

Newsletter

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Writing prizes

This afternoon we held a special assembly to give out our annual writing prizes. This assembly is a chance to celebrate particular skills, effort and achievement in writing over the course of the year. Congratulations to the following children from each class who received a book prize for their pleasing work/efforts:

Acorns: Lily Reed

Chestnuts: Honey Harris

Sycamores: Afia Osei-Bempomg

Willows: Jack Hotson

Oaks: Jess McStocker

Mrs Balfe, our literacy governor, came to present the prizes and was most impressed with the standards achieved.

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

Acorns Class: Harry Cruickshank

Chestnuts Class: Joshua Grey

Sycamores Class: Ollie Hinton

Willows Class: Hannah Proctor

Oaks Class: Natasha Denton

Reading star of the week: Beth McStocker

PE star of the week: Phoebe Garrod

Smartest dressed: Summer Harrison

Growth mindset: Marley Cherry

Role-model of the week: Maddi Hall



Message from the Headteacher

Our sponsored Team Supersports event with our athlete at the start of last week has raised a pleasing £756 for FOMBS, thanks to your generous sponsor work over the last fortnight. We plan for this to go towards a new projector for our school hall to support presentations and assemblies.

As the summer holidays rapidly approach, just a reminder that the children finish early next Friday at 2pm, rather than 3pm. All are welcome to join us at 1.15pm in the hall for our leavers' assembly. We look forward to seeing you.

Leavers' assembly

A special assembly for our Y6 leavers will be taking place at 1.15pm on Friday 21st July in the school hall, before we break up for the holidays at 2pm. Governor prizes will also be given out at this assembly. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you.

Auction of promises picnic

If you are one of the parents who secured a place for your child at this back in February, the event is rapidly approaching! Please bring your child to school for 12pm (finishing at 3pm) with a picnic on Monday 24th July for an afternoon of fun and games. No uniform is required!

Trip reminders

We are looking forward to these lovely events on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. All the children need a packed lunch (no nuts in any lunchboxes please), sunhat, suncream and hooded jacket for their visit to 'All things wild' or Warwick Castle. FS and KS1 can bring up to £2 in a named purse/wallet. No spending money is required for KS2. Thank you.

Uniform and lunches for September

Please see the updated list for uniform expectations for September. The main changes are that we would like children to wear the school hat and scarf, along with the school sunhat in the summer... Also, it may be helpful for you to know that school meals will be costing £2.20 from September for pupils in KS2.

Children's books home

Next week your child will be coming home with their set of workbooks from the school year. There will be three children from each year group chosen whose books we will be keeping as evidence – you will still receive these eventually but these will come home at Easter next year. Your child's teacher will notify you if we will be keeping your child's books for the additional months. If your child hasn't already brought books home, please could all the children bring a carrier bag into school on Monday of next week and put the books in. Thank you.

FOMBS success

Thanks to our wonderful fundraising team, over the course of this year a staggering £10,109.15 has been raised for our school. This is most impressive and the result of a lot of hard work from a lot of willing volunteers! It has paid for our forthcoming eco site, bookbags for all the new FS children and a new projector for the hall.

Bell ringing opportunity

Would you like to learn an ancient traditional craft in a local setting, keep fit and use your brain all at the same time? Then church bell-ringing could be for you! It is entirely free, only takes one and a half hours one evening a week and it is possible to complete your beginner's training in only 10 weeks! Locations include Sandford St.Martin and Great Tew. For further details please see Wendy Denby in the playground or email her on wendydenby@btinternet.com. Or you can telephone Philip Sharman on 01869 340626.

Talent show auditions

This week the children have been auditioning for our annual and much loved talent show which is taking place during the school morning on Thursday 20th July, with highlights performing in the afternoon at the helpers' tea. Congratulations to all who have auditioned, as well as those who have been successful in getting through to the show itself. Please can any music, props and costumes be in school by first thing on Thursday morning. Thank you.

Eat well for Less TV programme

Are you a parent who would like to save some money on your weekly shop and eat more healthily? Perhaps you'd like to apply to be on the Eat well for Less television programme...

The show follows **Masterchef's Gregg Wallace** & award winning greengrocer **Chris Bavin** on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to **save money** on their food budget **without scrimping on taste and nutrition**. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

For further information, please see the flyer sent home earlier this week.

Road safety success

This week we had a call from the Thames Valley Police who were keen to tell us how pleased they are that road safety has been promoted and encouraged, particularly on and around Church Lane. Their figures and research show that there has been an improvement in safety levels which is great news!

Report comments

If you haven't already done so, please can we ask that you return the black and white copy of this (Y1-6) with your comments on it as soon as possible. It then means we have your feedback which is always helpful, as well as a copy of your child's report for his/her file. Thank you.

Animal Agents Summer Reading challenge

If you would like your child to take part in this, please see the attached link about this exciting project:

www.castlequay.co.uk/news

Muddy Monday

Sycamores class (Y2) enjoyed a Muddy Monday with a difference this week, as it involved a visit to Imogen's house and garden to take part in pond dipping and bug hunting. Thank you, McKeown family, for allowing us to use your garden for our research and exploration!

Dance day

Our school was lucky enough to enjoy a free 'taster' day of dance yesterday, provided by local dance expert, Lise Harris. Mrs Harris worked with each of the classes providing an age-appropriate workshop. Your child should also have come home with a letter and if he/she enjoyed the session, you may wish to sign him/her up for a dance club running on Tuesdays in September.

Japanese students visiting

On Wednesday morning we were visited by twenty Japanese students who spent time with our children teaching them about Japanese culture. The children had chance to do origami and watch a yo yo display, amongst a variety of activities! Do get them to tell you more!

Marathon winners

There are so many children who are now achieving half marathons and whole marathons - too many to list! How great to see our children taking the importance of exercise so seriously and challenging themselves to do more...!

Crossing patrol

On Friday 21st July there will be no crossing patrol in the morning, but the afternoon crossing will be at 2pm instead of 3pm, due to our early finish that day.

PLT presentation

The PLT visited Southwold Primary School in Bicester on Thursday morning to share their work from the year. The 60 Y5 pupils at Southwold School heard the talk in order to inspire them to apply for a coveted position on their PLT which they are in the process of setting up. How lovely that our pupils are inspiring others in other schools. Well done to our PLT!

National Eczema Society Conference, Saturday 23 September 2017, Exeter Hall Kidlington , OX5 1AB from 11.30 am

This year the Society has chosen to hold its key note conference in our area as part of their National Eczema Week plans.

The conference is open to patients, parents, carers and clinicians and they have been able to put together an interesting, varied and topical programme with Consultant Dermatologists Professor Michael Cork, Dr Tess McPherson and Dr Donna Thompson and Clinical Psychologist Dr Helen Mortimer kindly giving their time to share their knowledge. They will also have a team of dermatology nurses on hand for patients to talk to and family friendly break out space.

The event is free and places can be booked at <https://nes-kidlington.eventbrite.co.uk>

Returning of forms and money

Please could any outstanding paperwork and/or money be returned to the school office by Monday for processing by the end of term? This is really helpful for our admin team – thank you!

Lost property

If you haven't recently checked lost property, or if you are missing a particular item, please do pop into school to check this before the end of term. All named items will already have been returned to their owners.