



Tackley C of E Primary School Newsletter 2018/2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much to all those families that attended our May Day on Friday, it was a lovely afternoon and we were so lucky with the weather. I am always bowled over with the speed with which the children learn the new dances, and we were very proud of our school community.

Just a gentle reminder about school uniform. All children should be in school trousers—not tracksuit bottoms, and a blue school sweatshirt. We ask that children do not wear hooded tops. Taking pride in our school uniform is an important part of belonging to the community of our school, and I hope you will encourage your children to value this in the same way we do as staff.

It will be heads down and a focus on hard work for our Year 6s next week as they complete their Key Stage 2 assessments, we wish them lots of luck and know that they will make us very proud.

Mrs Murrey

Congratulations to

Stars of the Week	
Grace H Lucy B	Jonathan B



Learning Power Certificates	
Billy S Maisie B	Lila B-H Alex M

Staffing for September 2019

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Barnett has been appointed as our full time Year 5/6 class teacher from September.

Ask the Headteacher

This will be a regular newsletter feature. You can send a question to the office via email or put it in the box in Reception, you do not need to put your name on it and it is an opportunity to ask a question about whole school policies, procedures or how things work at Tackley Primary School. Our first question is something parents often ask **“How can I find out more about what my children are learning about this term?”**

At the end of the first week of a new term (Autumn, Spring, Summer) the website class pages for Nethercote, Harborne and Rousham are updated. We keep the updates for the whole year on there so parents can go back and check what day homework is due in, when spellings are tested or what the topic is for each term. At the bottom of each class page there is also a topic web for each term. The topic web tells you the topic being taught and more specifically what is being covered in each area of the curriculum.

This term the staff are reviewing our curriculum and we will invite parents to be part of this.

Focus on Harborne Class

Harborne have jumped into their topic of the Ancient Greeks with both feet! In English, we have been exploring myths and legends and enjoying describing mythical beasts such as Medusa and the Minotaur. Ancient Greek pots are being created with clay during art with Miss Bracewell and we are learning about the rivalry between Athens and Sparta. In Maths, statistics has been our focus for the last few weeks and we have designed our own investigations. Lila asked 'what is the most common number of siblings the children in our school have?'. We will be collecting data from around the school and presenting it in different charts and graphs. In Science, forces and magnets is our topic and we have been investigating friction and the strength of magnetic forces. This ties in nicely with Maths and we have created graphs to show our results. We have lots of exciting up-coming events in Harborne such as 'The Festival of Voices' which we are practising for and our residential to Kingswood at the end of the half term. We can't wait!

Outdoor Area

We have lots of sowing and growing going on in school at the moment. Thank you to Nicholsons for their donation of compost, soil improver, manure and bark chips. There are a few places remaining for their Little Bugs gardening event on Saturday 25th May. Call into Nicholsons for more information or to book a place.

Medcroft Class will be having a tomato plant sale after school on Friday 17th May raising money for grow bags for our own tomato crop so come in and get prepared for some delicious homegrown tomatoes through the summer. Any donations of compost pots or plants would be gratefully accepted. Mrs Roberts.

May Day Celebration—Friday 3rd May

Friday 3rd May was our annual May Day event. Every class took part in various dances and everyone enjoyed themselves especially Year 6 with the Sword Dance. May Day was a great success and all the children danced their heart out. There were magnificent maypole dances and stunning stick dances. A big thank you to Becky and Mrs Harris. May Queen Fearne W and May King Harry S



Our value this term is: **Honesty** “Do to others as you would have them do to you” Luke 6:31

Harborne Class—Kingswood Residential Trip : 22nd —24th May 2019

Two weeks today Harborne class will be on their full day of exciting adventure at Kingswood in Staffordshire. Next week we will send Administering Prescribed Medication and Administering Non-Prescribed Medication forms for parents to complete and return by **Monday 20th May** so that we can complete our paperwork preparation. On the morning of Wednesday 22nd May children can bring their luggage straight to the hall before morning drop off where parents can handover any packaged medication to Mrs Roberts. Keep a look out on Twitter and our website during the duration of the trip for updates on their arrival, the activities that are taking place and any changes to the expected time of arrival back at school on Friday 24th May—due to be by 3.00pm.

Cycle Proficiency—Rousham Class

Confirmation slips have gone home today with children who have requested a place on this course which starts on Tuesday 21st May. There are a few spare places available, if you would like your child to take part please complete the form (which is available via the website or the school office) and return it to the school office by Thursday 16th May.

KS2 Cricket After School Club

We are very excited that that the ‘Chance to Shine Schools’ charity approached us again this year about running an after school club after half term. If your child/ren would like to take part please complete the form and return it to school by morning drop off on Tuesday 21st May.

School Menu Changes

16th May is School Census Day. We will be funded for our infant school meals based on the take up of school dinners for our Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2 on this day. Please support us by encouraging your child to choose a school dinner on 16th May.

- **Thursday 16th May**—oven baked fish fingers or crispy quorn dippers both with chips or pasta, peas and sweetcorn; dessert is iced fruit smoothie with fresh fruit.
- **Friday 17th May**—sausages with mashed potatoes and gravy or vegetarian lasagne both with peas and sweetcorn; dessert is peach peasants pudding with cream.
- **Tuesday 25th June**—Wild West Day—look out for the posters around school for the American themed menu for the day.

PTA

Thanks to everyone who donated cakes and then came to the cake sale after the Maypole Dancing last Friday.

The PTA have been given the great opportunity of running a cake and plant stall at Old Whitehill Barn during Open Gardens weekend. We are asking for donations of cakes and plants please! The stall will be running on the afternoon of [Sunday, 26th June](#), so could any donations be dropped to 57 Nethercote Road or Field Cottage, Whitehill the day before or during the morning of 26th. Thank you in advance and to Carrie Southall and Helen Spencer for organising.

Our new library will open very soon. We have lots of new books being delivered and we are currently logging every library book onto our Junior Librarian computer system - the children are very excited about it, especially at the prospect of using the barcode reader! As a **THANK YOU** for the fantastic support we have received from our community during this project, all our community event sponsors, parent donations, Tackley Parish Council and Councillor Ian Hudspeth for their generous donations, as a gesture of thanks and to share our achievement, we will be hosting an official opening/open evening on 17th June from 5-7pm.

Upcoming events:

- 2-5pm 26/05/2019 ‘Open Gardens’,
- 5-7pm 17/06/2019 Library opening,
- 06/07/2019 The Church and School Summer Fete - (all help very much needed and appreciated)
- 5pm onwards 18/07/2019 KS2 Summer Performance BBQ at the village hall
- 19/07/2019 Summer BBQ and Disco

Finally, Hannah Hilton has given notice as Chair of the PTA from the next AGM (October) so we are on the look out for a new Chair. If anyone is interested in the role and would like to know more, please speak to Hannah.

Future School Events : 2018-2019	
w/c 13th May	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 17th May	Y5/6 Swimming Gala at The Marlborough School
w/c 20th May	KS1 Teacher Assessment Week
Tuesday 21st May	Rousham Class swim instead of Year 2 First Cycle Proficiency session
Wed-Fri 22-24th May	Harborne Class Kingswood Residential Trip
Wed 22nd May	AM Year 6 Induction morning at The Marlborough School
Friday 24th May	3.00 End of Summer Term 1
Monday 3rd June	INSET Day—school closed.
Tuesday 4th June	8.45 Start of Summer Term 2 Experience Pentecost—Rousham Class First Art Club of the term.

Future School Events : 2018-2019	
Wednesday 5th June	KS2 Quad Kids at Horspath Athletics Ground
Thursday 6th June	First Cricket After School Club
Friday 7th June	Y5/6 Cricket Event in Charlbury
w/c 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

St Nicholas Church Events	
Every Sunday	5.30pm Evening Services. 9.30am Family Communion on the last Sunday of every month. All welcome to all services.

Tackley Methodist Church Events	
See village noticeboards for dates	Messy Church