



NEWSLETTER 5 – 1st October 2021

A quote: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been some wonderful events that have happened this week to share with you. We had a number of recently joined and new parents take a tour on Saturday of the school with staff and pupils present- all of them said how brilliant the Year 6's were at talking about and sharing the school. Thank you all for your super work. Yesterday we held our Harvest Service at Church and we paired Nursery and Reception up with the Year 5's and 6's. This was again a demonstration of how considerate, kind and responsible the children are, and the level of conversation and care was amazing from all involved. The Harvest service itself was a fabulous occasion where the school could once again join in the church - some children shared work that had been done in class as well as prayers written and read, and we managed a superb collection of items which will go to Banbury Youth Homeless charity – thank you so much for your donations – a picture is overleaf.

Last night the PTFA AGM was held where reflections about the year gone were had and a sharing of the fabulous amount raised despite a difficult and uncertain year. Thank you to everyone's contributions at PTFA run events as the amount raised was truly incredible in the circumstances faced. New appointments were made to the various positions that had become vacant. My thanks go to Jemma Parker and Lizzie Williams for their sterling work with the PTFA over the last few years.

We have appointed Mrs E Williams to join our staffing team as a SEN Teaching Assistant – she will embark on her new journey with us on Monday!

Next week we have a girl's football competition which is great to see in the school sports calendar as well as Harvest Tea and the meeting of the Parent Forum. At this point I have five parents willing to join and so we shall meet on Wednesday for our first meeting – please do pass any thoughts onto them that you would like raised or discussed. The parent forum reps are Mrs J Parker, Mrs D Russell, Mrs F Belsey, Mrs S Druce and Mrs C Cooke. Minutes will be available on the website afterwards for everyone to read.

A further set of dates has been issued today with updated events taking place in school until Christmas and further clarity of timings of things. I am still sure there is more that we can add but for now a revised set!

Parents evening is slowly creeping upon us. We have made the decision to keep going with our Virtual system as there were many advantages to families. Babysitters and not leaving home is one, as well as the versatility of where you can have the meeting – I think one parent pulled over on their journey home last time to meet the teacher. Also, parents can be in different locations and can both be on the screen together. Although this is a short time it does allow for succinct conversation about progress, the start of term and where the children are heading and things you can do to support. We will be holding more Open-Door days after school allowing you the opportunity to come in and see the work in books. Sign up information will be with you next week.

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

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Diary Week: 4th October

Mon

Tues Harvest Tea
Girl's football at Sibford

Wed 2:15pm Parent Forum

Thurs

Fri Swimming Kingfishers –
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:

96.2%

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:

Owls	Emilia P for having a positive approach to new daily challenges – an Earth dragon Egan H for working really hard this week on his numbers – great matching and ordering
Puffins	Harvey C for working really hard on his letter and number formation all week Olivia R for beautiful behaviour, lovely manners, always trying her very best and really putting 'Kind hands, kind feet, kind words' into practice every day.
Penguins	Ivy D for putting a huge amount of effort into practising number formation this week. Bob T for having a super attitude towards his learning and always trying to do his best.
Flamingos	Isaac D for showing determination in his number bonds and for being willing to have a go. Kenzie A for being a super friend and going above and beyond to help other people in the class.
Peacocks	Molly B for being brave and pushing herself to try new things even if they might be tricky Harry C for finding ways around problems and making great choices independently.
Woodpeckers	Flo H for understanding how she could improve her writing and being determined to get better and getting great results! Guinny W for being determined to try her hardest with her writing, working hard and using her phonics to write.
Hummingbirds	Rose W for showing courage by volunteering many ideas in class discussions Oscar T for bravely sharing his writing ideas and being open to feedback
Parrots	Stiarn B for putting 100% effort into all he does and always being prepared to dive in and take on any challenge. Sophie F for being such a determined learner and always giving of her best.
Toucans	Hugo H for being determined in his work and setting an example for his peers Eliza E for being courageous and finding her voice in Toucans over the first weeks of term and now being confident to always offer her input
Hérons	Harry D for showing great courage reading during Harvest Service and representing our class really well. Olivia J for showing great determination with her work across all subjects and setting herself high standards
Kingfishers	Henry D for always being really engaged with his learning and making great contributions to class discussions Phoebe W for some great perseverance with her maths this week tackling worded problems
Headteacher Value Awards	Year 6 Tour Guides

HOUSE POINTS: **Birch=148** **Maple=136** **Oak=134** **Mulberry=127**

Netball Report (see photo Overleaf!)

Last Thursday Year 5 & 6 participated in a netball tournament with 3 determined teams. We played against Doctor Radcliffe's, Bloxham and Deddington Primary School.

It was a tough competition, but our B and C teams came back with 1st place and the A team finished 3rd with a convincing 4-1 victory. All in all it was great fun and we all enjoyed it. We were proud to represent the school.

By Jack J and Artur W

Our school library This has the potential to be a superb resource but after being unused due to Covid does need some love and attention. If you can offer a few hours to help sort, then this would be very gratefully received. Thank you to Mrs Parker for all her work this week again and I know there are many other keen volunteers.

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: Pokemon Go**



CRPS Netball Team – Sept 2021



Harvest Festival 30th September 2021

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34-35.