forward to our first Forest School lesson with Mr Pemble, as well as starting our Phonics learning!*

Mrs Pounds and me have been equally impressed with our new Year 1 children and how their first week back in school has been so successful and also so much fun. Mrs Pounds shared with me that the children have been just brilliant through the week and have shown super efforts towards all of their learning. She loved learning about all the exciting things that the children did over the summer in their English work and it was lovely to see so much practical maths work in action, as the children learnt about sorting and counting objects in different ways. Mrs Pounds also commented on the children's great knowledge about the rules and routines in the classroom and their excitement for the RE work, where they were learning all about how each child is special, has special talents and is so much valued in our school. Very well done to our Year 1 class for a great first week back in school.

### Year 1 Baby Photos

Please can parents send or email into school a baby photo for each Year 1 child to help with their Science work. Please can these be sent in by the end of day on Wednesday next week. Many thanks for your support with this.

As we progress through the term in school, if there is any way that we can help support your child/children, please do not hesitate to see your child's class teacher, email the school office (see above) or see me on the playground, so that we can best support you as we work through this first term of the school year.

### Reverend Canon Sarah Louise Fenby

On Wednesday evening St Mary Magdalene Church, Wardington hosted a wonderful service to mark the occasion of the installation of Reverend Canon Sarah Louise Fenby as the new Vicar of the Shires Edge Benefice. During the service, as Headteacher, it was a privilege to be able to give a personal welcome to Reverend Sarah on behalf of the school.

We are now very excited about being able to welcome Reverend Sarah into the school to meet the children and staff in the very near future and to build a very strong, positive and supportive partnership moving forwards.

*Please see the end of the newsletter for a flyer about **Harvest Festival** in the Shires Edge Benefice.*

### Next Week in School

*Please note change of PE days for Year 4; now Monday and Thursday*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Forest School</b> for Cygnets and Year 1 class (see below for clothing) <b>Physical Education</b> Lessons for Year 2, Year 3, <b>Year 4</b> and Year 5.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Physical Education</b> Lessons for Year 6.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Physical Education</b> Lessons for Year 1.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Physical Education</b> Lessons for Year 4. <b>Swimming</b> for Year 5.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Physical Education</b> Lessons for Cygnets, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6.

### Forest School Clothing

Children in Cygnets and Year 1 should come to school in their own clothes, suitable for learning outdoors. Please can all children wear long sleeved tops and long trousers or leggings (no jeans please). Wellingtons and waterproof overlayers will also be very useful.

### After School Club Programme

We are now putting together our after-school club programme for children, which will start in the week commencing **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. Clubs will run from **2.55p.m.** to **3.55p.m.**

Details about the clubs to be offered will be emailed out to all parents in the very near future.

If any parents are interested in leading a club in school, please contact the school office by the end of the day on Wednesday next week so that the programme organisation can be completed.

### Stars of the Week

**Sophie D** for sharing wonderful writing with me, that showed great skills when drawing meaning from the class text, Stone Age Boy. Excellent ideas and fabulous handwriting, Sophie. Very well done.

**Isaura E** for being awarded a Golden Rules Certificate by Miss Godsell for her wonderful first week in Cygnets class.

**Flynn C** for being a very enthusiastic and engaged learner in Cygnets, exploring all areas of the classroom very confidently.

**Isabella W** for making a fantastic start to the year throughout the first week in Cygnets.

## **Out of School Achievements**

### **Football Success from July**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, a number of our children entered the Year 4, 5 and 6 Bob Moore Football Cup competition, played at Boddington Playing Fields.

This was the first outing for our new football kit, very kindly donated by David and Rachel Kerr. The children looked amazing and were very exciting to play in our new school colours of yellow and black.

The children, playing in two teams, performed very well, showing fantastic efforts and teamwork through the league section of the competition, despite some very mixed weather during the afternoon. Unfortunately, we narrowly missed out on progressing to the semi-final section of the competition. Through the afternoon, I was very proud of the children and their great skill, amazing efforts and support for each other.

We now look forward to a new programme of footballing events for this academic year.

**Jada-Louise H** for achieving her Swim England Level 6 award and for being awarded her Water Safety Skills Certificate. Jada-Louise also completed her Bronze Award in Monofin Swimming and gained her 100m Monofin Swimming Certificate. Very well-done Jada-Louise on a wonderful achievement.

**Rosie A** for achieving wonderful results at the start of the summer in her dancing. Rosie gained distinction in both her Grade 2 Ballet Exam and Grade 2 Tap Exam. Fantastic work Rosie. Very well done!

Very well done to **Livvie H** for achieving her Level 1 Swimming Award. Very proud of you Livvie for all your hard work.

**Jackson H** for achieving his Level 3 swimming Award. Jackson also gained a distinction in his Solo Introductory Stage One LAMDA examination. Excellent work Jackson. Very well done!

**Evie G-C** for gaining her Level 1 Swimming Certificate. Fabulous achievement Evie – very well done!

**Alice F** for being awarded 2 certificates and a wonderful medal for gaining 100 stars and then progressing to achieve 110 stars in her Muay Thai Martial Arts. Superb achievement Alice from all your hard work and dedication. Very well done!

**Liliana P** for gaining distinction in her Primary 1 Modern Theatre exam. This is a fantastic achievement Liliana; very well done!

**Javier L** for gaining his Level 4 swimming award at Kick n Splash. Very well done Javi for all your hard work. Very well done!

**Isabella B** for gaining her Learn to Swim Level 3 Award. This is a great achievement Isa. Very well done.

### **Governor Awards – from the end of the last school year**

At the end of last term in our special assemblies, it was a great pleasure for staff to share their termly Governor Award winners from each class (for children in Year 1 to 5).

These recipients were all very worthy winners of the awards, which are presented to children who live out our core school values of **Respect, Peace, Perseverance, Trust, Friendship and Forgiveness** in everything that they do in school.

It was fantastic to hear from class teachers about each child and the fabulous achievements and efforts that they have made.

Many congratulations to: **Oscar S, Monet B, Elissia D, Harry J, Tahlia P** and **Ethan D**.

### **Leaver Assembly Awards**

Many congratulations to the following children for the awards that were presented at our Year 6 Leavers Assembly. It was wonderful to hear from Mr Parsons about their fabulous success and all that they have achieved.

**Year 6 Governor Awards:** presented to Emily M and Thomas W

**Sports Plate Awards:** Ellen C and Oscar D

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely

Phil Goldsworthy

*Please see below for:  
Harvest Festival Flyer*

A very warm invitation to  
**Harvest Festival in the Shires Edge Benefice**

**Claydon 17<sup>th</sup> September 10am**  
**Great Bourton 17<sup>th</sup> September 11am**  
**Cropredy 24<sup>th</sup> September 10am**  
**Mollington 24<sup>th</sup> September 4pm**

**Everyone Welcome!**



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**Harvest (non-perishable) produce offerings** for local foodbanks. Or home grown for auctioning if preferred.

**NB/ A special Fruit and Veg Alphabet Challenge** is to be included in these family friendly services

*(Can you think of one for each letter?)*