



# Tackley C of E Primary School

Newsletter Summer Term Issue 2

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Thursday 3rd May 2018

We had a really interesting and informative day on Monday learning about how to be safer on the Internet. Each class had a session led by Nick Speller from 123ICT, the staff had a training session at the end of the day and 10 parents attended a workshop to increase their knowledge about how to keep children safe when they are online.

Today your child will be bringing home a handy guide of the 'rules' that were discussed on Monday during their session with Nick Speller. One of the key messages that came out from the parents workshop was to open a dialogue with your children about what they are doing on their Ipad/Ipod or tablet. If you do nothing else today ask them about the game they are playing, the website they are looking at or the video they are watching on YouTube. Our children need to know if something does not feel right or is not going right for them when they are watching videos or playing games that they have a trusted adult they can share that with. Use the 'rules' we are sending home today to ask them about what they learnt on Monday.

Educating children about how to stay safe online is a partnership between home and school, and we appreciate the importance of the role parents play in this.

Mrs Murrey

## Well done to .....

Learning Power Certificates		Stars of the Week	
Edith T	Alex J	James B	Joshua R
Bella S	Louann B	Stan L	Ruby R
Will R	Daisy D	Lily B	Chloe C
Abigail O	Matilda H	Noah H	Harry S

## Online Game Playing

During the discussions across the class one of the common themes was online game playing ,and in particular Fortnite which is very popular at the moment amongst all of our children. A website called Common Sense Media [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org) was recommended for parents to look at for age guidance on the different apps and games that your children may be choosing.

For any parents who are interested in finding out more about online safety the Think U Know website <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> was also recommended.

## Social Media

Please can I remind parents about the use of social media to discuss issues related to school. I urge all parents if they have any concerns about anything that has happened in school to come and speak to their child's class teacher or myself.

## Focus on Rousham Class

Rousham class have got off to a fabulous start this term! We are all very much looking forward to continuing to develop our skills in maths and writing this term and learning about India - our new topic. We have already looked at how India and Great Britain compare to each other and are beginning to look deeper into how these two great nations are similar and different. Anyone who has first-hand experience of India and possibly artefacts or photographs to share please do let me know.

In P.E we are hoping to spend as much time outside developing our throwing, catching and fielding skills. As the warmer weather approaches we hope also to build upon our stamina in running and athletic activities. Our Art this term will be imbedded in our topic - we have already designed amazing mandalas.

The children have really looked forward to our parent lunch and also our revisit to Yenworthy. What a stunning term this promises to be!

Our value this term is: HUMILITY—'Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

### Wildlife Scrapbook Challenge

Last week, Harborne and Nethercote classes enjoyed an afternoon with the Wildlife Trust who came to teach us about the wildlife we have on our school site and how we could encourage even more wildlife.

Nethercote class looked for signs of birds, created seed pods from mud and newspaper, made bird feeders and created herb smoothies. Harborne class also created their own bird feeders, using lard and bird seed, planted wildflower seeds in paper pots and used clay to create little models of wildlife.

It was a lovely experience for the children and a chance to appreciate our environment and school site. Harborne class came away with lots of ideas on how to encourage even more wildlife onto our school premises and gardens at home.

### Medcroft Class visit to the Museum of Natural History

Medcroft class had an amazing time at the dinosaur museum on Wednesday 25th April. We got to learn about how fossils were formed and discovered that the very first dinosaur fossil was found at Stonesfield, not far from Tackley! We enjoyed becoming scientists and investigating fossils, asking scientific questions and then trying to answer them. We also learned some amazing dinosaur facts and got to hold fossilised dinosaur bones, teeth, eggs and even fossilised dinosaur poo!

Medcroft then went on to have fun exploring the exhibits in the museum including the incredible T-Rex skeleton.

### PTA

We had a productive PTA meeting last Tuesday evening. Thanks to all who came and supported.

Thanks too to all who showed up and helped at the, bitterly cold, Horse Show on Sunday. In addition to volunteers replacing the jumps, a small collection of early years parents ran a cake stall, independently, and raised a fantastic £256.00. Thank you.

Plans are now underway for the following events:

**A Right Royal Spring Fling - Saturday 19th May**—final preparations underway - any volunteers to help with serving duties on the night would be greatly appreciated.

**Maypole Dancing after-school cake sale - Thursday 24th May** (reserve 25th)

**Bags2School collection - Thursday 14th June**

**Sports Day 'refreshing treats!' for the children - Monday 2nd July** (reserve 4th)

**The Church & School Fete - Saturday 7th July**—we will need volunteers to help run this event, so please save the date.

**KS2 Performance 'Sausage sizzle' - Thursday 12th July**—join us for a hot dog and beer/softie from 5pm onwards

**Family BBQ and Disco, in conjunction with the Pop-up Pub—Friday 20th July**— An end of year celebration for all the pupils, families and friends of the school and an opportunity to wish our Y6 children good luck as they move on.

Finally, a belated **HUGE** thanks to the wonderful Easter bunny, also known as 'OMK Design Consultancy' who funded a fabulous chocolate Easter egg hunt for the children on the last day of the Spring term. The children were delighted!!

Future School Events : 2017-2018	
Wednesday 9th May	Nethercote visit to the Oxford Museum of the History of Science
w/c 14th May	Year 6 SATs week
15th May	Years 1 & 2 Experience Pentecost at St Nicholas Church
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 First Cycle Proficiency—Rousham letter
Thursday 24th May	PM May Day Dancing and Cake Sale
Friday 25th May	PM Reserved May Day Dancing 3.00pm End of Summer Term 1
Monday 4th June	INSET Day—school closed.
Tuesday 5th June	8:45 Start of Summer Term 2 First Rousham swim 2.30pm Year 6 Puberty Talk parents pre-meeting
Wednesday 6th June	Y3/4 and Y5/6 Quad Kids event
Thursday 7th June	Y6 Puberty Talk by the School Nurse Team

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

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

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