



NEWSLETTER 6 – 8th October 2021

A quote: You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right- Rosa Parks

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have been in all classes to see the children learning and have been a part of recount writing, using adventurous vocabulary in introductions, adding and subtracting using different models in maths as well as some Guided reading and place value work. It has been wonderful to see!

This week we also held the Harvest Tea where we welcomed 40 members of the community into school. Year 5 and 6 had worked hard to prepare several refreshment items and we were so grateful to the staff and parent volunteers that assisted in making this happen. Also, Year 3 and 4 worked on napkin folding and flower arranging which again was facilitated by staff and more amazing volunteers. The tea itself was a huge success with all children performing something to our guests and Year 6 were excellent hosts and servers.

That same afternoon we also had a Girl's football event at Sibford where two teams participated. They developed their skill as the afternoon went on and were a credit to the school. Please see report on the next page.

On Wednesday the first Parent Forum took place, and a number of useful and helpful discussions took place regarding work being done in school and ways to improve different aspects. The minutes will be available on the website from next week for you all to read.

October is Black History month and as a school we have identified that there is work to continue to do to be more cultural and diversity aware. The children have had discussions this week about an aspect of this in their class and I attach for you a BBC Live lesson that you might like to do at home together – it is more for KS2, but I am sure it can be enjoyed by all ages. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/literacy-ks2-lesson-3/zwwkg7h>

Today we welcomed Banbury Fire Service into school, who visited Key Stage 1 as part of their Fire and Festivals topic and got to learn about the role of a firefighter as well as see the fire engine and other equipment used. Reception and Nursery also visited as part of People who help us. This is excellent to engage and inspire the children.

Next week we wish the Year 5/6 children, as well as the staff accompanying, a wonderful week where they will be developing lots of different skills and taking part in a variety of challenges and outdoor learning activities. They will come back with many a tale I am sure (and a lot of washing!) I will be updating the website each evening with a resume of the day and some photos – this will be under the children tab and then Longtown.

We also have our Inclusion/Sen meeting on Thursday next week after school and because of this and staff not being here, we have had to cancel a couple of clubs- the office have emailed this information already.

We also have the phonics meeting for Year 2 parents next week on Tuesday and Wednesday and I am sending home a further letter with explanation to all Early Years & KS1 about the changes needing to be implemented and another meeting date for you all.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, take care,

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Diary Week: 11th October

Year 5/6 children to Longtown.

Children not attending based in

Hummingbirds.

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| Mon | Y3/4 Stone Age Workshop |
| Tues | Y2 Phonics 2.30pm Y3/4 Boys football at Sib ford PTFA 7.30pm |
| Wed | Y2 Phonics (repeat) 6pm |
| Thurs | SEN meeting 3.30pm |
| Fri | Swimming Parrots – double session |

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.

Helen & Douglas House Little Cook's Bake Sale - Get a slice of the action by whisking up some tasty treats with your child and hold a bake sale to raise some dough to help local terminally ill children from 11-17th October 2021. Whip out your wooden spoon, bring out your baking bowls and enjoy some flourey fun with your little cook. Find out more and register to take part here: [Helen & Douglas House \(helenanddouglas.org.uk\)](http://helenanddouglas.org.uk)

Attendance this week:

95.2%

Skipping Ropes – if your child has a school skipping rope at home, we ask that they are returned to school to be used for brain breaks and as part of lunch and play. Thank you.

Growth Mindset Certificates:

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| Owls | Fraser WM & Camilla B for enthusiastically sharing their shoe boxes and giving clear and interesting facts about family and events. |
| Puffins | Eleanor E for applying herself to every task with enthusiasm Myles O for being a super member of the class – a great role model. |
| Penguins | Harper V for showing lots of kindness to other children in our classroom this week. Ellie-May SS- for her amazing effort in phonics this week and learning new sounds |
| Flamingos | Jessie F for her determination across all areas of the curriculum and always having a positive attitude. Reuben T for showing a positive mindset towards his phonics. |
| Peacocks | Shae C for growing in confidence and sharing his knowledge more when talking about London Alfie P for a great attitude to his work, pushing himself and working through tricky work in his maths. |
| Woodpeckers | Gursharan C for being a great role model this week, in all aspects of school life and learning Adam L for having the courage to use his phonics to sound out words independently Matthew P for never giving up and being determined to keep getting better |
| Hummingbirds | Michael HW for being determined to actively listen to instructions and follow the classroom expectations. What an excellent role model! Jessica D for persistently writing her portal story. She added so much detail! |
| Parrots | Isaac Q for showing such courage and determination in our netball lesson this week. Isabella R for the hard work and determination she is putting into improving her writing. |
| Toucans | Jessica C for being inspired in our Stonehenge silhouette project and creating an amazing piece of art Teddy H for being determined in all his lessons and contributing to the wider class |
| Hérons | Lilly H for being a brilliant role model to her peers, being ambitious with her learning and contributing well to our English discussions Noah H for being really determined with his Maths this week and independently using the inverse operation |
| Kingfishers | Seth P for some amazing writing this week. Working independently to create a wow introduction to his explorer report. Cooper P for showing determination with his research on his explorer and wanting to find out more information independently |
| Headteacher Value Awards | <i>All children were fabulous for the Harvest Tea especially Year 6 - no specific children this week.</i> |

HOUSE POINTS: **Birch 208** **Maple 177** **Oak 182** **Mulberry 151**

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

Toby B for his Rugby Achievements at the Old Leamingtonians Mini Festival – attending and maintaining the RFU core values
Maisie H for her feedback and certificate following her first two weeks at Stagecoach
Freddie S for achieving his Stage 3 Swimming Certificate
Rose W for her Bronze certificate and medal from Wade Gymnastics
Ryan M for receiving the player of the month award from Oxford Utd after having significant impact over the course of the month
Lily R for conquering her fears at Go Ape and receiving a certificate for completing the course

Girls Football Report

On Tuesday 5th October we went to Sibford School to take part in the Y3 & 4 girls football festival. We were in two teams and we each played six matches. One team won all of their matches. We improved with each game. We felt very proud of ourselves. We also loved the cookies! Jess, Violet, Rose and Mollie.

Parents Evening

Tuesday 19th October 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 20th October 5.15-7.45pm
This will be virtual and can be booked by logging onto School Cloud:
<https://christopherrawlinsce.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Any problems please contact the school office, and we can assist you.

Morrison's

We are collecting Morrison's Grow Tokens for gardening equipment. Please send any vouchers in – thank you.

Applying for Secondary School

Parents of children born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 (inclusive) need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2022. From 3 September 2021, you can apply online for a secondary school place. A link to the Portal is [here](#).
Closing date for applications - 31 October 2021

Online #Wakeupwednesday- This is an information page produced by National Online Safety about key reminders for parents relating to online safety. **This weeks theme: Echo Chambers**