



# Tackley C of E Primary School Newsletter 2018/2019

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Thursday 18th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had an action packed couple of weeks here at school. The children have really enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities that have used a wide range of learning skills. Last week we were visited by Roots to Food, our KS2 children took part in a live cookery demonstration focussing on preparing healthy balanced meals, and our Reception and KS1 children took part in a healthy food workshop. We are grateful to the School Lunch Company for supporting this event, and helping us raise awareness of healthy bodies and healthy minds.

Well done to all of the children who took part in our whole school Cross Country competition last Wednesday. The winning house was Spinney, and it was great to see all of the children, regardless of their athletic ability, taking part and demonstrating our Learning Power of push yourself. All of the children should be proud of themselves.

Mrs Murrey

## Well done to

Learning Power Certificates	
Kaitlyn H Nancy V	Daisy E Dexter G-B



Stars of the Week	
Finn O'S Poppy W Millie O'S Francis B	Evie C Evie M Abbie J

## Consultation on the Proposed Change in Age Range at School

Our consultation on the proposed changes to our age range has now closed. We had 22 responses all of which were really constructive and helpful. The consultation answers and comments have now been summarised and passed to the Oxfordshire Diocesan Schools Trust our MAT and they will submit the application to the Department for Education on our behalf. I should have an update on the progress of the application by November, and will keep parents updated via the newsletter. We are still hopeful for a January start for our three year olds.

## Focus on Harborne Class

Harborne Class have been learning about physical and human geographical features, how to categorise them and learning to identify a few. We have even used Google Search Earth to visit a few!

## Problem Solving in Maths

While the sun was still shining and many members of Harborne class were off playing football, the remaining Harborne children and Rousham class ceased the opportunity to conduct some mathematical investigations in the great outdoors. Rousham class thoroughly enjoyed sharing their latest Maths game with Harborne. Much mathematical discussion and strategic thinking took place – with just a little bit of climbing thrown in for good measure. Super work children. Miss Hill

## ODST Northern Hub Collective Act of Remembrance for World War One—Friday 9th November 2018

We have been invited to commemorate the 100 years since the ending of the 1st World War by taking part in a collective act of remembrance with other schools within the Northern Hub of Oxfordshire Diocesan Schools Trust. On Friday 9th November the whole school will be joining Deddington, St Mary's in Banbury, Dr Radcliffe's and Islip primary school at St Mary's Church in Banbury. We are taking a whole school piece of art which all of the children will contribute to and will remain in the Church over the weekend to be part of the civic act of remembrance. We will be taking part in other work in school to explain the significance of the event for our children.



## 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.

## Non Uniform Day—Friday 2nd November

On Friday 2nd November children (and staff!) will be able to wear non-uniform for the day in exchange for donating an item for our PTA Jacket Potato Night. Children in Medcroft will need to bring a tin of tomatoes, children in Nethercote will need to bring a tin of beans, children in Harborne will need to bring a tin of tuna or kidney beans in chilli sauce and children in Rousham will need to bring butter or cheese.

## Birthday books

Parents at last week's celebration assembly will have heard me promoting our Books for Birthdays initiative. We are asking parents, if they would like to, to donate a book when it is their child's birthday to the school library. Our aim this year is to build a well stocked, good quality library where children can borrow books to take and read at home. We have created an Amazon wish list with some suggested books. Books on our wish list can be accessed via the following link : <http://amzn.eu/d3FFaW2>

Our value this term is: RESPECT ..."So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you ...." Matthew 7:12

### Hill End whole school trip—Thursday 11th October

The whole school had an amazing trip to Hill End last week. Everyone participated in making fires, toasting marshmallows, team building games, sawing logs, creating necklaces, making dens and mud pies, digging, hunting for minibeasts and more. It was wonderful to see the children working as a team, with the older children behaving very responsibly and supporting the younger children in the school. We were all very proud of all the children who really made the most of their day.

### Year 3/4 Mixed 5 a Side Football Tournament—Wednesday 10th October

Well done to the Year 3 and Year 4 children that participated in the Woodstock Partnersio Schools Football Tournament. You worked brilliantly as a team and shared excellent sportsmanship. You won some games and lost others but never stopped trying, making your school very proud.

### Harborne Class—Residential Trip to Grendon Hall 22nd-24th May 2019

We still have a few forms and deposits to be returned for this residential trip. Please complete these by the end of Friday 19th October so we can finalise numbers with Grendon Hall as required.

### Starting School, Primary and Secondary—September 2019

The closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2018 and for primary school applications is 15th January 2019. 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](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

### PTA

Our PTA AGM took place last Tuesday. It was a positive, well supported and speedy meeting, thank you to all who attended. Huge thanks to Liz Marshall who stood down as Treasurer after 5 years of super work, including 2 years as Joint Chair. We welcome Helen Spencer who has agreed to replace her as Treasurer. Brian Collins and Melissa Dryden will continue as Joint Secretaries and Hannah Hilton will continue as Chair. Full details of the minutes and reports are attached.



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### Upcoming events:

**Friday 2nd November:** Non-uniform day!

**Tuesday 6th November:** Deadline of orders from the Northbrook catalogue which went home this week. Lots of goodies available for Christmas presents with beautiful wrapping paper and cards/tags. Northbrook pay us commission for orders placed with them.

**Tuesday 13th November:** Bags2School collection. Bags have gone home this week so please load them up over half-term! No school uniform please.

**Friday 16th November:** Jacket Potato night! Order forms available in the village newsletter, from school and in the shop. Email templates also available. Don't forget there will be scrumptious desserts available too!



Finally, your children have been busy designing Christmas templates this week! Their super designs will be available for transferring onto cards and gifts available to order in November. Precise date to follow.

### The School Lunch Company—Cleaners required

The School Lunch Company is seeking to recruit two cleaners for Tackley Primary School.

Monday – Friday, times can be flexible, mornings, afternoons or evenings. some holiday cleans

Enthusiasm essential, training will be provided.

Subject to an enhanced DBS.

For more details, please contact: **Les Redhead 07825344437**



Future School Events : 2018-2019	
Friday 19th October	3.00 End of Autumn Term 1
Monday 29th October	INSET Day—School closed
Tuesday 30th October	8:45am Start of Autumn Term 2 Harborne class swim
Friday 2nd November	Non-School Uniform Day
Friday 9th November	Act of Remembrance for World War 1—St Mary's Church, Banbury
Monday 12th November	3.15-6.00 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 13th November	4.00-7.00 Parent Consultations
Friday 16th November	PTA Jacket Potato Night

Future School Events : 2018-2019	
Wednesday 21st November— Monday 26th November	3.00 Book Fair
Thursday 22nd November	Harborne Class Parent Lunch
Friday 23rd November	Eye Tests for Reception children
Friday 7th December	Reception—Year 5 : Nasal Flu Vaccinations

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

Tackley Methodist Church Events	
See village noticeboards for dates	Messy Church