

Newsletter

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FOMBS update

Thank you to everyone today who came in their own clothes, brought and bought cakes and are planning on a happy planting weekend from their purchases at the plant sale. As you know all the money is going towards our Eco area. We are so nearly there with the fundraising just another £2,800 to go, to cover compost, plants and pumps for the ponds. If you weren't able to make it today but would still like to make a small donation please go to JustGiving.com and search for FOMBS. If you leave your name, we will dedicate a shrub to you! You will be able to see the new Eco area at the grand opening at the School Fete on Sunday 2nd July. Particular thanks today go to Mr Trafford (grandfather of Miss Trafford) and Mrs Bowerman (grandmother of Faith) who gave so generously of their time and expertise for the plant sale - it was just like Chelsea Flower Show!

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

Acorns Class: Harris Ingram

Chestnuts Class: Modge Knight

Sycamores Class: Whole Class

Willows Class: Henry Roberts-Gant

Oaks Class: Emily Ridgway

Reading star of the week: Lily Bedwell

Writing star of the week: Archie Street

Maths star of the week: Warren Stiffle and Ronnie Harris

PE star of the week: Jamie Hawtin

Smartest dressed: Harvey Viner

Lunchtime award: Bella Knight

Growth mindset: Olivia Walker

Role-model of the week: Ella-Rose Shorley



Message from the Headteacher

We are looking forward to seeing parents of Y1-Y6 at parents' evening next week. Please arrive ten minutes before your appointment slot, so that you have time to look through your child's work (in the cloakroom areas). We will also be asking you to complete our annual parent questionnaire when you attend for your appointment. We realise that it isn't yet the end of the school year but we are hoping to get a better rate of returns by issuing them at this point, rather than in July. Your feedback is really important to us and five minutes to fill this in will be really helpful – thank you.

(Questionnaires for FS parents will go home via your child's bookbag next week).

Finally, Pauline Adams is stepping down from the governing body after being a member for the last 8 years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and continued support of the school – she deserves a rest!

Key Stage One tests

Well done to all our Y2 children who took their SATs tests this week. We were really impressed with their sensible concentration and hard work throughout the week, reflected in the 'Whole class' award in celebration assembly.

KS2 production - update

It was great to see so many KS2 children auditioning for The Keymaster, our KS2 production, on Tuesday afternoon. All casting has now taken place and we hope your child is happy with his/her part. The children have all been given a CD and script for rehearsal purposes. Please do encourage him/her to go over their part and practise the songs as much as possible - thank you! Today your child should have come home with a list detailing their costume requirements for the forthcoming Key Stage 2 production at Chipping Norton Theatre. If this is going to cause any problems, please don't hesitate to come and speak to a member of staff. Don't forget to book your tickets too through the theatre box office (01608 642350) and invite all your family, friends and neighbours!

Art project week

Next week we are holding our annual art week. In recent years we have undertaken the following art projects:

2013-14: Art exhibition and trip to Kingham Sculptures

2014-15: Floor mosaic for entrance area

2015-16: Outdoor mural marking the 150 year anniversary

This year (2016-17), Miss Bingham (Art subject leader) has organised for us to create a Values sculpture for our entrance area, using the expertise of local carpenter, Dave Jackson!

We have sent out request slips to Oaks class for additional parent helpers, battery drills, and an old shirt for Willows and Sycamores classes, (all for the morning of Wednesday 24th May), which will be really helpful for this project! Thank you.

Lunchtime award

In order to promote our values work at lunchtime, we are introducing a new weekly certificate which is for children spotted for the right reasons at lunchtimes. This might be for good manners, helpful behaviour or perhaps trying a new food. Well done, Bella Knight, our first winner!

International Families Day

Did you know that Monday was International Families Day? To mark and promote our Global Learning links, our Monday morning assembly focused on this. Some children gave reasons as to what makes their family great - get them to tell you more!

Athletics festival

Unfortunately, due to heavy and persistent rain, this partnership event had to be postponed this week. It will take place instead on Wednesday 21st June.

The Barton Bake Off Round 1

We were thrilled to have 14 Y5 children entering this exciting competition today. The standard was high! Well done to Ella-Rose Shorley, Bella Knight and Harry Belcher who have gone through to Round 2, which will take place on Friday 9th June. And thank you to judge and local baker, Deborah Bailey. She may not need much dinner tonight!

INSET day

Just a reminder that Friday 26th May is an INSET day for staff for report writing and therefore we break up for May half-term on Thursday 25th May next week (3pm).

Sainsburys vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has been handing these in over the last few weeks. The stores have now finished issuing them so please bring any outstanding ones so that we can do a big count up and buy some lovely new resources for our school.

Thrive Charity

We are pleased that our school is benefitting from this very helpful charity for some of our families. If you would like to find out more about what the charity offers, please go to:
<https://www.thriveapproach.com/>

School Patrol crossing

There will be no-one on duty on the afternoon of Wednesday 24th May. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Lego trading cards and Fidget spinners

Please could the children refrain from bringing these into school as of next week. They are causing a few problems between some of the children. Thank you for your co-operation.

Recorder players

Our recorder players are going from strength to strength and playing pieces in three parts! They are going to perform in next week's celebration assembly which will be on Thursday morning. Please could you ensure that your child has his/her recorder and music in school on Thursday morning (25th), ready to play. Thank you.

Forthcoming trips

There are plans afoot for next half-term's trips. This year we have booked for our FS/KS1 children to go to 'All things wild', near Evesham, and for our KS2 children to go to 'Kidzania' on the edge of London. Further details to follow at the start of next half-term!

Maths Mates

This week we ran a 'Maths mates' session between Willows and Chestnuts class. The Willows class taught and led some maths work on measures to the Chestnuts class. It was lovely to see this collaborative team approach to teaching and learning working so well between the children and we clearly have some budding leaders too (see the maths stars of the week)!

Coats

Please can all the children continue to have their navy coat/jacket/waterproof in school, whatever the weather. As we know, the weather can be very changeable and it's good to be prepared! Thank you.