



Tackley C of E Primary School

Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 4

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

How time has flown since the beginning of term! As a school we have been very busy; taking part in Partnership sports events, visiting the Church for Harvest Service and Year 1 and 2 took part in Harvest Experience and our outdoor learning day at Hill End.

Staff have also been very busy, taking part in Maths training and team teaching alongside our Maths advisor Nathan Crook this term. As you will know as a school we have a focussed plan called a School Development Plan that outlines our main priorities for development over the coming year. These priorities have been informed by the children’s outcomes over time as well as looking at national and local priorities. Our 4 areas that we are working on as a school this year are:

1. To raise standards in Maths
2. To raise standards in English - with a particular focus on writing
3. To embed assessment across the school to ensure consistency
4. To improve outcomes for children who are Pupil Premium or have a Special Educational Need

I look forward to being able to update on the progress on these priorities over the coming year.

I hope you all have a restful half term week, and the children come back prepared for a busy term ready for our approach to (whisper it!) Christmas.

Mrs Murrey

Well done to

Learning Power Certificates	
Sienna I	James P
Oisin R	Nancy V
Lucy B	Emily B
Cai C	Sophie C



Stars of the Week	
Arthur D	Angelo C
Ryan F	Max Du
Lila B-H	Siana N
Bradley F	Isabelle D

Focus on Harborne Class

On Monday, the sky was an unusual colour and the children in Harborne all had different theories on what was happening, so on Tuesday we carried out some experiments to help us understand more about the properties of light. Firstly, we did some chromatography where we split colours used in felt pens using filter paper and water, the results were amazing. Then we made spinners with the colours from the spectrum, we spun them really fast and some of us managed to see all the colours merge into a pale cream. Finally, we viewed light that had passed through a glass prism. This helped us to understand how white light is made of many colours and how rainbows are formed. We now understand that on Monday, the dust in the sky blocked some of the colours in the spectrum which made our sky appear to be red, orange and yellow.

Y3/4 Mixed 5 a Side Football Tournament

On Wednesday 11th October, 11 year 3/4 children travelled to Carterton for a football tournament. 10 schools, including us, took part. We all had an opportunity to play in different positions and worked well as a team. Although we didn’t win every match, we played well and all enjoyed ourselves. By Lila B-H, Grace B Oliver P.

Clubs after Half Term

The following clubs are available after half term. There is no charge for these and they are open to all year groups. Confirmation of whether you’ve been successful in joining the club will be sent out during the first week back. Clubs will start week beginning Monday 6th November.

Club	Led by	Day of the Week	Timing
Jigsaw Club	Mrs Skinner	Tuesdays	Lunchtime
Music Club	Miss Murphy	Thursdays	Lunchtime
Lego Club	Mrs Murrey	Fridays	Lunchtime

If you have any jigsaws that you’d like to donate to Mrs Skinner’s club we would be very grateful, please bring them to the office.

New School Lunch Menu

The new menus will be sent home tomorrow and will be put on the website. It is effective from the first day back after half term.

Starting School. Primary and Secondary—September 2018

The closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2017 and for Primary School application is 15th January 2018. If you know any parents who are considering sending their child to Tackley please ask them to contact the School Office to arrange a visit. Further information for parents is available at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions .

Road Safety Competition

We are again entering the Road Safety Poster Competition run by West Oxfordshire County Council this year. Children can design a poster to raise awareness of road safety issues and have the chance of winning a brand new bike. Children will be designing and completing their posters during school time, we have been successful with this competition for the last 3 years and hope to make it 4.

PTA

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th November in school.

Dates for diaries:

Northbrook Catalogue - Gorgeous gift wrap for all occasions! Christmas order deadline: Monday 6th November.

Northbrook Fundraising have excellent quality wrapping paper—both Christmas and Birthday, and a range of other wrapping accessories and cards. All purchases made through the school generate 22% cashback for the PTA and our children, so this is a really good opportunity to help raise funds for school. The catalogues and order form were sent home earlier in the week. Please return orders to either the school office or Nicky Mead by Monday 6th November.

For people starting to think about Christmas, please note, children have created a drawing which has been sent off and will be available to buy on Christmas cards, candles, tea towels and other gift items. Look out for a flier coming home soon after half term.



Bag 2 School Collection - Tuesday 14th November



The Bag 2 School bags were also sent home earlier this week. It's a good time of year to have a clear out, get rid of any summer clothes that will no longer fit your child next year and any soft toys that your child no longer plays with. Your donations can be received in any bag, they don't have to be in these particular bags. Collection is on the morning of Tuesday 14th November, please leave them in the courtyard area by the school main entrance. If you'd like your bags to be picked up from Upper Heyford please contact Nicky Mead on 07875 020540.

Night at the Movies—1st December 2017 at Tackley Methodist Church

Film 1 : Reception and Key Stage 1

Film 2 : Key Stage 2

Film 3 : Adults

The children's films will be put to a vote at school—precise details will follow after half term, but for now, save the date.

Future School Events : 2017-2018

23rd-27th October	Half Term (3pm finish on 20th October)
Monday 30th October	INSET Day, school closed
Tuesday 31st October	8.45am Start of Autumn Term 2 First Harborne swim
Tuesday 7th November	7.30pm PTA Meeting in school, everyone's welcome.
Thursday 16th November	Y1 Dance at The Marlborough School
Friday 17th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (R, Y1-Y4) - letter to follow next week
Monday 20th November & Tuesday 21st November	3.30pm Parent Consultation meetings
22nd—24th November	Book Fair
Thursday 23rd November	Harborne Class Parent Lunch

St Nicholas Church Events

Every Sunday	5.30pm Evening Services, all welcome
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Tackley Methodist Church Events

See village notice boards for dates	2.30pm Messy Church, all welcome.
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