



NEWSLETTER 7 – 15th October 2021

A quote: I believe there is only one race – the human race. Rosa Parks

Dear Parents and Carers,

So, it has felt slightly quieter in school this week with the majority of Year 5 and 6 away at Longtown. It has been a very successful week for them, and they have all had a go at some brilliant, different activities. I have had daily updates and shared a few pictures and a resume each day on the website! I am sure plenty of sleep and lots of washing will be needed to be done this weekend by both children and staff. It is a huge commitment to take over 50 children away and to be in loco parentis as well as leave their own personal lives behind to allow this to happen. It can't be underestimated the work that goes from staff in school in the office, the visit leader and all those who attend, and I express my deepest thanks to them for this experience to take place (particularly after the last 18months).

In school this week I shared as part of our assembly with the children the story of Rosa Parks and how she stood up for what she believed to be right. This links to our work on Black History Month.

An observation from this week's lunch, is surrounding the amount of food left on tables and thrown on the floor. We have and will continue to remind children of respectful table manners but would also really value the support from parents in sharing these messages too. On Monday Year 3 and 4 experienced a Stone Age Workshop to support the work they are currently doing on this area. They got to do some drama activities, investigate artefacts, and also knapped soap which they hopefully brought home on Monday. On Tuesday some boys this time visited Sibford for a Year 4 Football festival – please see the report on the next page. On Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs Hughes and KS1 staff led a Phonics meeting for Year 2 parents detailing the information about the Year 2 Phonics test. There is another meeting booked for early November to discuss the changes in Phonics and Early Reading which you are all welcome to. We also had an SEN Information Meeting where Mrs Lushey shared about the SEN processes in school and what we have worked on and will continue to develop. It was well attended, and some great discussions and suggestions came as a result. Thank you to those parents who came and shared – information will be on the website under the inclusion tab if you were not able to attend. Mrs Annesley also visited the Early Years today as part of the people who help us topic and shared her role as a nurse. Next week it is Parents Evening and hopefully you have managed to navigate your way through the School Cloud System and booked your appointment. Do try and pop onto a device a few minutes prior to check all works. The PTFA held its first meeting this week under the new co-chairs Mrs Druce and Mrs Belsey. Next Thursday the PTFA will hold its termly Mufti Day with a theme of Go Green (only if you have anything green of course – if not normal clothes are just fine) – please see flyer attached.

Don't forget that Friday next week is an INSET day and so term finishes on Thursday 21st October.

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

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Diary Week: 18th Oct

Mon	
Tues	Y3 Bible service
Wed	Photographs – see separate letter
Thurs	PTFA Mufti Day END OF TERM 1
Fri	Inset Day

W/B 25th Oct is Half term

**School reopens for Term 2
on Mon 1st Nov**

Attendance this week:

97.0 %

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.

Autumn Spruce up School Event - *message from Ian Bailey Chair of Governors,*

After a hiatus, the school is re-starting our annual autumn "spring clean" of the grounds on November 6th, from 1pm. We will be cleaning the beds, tidying up the children's play areas and even re-discovering a long-lost pond. The tidy up will not only enhance the school's appearance and safety, but it will also provide additional learning opportunities, which we will fold into the ongoing curriculum. If you are handy in the garden, or even if you're like me, please come by and help us tidy up. Please bring along gloves, as well as any forks, spades rakes and trugs. We will also need a wheelbarrow or two if anyone lives very nearby. In particular, part of the work will involve replacement of broken decking. If you have any skills or experience in this, please give me a shout at ibailey@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk.

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Owls	Henry G for being a determined earth dragon this week when listening and following instructions and trying to do the right thing Darcie P for super listening and showing great determination during our PE session this week.
Puffins	Phoebe T for showing great determination with letter writing and managing to write her name independently Eleanor E for taking everything we are learning in phonics and using it to write exciting words and sentences when exploring
Penguins	Flynn C for putting huge amounts of effort into his reading learning this week! Mabel B for always being incredibly kind to the other children in our classroom!
Flamingos	Henry R for trying his best with his writing and having a 'can do' attitude. Charlie H for becoming self-motivated and determined to complete his work.
Peacocks	Ashton L for working hard on improving his writing and always trying to improve himself. Oliver D for always putting great effort into his writing and encouraging others along the way too.
Woodpeckers	Bobbie F for excellent progress in phonics Maya C for inspirational work in Maths
Hummingbirds	Leo P for persevering in all areas of his learning - when he came back from reading, he looked around, saw what the class was doing, and joined in without help! Samuel W for being a bright-shining start in Hummingbirds – he actively listens incredibly well and sets an amazing example.
Parrots	Minnie E for the hard work and determination she is putting into her writing with excellent results Aiden C for his hard work and determination in the football tournament.
Toucans	Anne K for always making the right choices whenever and wherever she is – she is a fantastic role model in Toucans Aelan P for being determined with our Maths topic this week and giving it her best go despite dealing with bigger numbers
Heron	None this week – I am sure all the children have had to develop their Growth Mindset this week though!
Kingfisher	
Headteacher Value Awards	
Aiden, Nathan, Finn	

HOUSE POINTS: resume next week

Birch Maple Oak Mulberry

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

Leo P for his medal after completing the Blenheim Fun Run on Sunday

Daniel H for achieving his Stage 4 Learn to Swim certificate

Sam P for recently completing the Treetop Adventure he showed exceptional determination and strength completing both levels of difficulty

Boys Football Report

On Tuesday 12th October we went to a football festival with some of the other boys from Year 4.

Christopher Rawlins were in two teams, one team won all their matches and the other team won 3 of theirs.

It was a fun and everyone had a smile on their faces the whole way through. By Stiern, Matteo, Finlay

Message from BYHP:

I have picked up all of the school harvest festival donations yesterday and there was so much! We cannot thank you enough for all of your support. I shall share some pictures on our social media platforms.

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

Parent forum minutes can be found on the school website under the parent tab.

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