



## **NEWSLETTER 10 – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

*A quote: "They shall grow not old, as we that are left **grow old**: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."*

Dear Parents and Carers,

A massive thank you to those parents who came on Saturday and gave time and a lot of hard work to support the work going on in the outdoor areas. School is certainly 'spruced up' and now gives staff and children the opportunity in some areas to start using more and planting etc. A special mention to Ms Hillier for her fabulous work in coordinating and leading on this. I think there are still some areas which require love and work but this is most certainly a fabulous start.

On Monday KS2 had a Basketball taster with Hotshots – this was most certainly well received with 60+ responses to the club. Mark popped back in today and has a plan to accommodate all the children who wish to participate – he will be in contact next week about this!

Also, on Monday evening Mrs Hughes led an information session about the teaching of phonics and some details around the new phonics scheme we have adopted 'Essential Letters and Sounds'. If you missed this and would like to know a little more then please see the curriculum tab on the website which has a PowerPoint and video.

We continued with our value of Trust this week and listened to the story of Jesus and the storm and putting our trust in others in this case Jesus and God. The children also had an assembly on Road Safety this week in preparation for Road Safety week next week but also as an area that is important, we remind children about.

There was a huge number of children who represented the school at Cross Country this week all putting in great determination to do their best. We were also lucky enough to have some children who won their race and who finished in the top 10! Many of the KS2 children will be invited to the final later this month! A report can be found overleaf.

The PTFA met this week and were busy planning both the Disco and Christmas bazaar. A weekly Friday PTFA email will be with you again with some information – do please read carefully to be sure you are clear on changes and processes to both these events!

The whole school celebrated Remembrance yesterday with KS2 going to church to have a service with Reverend Liz – we carried out an Act of Remembrance as well as listened to poems and prayers. KS1 and EYFS remained in school and had their own service in the hall where they also had some reflection time and learnt about why this day is celebrated.

Next week we have Children in Need (please see flyer) as well as Anti Bullying Week and ask that Odd Socks are worn on Monday as part of this!

We are gearing up for Christmas events in school and I will send out next week a letter with further details about everything taking place.

**I hope you all have a great weekend,**

*Mrs Smith, Headteacher*

### **Diary Week: 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** **ANTI BULLYING WEEK**

Mon	Odd Socks Day
Tues	January starter Nursery Parents Meeting – 4pm
Wed	
Thurs	
Fri	Children In Need – see flyer Toucans Swim 3 Herons Swim 3

### **Attendance:**

96%

**NO NUT PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL** Please could you ensure that no items that contain nuts are sent into school due to the fact we have children with serious nut allergies – this includes peanut butter, nuts as a snack and some breads may contain nuts too.

### **Billy's Wish to Walk**

A football event is taking place with Bure Park Disability Football - From Dawn till Dusk a Charity Football Match on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Details sent last week.

A Christmas card has been designed with all of the printing costs having been gifted, which means all the profit goes straight into the charity. The cost of the cards is £5 for 5 cards.

## Growth Mindset Certificates:

<b>Owls</b>	Eliza B for showing her helpful kind nature as she settles into groups and class, Such lovely manners. Tristan S-B for being a super friend, sharing great ideas and inspiring others, a wonderful fire dragon
<b>Puffins</b>	Lizzie L for great effort in Phonics and making huge progress with both letter formation and blending Lilly F for wonderful focus and enthusiasm in Phonics and trying her very best
<b>Penguins</b>	Harry C and Charlie M for their enthusiasm at Forest School this week inspired by the leaf man to make their own leaf characters.
<b>Flamingos</b>	Victoria B for always being on-task and a very kind and helpful member of the class. Eva D for being inspired with her poetry knowledge and writing her own rhyming poem
<b>Peacocks</b>	Rafe H making good decisions to support his learning and coming up with a great rhyming line . Willow T for great use of mathematical language in our maths lessons and adding and subtracting.
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	Millie S for always being enthusiastic and trying her very best in everything. Remi H-R for making great progress in both reading and writing.
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	Kian M for persevering when writing his beautiful Remembrance Day poem. Edith B for demonstrating courage in class by volunteering answers and at church when she read her poem.
<b>Parrots</b>	Anna B for working really hard on her remembrance poem, using her thoughtful ideas to good effect. Haydn T for never giving up. Always being prepared to have a go at tasks and putting his hand up to share his thoughts. He has worked really well in maths this week learning about multiplication.
<b>Toucans</b>	Riley G for being determined in his swimming lessons and showing progression Isabella T for being inspired in her learning this week and contributing her ideas to the class
<b>Hérons</b>	Jess G for coming back to school with a great work ethic and tackling all her lessons and new changes with determination. Evan C for great contributions to our poetry lessons.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Dylan H for some amazing inspired poetry during our work on the Kraken Georgia P for writing an amazing Kraken poem with some stunning lines using figurative language.
<b>Headteacher Value Awards</b>	<b>None this week</b>

HOUSE POINTS: Birch 117 Maple 99 Oak 119 Mulberry 85

[Online #Wakeupwednesday-](#) This is an information page produced by National Online Safety about key reminders for parents relating to online safety. **This weeks theme: Snapchat**

### Social Media – What's App, Photography & Videoing at events

Please could we remind you that it is not acceptable to post things on social media regarding the school in a negative/derogatory way. Also, What's App groups are, we appreciate, very useful to communicate between parents but this also is not the platform to bring the school into disrepute. We ask that if you have any concerns that you bring them directly to the school to act on.

Additionally, we must remind you about photography and videoing of children that include anyone but your own child/ren– this is not acceptable and certainly must not then be posted on media either. Please can I ask that you remove/crop anything that does not have just your child in it. We have had other schools complain particularly from this week's cross country. Thank you.

### Out of school achievements- Shout out and well done to:

**Molly B** for achieving her Stage 2 swimming certificate & highly commended in her IDTA ballet exam

**Oscar OH** who won "man of the match" at his football game at the weekend and then last night he won a trophy for the most improved player of the year!

**Hugo H** for achieving his Stage 5 swimming certificate.

### Report for KS2 – Cross Country event Yrs. 3-6 by DH

Four valiant teams from KS2 boys and girls travelled to Sibford School and took part in the 2021 Cross country competition on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. We competed against several other teams. There were four different races – Y3/4 girls, Y3/4 boys, Y5/6 girls and Y5/6 Boys. Both our boys' teams came first, our Y3/4 girls team came second and our Y5/6 girls came 5<sup>th</sup>. Some of us will now move onto the county final! Overall, we had fun taking part.

### Report for KS1 – Cross Country event Yrs. 1&2

The children in KS1 all ran superb races and overall, the boys achieved third place. A special mention is also needed for Calen B achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Iris F finishing in 7<sup>th</sup>!