



Tackley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Yesterday we were fortunate to have a visit from Siemens rail. As some of you may know Miss Bracewell has been working hard on an art project to create and display four mosaics that represent Tackley that will be mounted at Tackley railway station. This week Trevor Sinclair and Pete Ratcliffe came and led an assembly on level crossing safety and showed us a video of the installation of the new large grey box relating to the electrification of the railway that has been installed at the station. Miss Bracewell's mosaics will be installed on the outside of the electrification box. We are really grateful for all of Miss Bracewell's hard work on this project. Please ensure next time you are at the station you take a moment to enjoy the art.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter outlining a photography competition being hosted by Robert Court our local MP. He is asking pupils in all year groups to take a photograph that they feel best captures the unique beauty of West Oxfordshire, which will be used to decorate his Westminster and Witney offices. I know we are a lucky school when it comes to entering competitions, and I really look forward to seeing some of your photographic entries.

Mrs Murrey

Well done to

Learning Power Certificates	
James B	Benjamin B
George D	Grace H
Grace B	Daisy E
Abbie Johnson	Niamh H



Stars of the Week	
Angelo C	Arthur D
Alfie I	Nancy V
Oliver P	Will R
Ben C	Francis B

Focus on Nethercote Class

In Nethercote class, we have been learning about time in maths. We have been learning how to read the time and how to draw the minute hand and hour hand correctly on a blank clock face. The Year 1's have had lots of time creating time problems for each other and the Year 2's have been learning how to read the time to 5 minutes. In our English lessons, we have been looking at a story called 'Footprints in the Snow.' We created story maps last week to help us to remember the chronology of the story and this week, we are starting to plan a letter to send from the character 'Mr Wolf' who is looking for a friend. Any volunteers welcome! So far this term in Science, we have been looking at habitats and even searching for micro-habitats in our own school grounds. In this picture, you can see us being detectives spotting micro-habitats and comparing them!



Fizz Pop Science Club

All 25 children have been really enjoying the Fizz Pop Science Club each week. This week they focussed on the journey of food through our body and used old Weetabix and saliva (not real) to show what happened. They even had the delightful task of seeing their pretend food exiting from the intestine. Yuk!



"It is great fun and so interactive." Niamh

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March when Rousham Class are on their residential trip. To allow them to take part in our activities we will be holding our World Book Day on **Wednesday 7th March**. More details about our plans for this day will follow. Please see the PTA section overleaf to find out about the Sponsored Reading Challenge we will launch on this day.

Medications in school

Unfortunately we are not able to administer medication to children in school even if your child has antibiotics prescribed for them due to a short illness. If your child has an ongoing medical condition we are able to administer medication as part of a written Individual Healthcare Plan. If you have any questions about this please speak to Mrs Murrey.

Year 5/6 Yenworthy Residential - 26th February to 2nd March 2018

Parents have been sent reminders of outstanding payments for this exciting trip. Full payment for the trip is due by 9th February. Payment can be made via ParentPay or by cash or cheque (made payable to Tackley C of E Primary School) via the school office. We also need the Participation Information form back to us by tomorrow at the latest, Friday 26th January. This enables Yenworthy to fully prepare for our visit and to take into consideration any individual needs. Spare forms are available from the office. Parents are invited to an information meeting at **3:15 on Wednesday 7th February** in school. Please put this date in your diary if your child is taking part.

2018/2019 Term dates

These are now available on the school website.

PTA

Our Christmas Fundraising events; Film Night, Christmas Tree Sales commission, Personalised Card/Gift commission, Christmas Performance refreshment sales and Christmas hamper raffle, raised a fantastic £680.00. Thank you to you all.

We are now in a position, having hopefully raised an adequate contribution, to move forward with our grant application for a School Junior Library System.

To further assist the grant application, the PTA and Usborne Books will be holding a 'Sponsored Reading Challenge' which will be launched on World Book Day and take place the following week. There will be a prize for each year group and Usborne books will provide school with a donation of up to an additional 60% of free books based on the value of the sponsorship order. We look forward to setting and sharing the challenges with the children in due course.



Bag2School—our next collection is on Tuesday 6th March. We will be sending the bags home with children before half term. If you have a clear out, pop any clothing or soft toys into your Bag2School bag (or any other plastic bag) and bring it along on 6th March as this initiative is a good fundraiser for us.

Future School Events : 2017-2018

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Monday 5th February	Y6 Junior Citizen Trip
Wednesday 7th February	3.15pm Y5/6 Yenworthy Parents Information meeting
w/c 12th February	Half Term
20th February	1st Harborne Class swim
22nd February	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics
w/c 26th February	Year 5/6 Yenworthy Residential Week
7th March	World Book Day at Tackley Primary School
12th & 13th March	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 21st March	5.30pm Y6 SATS Parent Information Meeting
Thursday 22nd March	1.45pm Easter Service at St Nicholas Church
Tuesday 27th March	3.15pm Y1 Phonics Check Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday 28th March	3.15pm Y2 SATS Parent Information Meeting
Thursday 29th March	3pm End of Spring Term 1

St Nicholas Church Events

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Every Sunday	5.30pm Evening Services, all welcome

Tackley Methodist Church Events

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Sat 10th February	Friendship