



Tackley C of E Primary School Newsletter 2018/2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

The children in our school have shown over the last few weeks what thoughtful, articulate and reflective pupils they can be. We have had lots of opportunities for the children to give their feedback about the designs for the new library, and they did this with real thought about what they wanted to use the library for, and the benefits it would bring to them. We are excited to follow the progress of the PTA with this project and please look out for more updates soon in the newsletter.

Our children in Harborne and Rousham have also been using Google Forms to give their responses to a survey that Miss Hill and I have produced about the marking and feedback that the teachers do. Again they made some really reflective comments about the type of feedback that teachers give that help them to move forward with their learning. The children identified that time spent with the teacher going through their mistakes in small groups, was one of the most useful types of feedback they could have that would help them with their learning. The results of the children's feedback along with our staff meeting this week has helped us re-shape our marking and feedback policy.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mrs Murrey

Stars of the Week	
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Staffing news

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Niner is expecting her third baby. We will be advertising for a teacher to cover Mrs Niner's maternity leave soon.

Term dates for 2019/2020

Attached to this newsletter are term dates for 2019/2020, they are also available on the website. The Woodstock Partnership of Headteachers have met and discussed the dates and we have tried to keep some commonality between the schools. The 3rd July may seem like an unusual date for an INSET day, this is part of a national initiative called [National Teacher Learning Day](#), and is an opportunity for school to take part in affordable professional development opportunities across the county and nationally.

Nursery



We are very excited to open our Nursery on Monday, our three year olds who are joining us have been for settling in visits and have made a great start to their school life at Tackley. We still have places available so if you know of any children turning 3, please ask them to contact the School Office to arrange a visit.

Focus on Medcroft Class

Medcroft have had a fantastic start to the new year. We have focused on the story The Noisy House in literacy and have had great fun adapting the story and adding our own noises! We have looked at houses around the world and designed our own Noisy House from the story. The children have been working hard at counting on and back in maths and have focused on practical addition, including doubles. Our addition focus had included making some fabulous "addition machines" and we have also looked at how to record addition in a number sentence.

The children have initiated lots of their own learning, particularly in relation to our colder weather. They have investigated how to melt ice, drawn patterns and pictures in the frost and snow, talked about the changes which they have observed in the snow and frost and worried about the birds getting enough food!

The children's behaviour and focus on learning has been fantastic and they have already earned two whole class rewards because of this. We are very proud of everyone and are very excited about welcoming our new Nursery children to Medcroft Class next week.

Mega Maths day

This term we are looking forward to a morning of Maths puzzles and problem solving that the children will be helping to devise and share with each other. Keep an eye on the website for more details.

Our value this term is: **RESPONSIBILITY** "He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labour." 1 Corinthians 3:8

Extreme Weather Conditions Warning



May we remind you of the arrangements in the event of severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances when it may be necessary for the school to close at short notice. In these situations, the school puts into operation an Emergency Closure Procedure. We will do our utmost to keep the school open wherever possible. Should we be in the position of not having sufficient staff to open the school for the safety of children, we will put a 'closure notice' on the school website (www.tackley.oxon.sch.uk), Twitter and contact local radio stations.

It will also appear on the Oxfordshire County Council website—<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/school-closures>.

Young Art Oxford—'Home'

Children took the Young Art Oxford letter home early this week, we are looking forward to seeing all their entries. Please bring these to school, with the £2 entry fee, by Friday 15th February.



PTA

Our termly PTA meeting was on Tuesday and, after consultation with the teachers and children, we presented our **FINAL LIBRARY DESIGNS** to the group. Final tweaks are underway and we hope to pin up the successful design on the school notice board in the next two weeks for all to see. The school have requested and the PTA have agreed to making an annual contribution of up to £500 towards books.

2019 SAVE THE DATES

Race Night - 9th March 2019: Join us for a night of fun and PIG RACING! Contact Alex at fieldbarnfarm@aol.com for details and tickets.

The Horse Show - Sunday 28th April 2019: Volunteers required for short stints during the day to replace the jumps. In return, the school will (hopefully) receive a generous donation.

Cake Sale at 'Open Gardens' - 26th May 2019: Cakes and volunteers required.

The Summer Fete - 6th July 2019: We're hoping to provide more rides and a climbing wall this year, as well as the usual Jousting, Zorbing balls and other attractions. We are looking for display teams for the arena so if you have a child involved with a club who would be interested in promoting their business, please let us know.

Family Disco and BBQ - 19th July 2019: Join us for a relaxed family evening with burgers, booze and boogying!

Oktoberfest - Saturday 12th October 2019: Join us for a night of fun at Tackley's own Bierkeller with Oompah band.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Macmillan Coffee Morning. 8th February 9am to 12noon.

We are hosting a coffee morning and nearly new sale on Friday 8th February at Tackley Village Hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. I am running the London Marathon this year for Macmillan Cancer Support and we are holding this coffee morning to raise funds towards my sponsorship total.

Everyone is welcome, children very welcome, there will be toys for them to play with. Doors open at 8.45 for those on the school run!

Thank you for your support. Helen Laughton

Future School Events : 2018-2019	
Friday 25th January	Harborne to The Sheldonian Theatre
Thursday 31st January	Y6 Junior Citizens
Thursday 7th February	3.30 Tackley Praise—St Francis (Animal Blessing) at St Nicholas Church
Thursday 14th February	Y5/6 SportsHall Athletics at The Marlborough School
Friday 15th February	3.00 End of Spring Term 1
Monday 25th February	8.45 Start of Spring Term 2
Friday 1st March	Y1 Dance Event at The Marlborough School
Wednesday 6th March	Reception & Y6 Weighing and Measuring Programme
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day

Future School Events : 2018-2019	
11th-12th March	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 14th March	3.30 Tackley Praise—Patron Saints at St Nicholas Church
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20th March	Y5/6 Tag Rugby
Wednesday 27th March	3.15 Y2 SATS Information for Parents Meeting
Thursday 28th March	1.45 Easter Service at St Nicholas Church
Friday 5th April	3.00 End of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 23rd April	8.45 Start of Summer Term 1

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

Tackley Methodist Church Events	
See village noticeboards for dates	Messy Church