

Newsletter

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Easter assembly

How lovely to have such a big audience for the children's Easter assembly performance this morning. We were very proud of the children and their lovely singing, poetry and art work, bringing together skills and talents from across the school. It was a most fitting way to end a happy term in school. Thank you, everyone!

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

Acorns Class Values Star: Gabbie Peedell

Chestnuts Class Values Star: Rory Bellinger

Sycamores Class Values Star: Abbie Unthank

Maples Class Values Star: Poppy Redpath

Willows Class Values Star: Warren Stiffle

Oaks Class Values Star: Erin Massey

Reading star: George Moss

Writing star: Juno Merry

Maths star: Henry Roberts-Gant

PE star: Tahila Midwinter

Lunchtime star: Matilda Coates

Best Class attendance: Chestnuts (98.6%)

Role-model of the week: Harry Belcher



Message from the Headteacher

Please see attached the governors newsletter, giving you an update of key information from the governing body, including news about the recruitment process for a new headteacher.

The Chipping Norton theatre programme for the summer term has now been released and our KS2 production is listed. However, it gives an incorrect timing for the afternoon performance (1pm). The actual time for the afternoon performance will be 1.45pm – this has been clarified with the theatre.

We are sorry to be losing Poppy in Y3 who has been offered a place at her local school, which is much nearer to home. We wish her every success for the future.

Apologies for a typo in the choir letter last week – it should say Thursdays for choir, not Tuesdays!

The next Home School Link will take place on the first Thursday back after half term, 19th April in the school hall from 9.30am - 11am. This is open to all babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers, especially those with a sibling in Acorns class, who can then join them for crafts, soft play and singing. Refreshments are provided. It has been a busy, happy and successful term with so much to enjoy and celebrate. Thank you for all you do to continually support the school and its community. I wish you a happy and relaxing Easter break. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 17th April.

Staffing update

Mrs Benfield has now resigned from her position as caretaker of our school. We thank her for her contribution to our school over the past few years and wish her all the best for the months and years ahead. We are grateful to both Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Miller who have done an excellent job in stepping in over recent months.

FOMBS update

Thank you to FOMBS for providing the chocolate eggs for today's Easter egg hunt. And thanks too to our Y6 pupils who organised this activity for the whole school to enjoy – great to see their developing leadership skills and qualities! Thanks to everyone who took part in last Sunday's bike ride. It was a lovely event, helped by some nice spring weather! We managed to raise £326.55 – great! On Friday 27th April FOMBS are hosting a fashion show in the hall – keep the date free!

Dates for next term

Tue 17th Apr: Children return to school
Thu 19th Apr: Home School Link
Fri 20th Apr: Singup afternoon
Thu 26th Apr: Author for Y4/5/6 (Chippy Lit Fest)
Fri 27th Apr: FOMBS fashion show
Wed 2nd May: CNPS Modern Foreign Languages Festival, Y4
Fri 4th May: Choir at Kingham Hill Competition, 2pm
Wed 9th May: Rugby CNPS
Thu 10th May: Parent forum, 4pm
Fri 11th May: Open morning, 8.45am
Sun 13th May: TLC afternoon, 2-5pm
Week beginning Mon 14th May: KS2 SATs
Thu 17th May: Home School Link, 9.15am
Fri 18th May: Y3 class assembly, 9.05am and plant/cake sale, after school
Sat 19th May: Explorer Science dome in school
Thu 24th May: Break up for half term

Family Focus success

It was great to see so many families at our second and popular Middle Barton Family Focus event on Tuesday. This time the theme was activities which could be Carried out at home too.

Thanks to Miss Trafford and Mrs Henderson for organising this event

Healthy lunchbox

Thank you to the PLT for organising this poster competition to design a healthy lunchbox.

There were LOTS of entries which was great but in the end the PLT decided that Lizzie Denby is the winner, with Izzy Phelps as runner up. Lizzie wins a new lunchbox!

Singup afternoon

On Friday 20th April some of our Y6 pupils (those who weren't involved in organising the Easter egg hunt today) are organising and leading Singup afternoon. If you are a parent of a Y6 parent and would like to come and watch your child leading this carousel of singing activities, you are welcome to come along too between 1.15pm and 2.45pm.

Attendance certificates

Well done to the following children (17% of the school) who have managed to sustain 100% attendance since the start of the academic year:

Acorns: Tahlia and Erin
Chestnuts: Harris and Harry C
Sycamores: Xander, Lincoln, Elly, Zac, Modge and Joshua

Maples: Jamie, Hannah, Morgan and Summer
Willows: Gemma, Henry and Bella
Oaks: Ryan, Erin, Sophie, Charlie and Florence.

However, it is also pleasing to see that, in accordance with the attendance diamond, 66% of children are in the green zone for 97-100% attendance. Well done to you all!

Chestnuts and Sycamores Fire station trip

It was great to see the children so excited about their outing to Woodstock Fire Station on Monday morning, despite the fire fighters being called out to various emergencies! Thank you to all our parent helpers who made the trip possible.