

# Newsletter

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## Leavers!

This afternoon we bid a fond farewell to Archie, Jack, Lily, Grace, Harley, Jack, Conor and Ellie. They have made a really positive contribution to our school and have grown in confidence and maturity hugely over the course of the year. We also had a special assembly this morning to mark Mrs Smith leaving. Mrs Smith has been at the school for nine years, beginning her career here as a NQT and leaving as a senior leader. She has been successful in becoming a deputy head teacher at a school in Witney. She has made a huge contribution to the success of our school and we all wish her every success for the future.

## 'WELL DONE!' to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Acorns Class: Millie Bryan

Chestnuts Class: Tilly Smith

Sycamores Class: Morgan Coggins

Willows Class: Mrs Smith!

Oaks Class: Grace Bishop

Smartest dressed: Florence Pearce

Growth mindset: Archie Street

Role-model of the week: Henry Roberts-Gant



## Message from the Headteacher

As our academic year draws to a close, it would be worth spending a few moments to consider the many successes the school has enjoyed this year. Highlights include the gaining of new awards (Values based Education, Fairactive, Intermediate International Schools, Silver Green Tree), our very positive OFSTED report in May 2017, our improved KS2 SATs results and the strong and cohesive sense of positivity and community ethos that pervades the school continuously. It was a pleasure to see this highlighted recently at sports day, at the KS2 production and at the helper tea. Particular thanks from me go to the amazing team of staff I am so fortunate to be working with – this capable group of people make coming to school every day a real joy because there is such a strong sense of the school continually striving for better. I would also like to thank our wonderful children who are (almost always!) a pleasure to work with. I am particularly grateful to the governors and especially Bernie Balfe who is now stepping down as chair of governors, but who has been a constant source of wisdom and support. And finally to all of you parents who help to make our school the thriving and successful hub of the community that it is. It has been a fantastic year for our school. Thank you for the wonderful and ongoing support you provide every day – it is much appreciated.

### Team Superschools prizes

These have now been delivered to school and will have come home today. Apologies – we had been told that the gold prizes would be water bottles but instead have been sent sports bags. Congratulations once again to all our prize winners.

### FS and KS1 trip to All things Wild

We were delighted to be able to offer our FS and KS1 children the chance to see a whole range of animals, explore wildlife and go pond dipping on Tuesday for our trip to All things Wild. The sun shone (but not too much!) and the children clearly had a wonderful time. A particular thanks to all our helpers/volunteers for giving up their time and making the outing possible.

### Governor prizes

Well done to the following children who have this year won the coveted governor prizes:

- For friendship and consistent demonstration of values: George Belcher
- For hard work and determination: Tegan Cox
- For overcoming difficulties: Lily Ilott

### Dates for your diary!

School reopens for the autumn term on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - we look forward to welcoming the children.

The Vision and Curriculum evening is going to be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.

Please keep this important date free in your diaries because we like all our families to attend if at all possible.  
Thank you.

### Talent show and helper tea

What a multitude of talents we have in our school demonstrated in the form of singing, dancing, magic tricks, juggling and karate, to name but a few. Thank you to our PLT who were judges and comperes – they did an excellent job! It was lovely to see the highlights from the morning performing at our helper tea yesterday afternoon. The standard was really pleasing and the best yet!

### KS2 trip to Warwick Castle

We were pleased to offer this opportunity to our KS2 pupils on Wednesday this week. Our children were a credit to the school and really enjoyed all the workshops and experiences. We're sure they will have told you all about it! Again, a particular thanks to all our helpers volunteers for making this visit possible.

Governor newsletter  
Please find the termly governor newsletter attached with an important update about academy status! There is also an update about our eco site which is almost ready to be used!

### FOMBS update

Thank you to everyone who has supported the many and varied FOMBS events this year. FOMBS will return in the new academic year with a whole range of wonderful new events to bring our community together and raise funds for our school. Thank you to all of FOMBS for the hard work and dedication throughout this year and varied opportunities to provide our children with our school to help fund events/activities.

### Auction of Promises picnic

Just a reminder that this is being held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July between 12 and 3pm for all who signed up their children, back in February. Please remember that your child needs a picnic, sunhat, suncream and plenty to drink! We look forward to a fun afternoon of games and activities.

### Vacancy

Food & More have a 22.5 hour Catering supervisor vacancy at Middle Barton school. This position is 9am-1.30pm Monday to Friday and is a term-time only position. Please email Tracy Lomas for further details or an application form [Tracy.Lomas@carillionplc.com](mailto:Tracy.Lomas@carillionplc.com) or call 07736498699.

### Science success!

On Monday of this week we enjoyed a wonderful day of Science, thanks to Miss Trafford's organisation as Science subject leader. Huge thanks also to Roger Cox and his team of scientists, Teresa Street, Jamie and Mary Thompson, Annabel Nickol and Andrew Jones, who gave up their time and expertise to make DNA, rocket balloons, and much more. It was an action-packed and exciting day of experiments and fun. Get your children to tell you more!

### Bell tower works

We have finally had the go ahead that our bell tower work and windows replacement in the old school classrooms will take place over the summer holidays. The plan is that work will be complete by 1<sup>st</sup> September, so that, all being well, the children can return to their classrooms as usual on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

### PLT

Our PLT almost single-handedly organised the talent show and helper tea on Thursday, being judges, comperes and runners. They also enjoyed cake and lemonade on Monday as a treat and thank you for all their hard work this term. We will miss their leadership skills and input. Our new PLT will be elected in the first half of the autumn term – we already have big plans for them. Watch this space for further details!

### 100% attendance!

Congratulations to Enya, Oscar Bishop, Lizzie, Tash, Joshua, Jamie Hawtin, Alex, Harry L, Jack L, Erin, Florence, Hannah Pearce and Zac R who have gained 100% attendance over the school year and received a special certificate in this morning's celebration assembly. 10% of our pupils managed to achieve this – well done to them all!

### Trespassing on the school site

It has come to our attention that a couple of people were on the school site on Friday night and, as well as trespassing, caused some damage to school property. Please can you help us to be vigilant by reporting anything of this nature that you see, to us or to the police. Thank you for your help.

### Visit to All things Wild

When we visited All things Wild on Tuesday we mistakenly left a box of magnifying glasses and nets at the venue. Several parents have said that they intend to visit over the holidays. If you are and would be willing to collect these items for us, we would be most grateful! Please email the office if you can help – thank you.