



Tackley C of E Primary School Newsletter 2018/2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

Creativity, problem solving and independence are some of our favourite words as teachers. When we plan our wider curriculum learning we are always building in opportunities to build children's independence with the aim of children beginning to take responsibility for their own learning. In PSHE lessons in Rousham class we have discussed how our brain grows when we work outside of our 'comfort zone' and how it is good to be a learner and not just stick to what is safe and known.

With this in mind we have started to work with a Genius Hour on a Friday. Genius Hour is an opportunity for children to work on a project completely of their own choosing, something which captures their interest. The only guidelines are that there has to be an end product to what they are doing. The teacher's role is in supporting and developing the children's ideas and through structure allowing the children to develop their creativity, problem solving and independent learning skills.

We have been delighted with the enthusiasm and passion the children have already shown for Genius Hour, and can not wait to see what they produce. Please ask your children about their projects and encourage them to build on these skills at home.

Mrs Murrey

Well done to

Learning Power Certificates	
Phoebe T	Louie T
Arthur D	Max D
Reggie C-B	Fergus P
Alex M	Pandora C



Stars of the Week	
Joshua R	Alfie I
	Grace B

Staffing Update

I am delighted to welcome back Miss Holliday to our teaching team from January 2018. Miss Holliday will be teaching Harborne class as Mrs Skinner's replacement. I know Miss Holliday is really looking forward to re-joining the team at Tackley, and has already started planning some fantastic learning opportunities for Harborne class in January.

Parent Governor

Welcome to Dr Neil Blackledge who has been elected to the Governing Body as a parent governor. He brings with him a wealth of experience which will be of great benefit to the school. Part of his role as a parent governor is to work with the Governors to evaluate our School Development Plan and make visits to the school to update the Governing Body on how we are progressing with the targets set for pupil's attainment. We look forward to welcoming him to Tackley, and showing him how hard the school community are working.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are next week, on Monday and Tuesday. Parents consultations are a great opportunity to learn about how your child is progressing in school and how you can support your child with the next steps of their learning. If you have not already made an appointment please return your slip to your child's class teacher. If your child is in Medcroft class, Miss Malone will meet with you three times a year when your child is focus child.

Focus on Rousham Class

Rousham class have enjoyed learning about space. We have been using the chromebooks to research and record facts on a Word document or a Powerpoint presentation. In Maths we have been perfecting our arithmetic skills and playing games related to adding, subtracting, multiplication or division. We've been learning about World War One in English to mark the 100 years since the guns stopped. Our focus on World War One is the roles the women did, how they took over some of the jobs usually done by the men. Our science fiction stories are now written up and finished and will be displayed in the classroom. By Daisy D.

Collection Arrangements

Please can parents ensure they inform us if collection arrangements change at the end of the day. Parents can email into the school office, ring or let the teacher know at the gate in the morning.

Provision for Breakfast Club

We are exploring the feasibility of offering Breakfast Club provision before school for our children. Please could you fill out the questionnaire at this link. Please could all responses be received by Friday 23rd November. <https://goo.gl/forms/evfgx1s7QijIiZTv1>

Our value this term is: Humility—Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Children In Need—Friday 16th November 2018



This year the School Council have voted for the following activities :-

- Non School Uniform Day in exchange for a £1 donation
- Covering Pudsey with copper coins—children to bring in 1p and 2p coins, let's see if we can cover Pudsey by the end of the day
- Fashion Show - children to bring in one or two old pieces of clothing; during the day they will be able to use resources in school to transform these into their own fashion creations which they will present at a Fashion Show towards the end of the day.

Book Fair—Wednesday 21st November to Monday 26th November

Our Book Fair will open between 3.00pm and 3.20pm. This is a great opportunity for your child to look at new reading material published. The children will have the opportunity to have a look at the books on the Wednesday afternoon. Parents may like to visit the Book Fair for possible Christmas purchases; we will open it from 2.15pm on Friday 23rd November before our parents' assembly. If we achieve £300 sales or above we will be able to receive the same value back in books for home reading and to boost our school library.

Starting School, Primary and Secondary—September 2019

The closing date for secondary school applications has now passed, the date 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.

PTA

Tuesday 13th November: Bags2School collection. Adults' and childrens' clothing (except school uniform) paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and toys can all be sent in. Please have a look over the weekend and bring what you can to the courtyard area by the school office on the morning Tuesday 13th November.



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Friday 16th November: Jacket Potato night! Children are bringing order forms home today—they can be returned to school or the village shop by Thursday 15th November.

Your child's artwork is LIVE—for personalised gifts please have a look at their Christmas design at www.art-bank.co.uk. If you need re-confirmation of your child/ren's codes please speak to the school office.

Books on our wish list for our library can be accessed via the following link : <http://amzn.eu/d3FFaW2>

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 07825 344437**

Future School Events : 2018-2019	
Friday 9th November	Act of Remembrance for World War One—St Mary's Church, Banbury
Monday 12th November	3.15-6.00 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 13th November	8.45 Bag2School Collection 4.00-7.00 Parent Consultations
Friday 16th November	PTA Jacket Potato Night
Tuesday 20th November	Cycle Proficiency Test
Wednesday 21st November to Monday 26th November	3.00 Book Fair
Thursday 22nd November	Harborne Class Parent Lunch
Friday 23rd November	Eye Tests for Reception children
Friday 30th November	6.30 Oxford Big Christmas Sing (Oxford Town Hall)
Tuesday 4th December	1:00 Medcroft parents Open Afternoon

Future School Events : 2018-2019	
Thursday 6th December	3.30 Tackley Praise—Christingle (St Nicholas Church)
Friday 7th December	Reception—Year 5 : Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 11th December	2.00 EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 12th December	1.45 KS1 Nativity
Thursday 13th December	2.00 and 6.00 KS2 Christmas Celebration
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20th December	Dick Wittington Pantomime
Friday 21st December	3.00 End of Autumn Term 2

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

Tackley Methodist Church Events	
See village noticeboards for dates	Messy Church

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