



# Tackley C of E Primary School Newsletter 2018/2019

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It is a really busy time of year and I am always impressed with how the children manage the changes to their routines and different events occurring across the school at this time of the year.

In the last two weeks we have had a visit from the Local Authority who have moderated our end of Key Stage One teacher assessments, this was a successful visit and they agreed with all of our judgements. Many thanks to Mrs Niner for all of her hard work preparing for this before she went on maternity leave.

I had a really positive meeting with a group of parents reviewing our Anti-Bullying policy last week. I am really grateful for the parents input, and giving up their time to contribute to this valuable policy. The policy will be revised and updated after I have met with pupil representatives for their input, and I will let you know when the new policy has been approved by the Governing Body and is uploaded to the website.

Mrs Murrey

### Congratulations to

Learning Power Certificates	
Anna H	Kaitlyn H
Sophie H	Evie C
Elinor L	Ruby R
Alfie I	Noah G
Siana N	Abbie J



Stars of the Week	
Maisie B	Alex C

### Ask the Headteacher

**What do Governors do?** Governors have visited school over the last two weeks to review our work in Teaching and Learning, and to take part in a Governance review led by our Multi Academy Trust. These were both valuable visits where we reviewed our internal data, the progress of groups of children and year groups. All of these contributions are reviewed and areas identified to focus on in our School Development Plan next year.

### Communications

For some weeks now all whole school letters, and class letters, have been emailed to parents. They are also available on the website and children bring paper copies home. From September we will continue to email letters and also upload them to the website. We will only send **paper copies** home when return slips are required, e.g. school trips. For trips where a team is selected, e.g. sports events, these will continue to be emailed and paper copies sent home.

### Focus on Harborne Class

This term has been packed with exciting events and learning in Harborne Class. Following a successful residential to Kingswood we all had a wonderful time at the Festival of Voices singing our hearts out. During our 'Creative Day' the children worked hard to produce some wonderfully imaginative creatures which we have used as inspiration for our music work and subsequent non-fiction texts. We have recently started a unit on newspaper articles and the children are busy interviewing Goldilocks and the Bears for a newspaper article based on the famous fairytale. During our Maths work, we have focussed on shape and measures. We created our own 3D shapes from nets, have been investigating mass and capacity and are now going to work on problem solving activities. The children have been enjoying our science focus this week and my challenge to them will be to create a 'burglar alarm' by making a circuit that can be completed when a box is opened!

### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who visited, browsed, and bought books at our Book Fair. From the £182 total from sold books we were able to buy non-fiction books and picture books for our library to the value of £32.80.

### Early Years Sports Day

What a lovely morning for our first Early Years Sports Day last week. Medcroft Class were super excited about it all week. We had lots of fun activities including running, beanbags on rackets, doctors dressing up and an obstacle course which included trying to jump over hurdles! Thank you to all the parents, friends and relatives that came to watch and joined us for a well deserved picnic lunch in the sunshine.



### Sports Day

Another perfect day for our whole school Sports Day on Monday. The weather was ideal, not too hot and not too cold. All the children enjoyed cheering for their team and encouraging them to do their best in the field and track events. Congratulations to Spinney Team who won what was a very close competition. There was a real buzz in the classrooms at the end of the day. Look out for the photos on the website.



Thank you to Mrs Marshall and Mrs Roberts for letting us use their gazebos, the PTA and Mrs Mead for the much needed ice lollies after the last race. Thank you too to Club Energy for organising the event and to all parents, carers, family and friends who came and supported the children.

**Our value this term is: Thankfulness "Give thanks with a grateful heart" Thessalonians 5:18**

### Dorchester Abbey—Festival of Voices

We've received confirmation that over the 6 performances of Festival of Voices, £2,511.65 was raised for the Save the Children charity, £223.09 of which was from the Wednesday afternoon performance that Harborne Class took part in. They are very grateful to everyone for making the events possible.

Save the Children works for children both in this country and abroad, currently helping children in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe after the tropical cyclone tore their countries apart. They are also continuing to help the children still court up with troubles in Syria. Save the Children is helping parent's improve their learning, so that they can help their children's learning and development. All the money raised at Dorchester Abbey helps to ensure this work can continue.

### Medcroft Class to The Oxford Museum of Natural History

Medcroft Class had a fantastic day out at the Museum of Natural History in Oxford. On Tuesday We followed a trail of dinosaur footprints and saw some amazing skeletons. Some of our favourite skeletons included the T-Rex, the tuna fish and the crocodile. We learned some very interesting facts during our fossil workshop, including how fossils are created and how you can work out the size of a dinosaur by his footprints. Everyone was tired and happy at the end of the day!



What the children said... "I liked looking at the crystals." "I liked the spider crab and I thought it was the biggest crab in the world!" "I liked the fossils that the man showed us."

### Seeds for School

A big thank you to Mrs Roberts for all her hard work looking after the raised flower beds in school and all the vegetable and flower plants, especially the extra watering that's necessary in the hot weather we've been having lately. We entered some of the small plants into a 'Seeds for School' competition at Yarnton Garden Centre last weekend which raised lots of positive comments about our displays—they especially liked the use of the wellies! We have received a £10 voucher to spend at the garden centre which we will in the Autumn term.



### Crisp packet recycling

As a school we are trying to reduce our plastic waste. We are taking part in the Walkers re-cycling scheme, collecting and re-cycling crisps packets at school. Any brand of crisp packet can be collected but popcorn bags, crisp tubes, pretzel bags and meat snack bags are **NOT** accepted. A box for the empty packets will be in the hall at lunchtimes for children to 'post' them in to.

### PTA

It's our **SUMMER FETE** this Saturday 6th July, from 1:30-3:30pm. There will be lots of activities for everyone to enjoy, including a climbing wall, archery, throwing angels, zorbing balls, jousting, fairground rides, artisan stalls, beauty parlour, BBQ, Pimm's bar, refreshments... plus all the usual stalls... toys, books, plants etc.. We also hope a Fire Engine will pay us a visit and there will be a First Aid and Guide Dogs tent.

The Arena will open with a display from Stage Coach, followed by Maypole Dancing and a Dog Show, so please remember to bring your children to dance and dogs to pose!! The village shop are busy stocking up to provide ice creams and have kindly offered a donation from their ice cream sales during the Fete.

Please return your filled Jam Jars for the Jam Jar Tombola, your raffle tickets (sold AND unsold) and payments to the school office by Friday 5th July at the latest. Thank you for those we have already received. Please help us with the cake stall by bringing cake donations to the village hall on the morning of the Fete.

Finally, your help with setting up/clearing away is invaluable. If you can spare an hour or two to help, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Future School Events : 2018-2019		Future School Events : 2018-2019	
Thursday 4th July	3:00-4:00 Parents meeting with Music for Schools (if interested in music lessons)	Wednesday 17th July	1:45 End of Year Service at St Nicholas Church
Saturday 6th July	1:30 Village Fete	Thursday 18th July	8:45 Bags2School Collection 1:30 and 6:00 Summer Performances 'Cinderella' 5:00 Sausage Sizzle
Monday 8th July	Year 6 Leavers Trip	Friday 19th July	Moving Up Day—NO Parent Assembly
Tuesday 9th July	Medcroft Class—Forest School and Teddy Bear's Picnic	Monday 22nd July	9:30 Leavers Assembly (hall) Year 6 Leavers Lunch—details to follow
Wednesday 10th July	1:00-5:00 Nursery Parents Consultations	Tuesday 23rd July	Last Rousham Class swim 3:00 End of School Year
Thursday 11th July	Year 6 Transition Day at The Heyford Park Free School	Wednesday 24th July	INSET Day—school closed.
Friday 12th July	Reports to Parents		
Monday 15th July	Ricky's Dance Day—2.15pm assembly		
Tuesday 16th July	Cycle Proficiency Test		