



Tackley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We have had so much fun doing our 'Daley' Sporting Challenge this week for Sports Relief. The children have star jumped, boogied, run and hopped their way into learning in our 8:45-9:00 slot. It has been great to see the enthusiasm and excitement with which the children have joined in. We all know the benefit of exercise to our brain and research has proved that exercise is oxygen for our brain. I will be talking more with the School Council about how we can make these daily short bursts of exercise a regular part of our weekly plan here at school. A huge thank you to Miss Murphy for organising and leading this event.

****Keep the date free****

You will have seen from our weekly email last week that we have Nick Speller from 123ICT booked in on **Monday 30th April at 5:30** to lead a parent meeting about Internet Safety.

Please can I urge as many parents a possible to attend; iPads, Google and internet access on phones is a part of daily life for many of our children - whether this is a positive development or not, we may all have different opinions on, but it is the reality of childhood today. As a parent myself, I have recently attended a parent workshop at my own children's school and it was both informative and helpful to help me manage and understand how children are using the Internet and how I can educate myself as a parent to make informed decisions. Nick's parent workshop will form part of further work in school that day with the children and staff on Internet safety.

Mrs Murrey

Well done to

Learning Power Certificates	
Arthur D	Maisie B
Matteo S	Ben M
Sam B	Max Dr
Matilda H	Erin R



Stars of the Week	
Angelo C	Benjamin B
Alfie I	Fergus P
Emily B	Lucy B
Fearne W	Noah G

Pre-school

Many parent will be aware that pre-school have made the decision to close from Thursday 29th March. I know the committee and pre-school staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children that join our school come well prepared for school life, and this has meant that our Reception aged children continue to thrive when they join us each September. The school extends their thanks to both the committee and pre-school staff for all of their hard work.

The school Governors are aware that provision for pre-school children within the village is vital and will explore, alongside ODST, the feasibility of the school extending its age range to include three year olds. As I have any further updates around this I will share those with you.

Focus on Nethercote Class

In Nethercote class, we have been learning about fractions in maths. We have enjoyed finding fractions of pizzas, which has even made us hungry sometimes! The children were particularly good at finding a half or a quarter of a given number, which was lovely to see. In our English lessons, we have been planning a recount. The recount is about our favourite holiday and they have worked well planning the beginning, middle and the end section of it. Lots of inspirational ideas have been shared between the children to include in their planning. The children will be writing their full recount, as an independent write, this week. So far this term in RE, we have been exploring belonging. We have been looking at different religions and what it means to belong to that religions, through their acts of worship, wearing symbols and following certain ways of life.

Nethercote Canal Walk in Thrupp

Last Friday, Nethercote class took a visit to the Thrupp canal for the morning. Here, we walked along the canal spotting physical and human features and enjoyed taking in the scenery around us. Luckily the sun was shining and there was no rain to be seen! The children were very sensible about walking alongside the canal and often helped one another when we needed to walk in a straight line in certain areas! We even took a trip to Annie's Tea Rooms where we were lucky enough to have a cookie and some squash as a treat. As the scenery was so lovely, the children took time drawing a 'still-life' drawing of the canal and the canal boats. There are some wonderful artists. Overall, it was a lovely morning and Miss Murphy thoroughly enjoyed taking Nethercote class out for the morning.

Sport Relief Week:

This week we have been taking part in 'Sport Relief' in school. In order to recognise this event, the whole school have been taking part in a 'Daley Challenge.' We've had Star Jump Monday, Running Tuesday, Hopping Wednesday, Boogie Thursday today and tomorrow is and Footie Friday. All of the children have stayed on the playground at morning drop off and completed the sport challenge. We've had music to keep us going, as well as laughter, team-work and encouragement.



BMX Day

Tomorrow we have Mike Mullen the 2017 UK BMX Pro Halfpipe Champion coming to visit us. He will lead an assembly on Growth Mindset, give us a BMX trick display for the whole school to watch and then children from Rousham class and Harborne class will take part in a BMX masterclass workshop. All of the bikes and helmets will be provided. Please can all children in Rousham and Harborne ensure they are wearing leggings/trousers and trainers. There is no cost for this day.

Primary Pop Concert

Congratulations to all our singers including our soloists Cai C, Erin R and Zoe R, and actor Isaiah C, for great performances in last week at the Primary Pop Concert at the Oxfordshire County Music Service in Headington. Everyone had a great evening.

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Event

Congratulations to our 2 Tag Rugby Teams who took part in the Woodstock Partnership Schools Tag Rugby Festival yesterday. Both teams played well. Our team who played in the Cup competition finishing 5th and our team who played in the Plate competition finishing 3rd. Well done **everyone**.

School Lunches

Les Readhead, Managing Director of The School Lunch Company, will be writing an article in the next newsletter.

Menu change for Thursday 29th March : **Red** is oven baked breaded fish fillet, **Green** is Quorn burger, both with chips or pasta, peas or baked beans. Dessert is chocolate sponge and ice cream.

PTA

Sunday 29th April : Tackley Horse Show—The teachers and school staff have now signed up, kindly volunteering their time, to replace jumps at the show. It's our turn now! Please look at the school notice board for available slots and to sign up. Thank you in advance.

Saturday 19th May : A Right Royal Spring Fling—last few tickets remaining. For tickets, please contact tackleyspringfling@gmail.com

The recent Bags2School collection earned us a marvellous £68.00. Thank you again for your generous support.

Finally, our Library Grant Application has been submitted. Thank you to those involved in the process. We will let you know if we have been successful in due course.

Future School Events : 2017-2018	
Tuesday 27th March	3.15pm Y1 Phonics Check Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday 28th March	3.15pm Y2 SATS Parent Information Meeting
Thursday 29th March	3.00pm End of Spring Term 2
Monday 16th April	8.45am Start of Summer Term 1
Tuesday 17th April	First Year 2 swim
Monday 23rd April	Reception & Year 6 group photo and whole school B&W photos
Wednesday 25th April	Medcroft visit to the Museum of Natural History
Monday 30th April	5.30pm Internet Safety Parents Information Evening
Tuesday 1st May	Harborne trip to Kidlington Library
Thursday 3rd May	Rousham Class lunch
Wednesday 9th May	Nethercote visit to the Oxford Museum of the History of Science

Future School Events : 2017-2018	
Thursday 10th May	Y3/4 Tennis Event
w/c 14th May	Year 6 SATS week
w/c 21st May	Year 2 SATS week
Tuesday 22nd May	AM Y6 Induction at The Marlborough School Reception Eye Test by the School Nurse Team
Thursday 24th May	PM May Day Dancing
Friday 25th May	PM Reserved May Day Dancing 3.00pm End of Summer Term 1.

St Nicholas Church Events	
Every Sunday	5.30pm Evening Services, all welcome

Tackley Methodist Church Events	
See village notice-boards for dates	Messy Church