

Newsletter

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Whole school art project

Our Values sculpture is coming together, overseen by Mr Jackson, and with input from every child in the school. He also spent time working with the PLT and the School Council. Watch this space!

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

Acorns Class: Whole class

Chestnuts Class: Alex Jessett

Sycamores Class: Oily Hinton

Willows Class: Gemma Massey and George Belcher

Oaks Class: Whole class

Reading star of the week: Archie Golding

Writing star of the week: Zac Ridgway

Maths star of the week: Rory Bellinger

PE star of the week: Oscar Street

Lunchtime award: Alfie and Harvey Viner

Smartest dressed: Bella Webb

Growth mindset: Emily Ridgway

Role-model of the week: Archie Street



Message from the Headteacher

This week we have been visited by OFSTEd! Whilst a little nerve-racking, this is a great opportunity for us to show our school's great strengths and wonderful journey. The outcome is confidential at the moment but will be shared with you as soon as it is made public by OFSTEd which is likely to be within three weeks. A huge and grateful thank you goes to all those of you who kindly completed the Parentview OFSTEd survey online and particularly to those of you who sent additional letters/emails of support – this was so much appreciated by all. It was great to see so many of you at parents' evening this week. We hope the appointment was helpful and gave you a good understanding of your child's attainment and progress.

We hope too that you were impressed with the written work in your children's books too. If you haven't yet had chance to complete your parent questionnaire, please could you do so over May half-term and ensure that all completed questionnaires are in school by 9am on Monday 5th June so that the results can be analysed. Thank you. Information regarding class teachers for September will follow in the next newsletter (Friday 9th June). Finally, please see the attached letter from the Chair of Governors, Bernie Balfe, regarding the parent consultation period for considering whether our school should become part of a Multi Academy Trust.

Residential

For the children currently in Y5, we have organised a 4 night residential trip to Glasbury (near Hereford) for 27th November to 1st December inclusive. In previous years we have taken two year groups but, because of the way our classes are structured next year, we will take just Y6 on this occasion but the following academic year, will organise another residential trip for children then in Y5/6. That way all our children will still get to experience a longer residential stay. Please see the accompanying letter for the relevant pupils.

Forthcoming dates for next half-term

Monday 5th June: Children return to school
Monday 5th June: No languages club today
Thursday 8th June (3-4pm/ 7-8pm): Academies consultation (see separate letter from Mrs Balfe)
Friday 9th June: Bake Off Round 2 for 3 x Y5 pupils
Week beginning 12th June: Y1 phonics tests and assessment week for Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5
Wednesday 14th June: Cricket tournament (some Y5/6 pupils)
Friday 16th June: Class assembly for Y3/4, 9.05am
Friday 16th June: Cycling proficiency starts for Y5, Gp 2
Thursday 22nd June: PLT at conference am (TBC); Choir at Dorchester Abbey pm
Friday 23rd June: Open morning
Wednesday 28th June: Changeover morning for whole school and new FS parents' evening (6.30pm)
Sunday 2nd July: Fete (12-2pm)
Week beginning Monday 3rd July: Health and fitness week - further information to follow
Tuesday 4th July: Bake Off CNPS for 1 x Y5 pup
Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July: KS2 at theatre (performances at 2pm and 6pm on Thursday 6th)
Friday 7th July: Sports day first choice
Friday 14th July: Sports day second choice (if wet on 7th)
Monday 17th July: Whole school Science day
Tuesday 18th July: FS/KS1 trip
Wednesday 19th July: KS2 trip
Thursday 20th July: Talent show and helper tea
Friday 21st July: Leavers' assembly and break up 2pm

Reverend Arthur in assembly

Reverend Arthur led a Values assembly on Monday on Enthusiasm - do get your children to tell you more!

Good luck, Archie!

If you haven't yet had chance to sponsor Archie for his 175 mile coast-to-coast cycle ride, don't forget to go to:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Archie-Hadrians-Challenge>
Archie undertakes the cycle next week, raising money for coeliac disease

Plant and cake sale update

It was great to see so many tucking into cakes and buying a whole range of different plants at our cake and plant sale last Friday. The grand total raised was a most impressive £892!

Thanks to all involved in organising and all who supported the event.

Rugby tournament

Well done to Harry B, George, Tash, Emily, Sophie, Harry L, Nathan, Tyler and Abigail who represented our school with pride at this partnership event yesterday afternoon. We came fourth and our sporting champions for great teamwork were Abigail and Nathan.

Ic creams next half-term

On Friday afternoons FOMBS are kindly going to be providing ice lollies/iccreams from 50p upwards on the playground after school at 3pm - whatever the weather! Please do bring your pennies along...

FOMBS update

The plant and cake sale's grand total was: £892. Thank you to all who braved the atrocious weather and especially again to Ivor & Maureen Trafford and Carole Bowerman for providing the plants.

We are running our thank you card design competition again this year. All children can enter and the winner will not only receive a lovely arty prize but will have their design printed onto our FOMBS and School thank you cards. You can draw, colour or paint anything you like on to an A5 size paper. (A4 folded in half) All entries to be in school by 9am on Friday 9th June.

Finally, please could we have donations of unwanted soft toys in good condition for the pre-loved teddy stall at the fete, to be brought in to school after half term? Thank you.

Sunhats and suncream

In the event of warmer weather next half-term, please can you ensure that your child has a sunhat to wear to protect his/her head at playtimes. For sunny days too, please either ensure your child is wearing the 6 hour suncream or please provide him/her with a labelled pot of suncream to reapply at lunchtime. Thank you.

Language club

There will be no lunchtime language club the first day back (Monday 5th June), due to Mrs Pearce being on a training course.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Creative writing club for Y4 and Y5 pupils

This partnership club runs on five Tuesdays between 4.30pm and 5.30pm from Tuesday 6th June onwards. The club is open to any Y4 or Y5 pupils who are interested and enthusiastic about writing. So far, we only have one of our pupils signed up and it would be lovely to have a group represented from our school. If you are interested, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Electrician expertise!

Thanks to Mr Cubley (father of Abigail and Leo and governor) who kindly gave up his time on Monday afternoon to teach the children about electrical circuits. The classroom was buzzing (literally!) and the activity finished with the class making one very large circuit with 31 wires!

Drama club taster

Mrs Bishop is running a drama club taster day in May half-term. Please see the accompanying flyer for further information.

School shoes

We know that there are a few children in school whose school shoes have broken or who have outgrown them. We understand that they will be replaced during the May half-term week and look forward to seeing the children wearing their smart new shoes! Thank you.

Manchester attack

We had a few minutes in today's whole school assembly to reflect on this awful atrocity which has dominated the news this week. This was obviously covered in an age-appropriate way. We spent time thinking of lost loved ones and how important and special our families are.

Erin's music prize

Congratulations to Erin Massey in Y5 who has been successful in gaining the primary school music prize for high standards of achievement and progress in music. She will attend a special event at Chipping Norton School to collect a prize next month.

Marathon success

Well done to the following children who have all completed half marathons around the track during playtimes:

Conor Wallace
Liah-Jamie Cherry
Elliemay Coleman
Ethan Burch
Eden Galbraith
Gemma Massey
Toby Bellinger

The current totals for each class are as follows:

Acorns: 9 miles
Chestnuts: 226 miles
Sycamores: 195 miles
Willows: 504 miles
Oaks: 339 miles

Non-uniform day

Our non-uniform day last Friday raised £105 which will help to provide hamper/raffle prizes for our school fete in a few weeks Time.

Thank you, everyone!

Recorders

Well done to our recorder players who performed so well in celebration assembly this morning. The piece included a balance of melody and harmony parts and descant with treble recorders.

Steeple Barton Chase

This is being held on Sunday 18th June (11am for the Kids Fun Run, 11.30am for the 10k run and 11.35am for the 5k run. For booking and more information please contact

www.steeplebartonchase.co.uk

Theatre reply slips

Please could any outstanding reply slips be returned for the 6th July? Thank you.