



Tackley C of E Primary School

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Thursday 4th October 2019

The children have been working hard in school thinking about being thankful as we celebrate Harvest this week. Medcroft class and Nethercote class have shared their learning, and thanks as part of the service at St Nicholas Church this afternoon, thank you to the staff who have worked with the children to do this.

Hopefully you will all have seen my update this week regarding wrap around care at our school. Please do fill out the questionnaire about after school club, all of your answers and comments will help the Governors and I with our decision making process when we meet outside providers.

Library book wish list : <http://amzn.eu/h85tdTS> .

Mrs Murrey

Congratulations to

Learning Power Certificates	
Percy H-L	Livvy B
Alex J	Max D
Ben M	Alfie I
Stan L	Molly H
Alfie J	



Stars of the Week—CHECK	
Arlo T	Louie T
Harry J	Max D
Molly H	Emily B

Ask Mrs Barnett our Maths Leader

This will be a regular feature in the school newsletter, I'll do my best to answer any questions you may have! Questions may be about curriculum content, how we teach specific areas of maths, expectations or how to help your child at home. Please email the school office with your question or put it in the box in Reception.

Our first question comes from one of the children in Rousham class who this week asked me why we need to learn times tables. I'm 'borrowing' my answer from Charlie Stripp, director of the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM). He says that knowing your times tables is important to mathematical learning and understanding, and that learning tables can be fun for children. He talks of how knowing their tables help children develop learning because cognitive space is then freed up to learn new mathematical ideas and apply mathematics to solve problems. Basically it makes life much easier not having to think about times tables when you are facing some of the much more challenging mathematical problems we come across.

Times Table Learning Tip

There are many approaches to learning tables and they all have their merit - here's a learning tip you may want to try out.

Have you ever noticed how it's easier to remember someone's first name when you hear their full name?

In a similar way, learning multiplication tables becomes easier when you make the connection to division. Most times table facts are actually closely connected to three other facts - two division facts and one multiplication.

So, for instance, learning that **2, 5** and **10** are connected actually means you've just learned:

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

$$10 \div 2 = 5$$

$$10 \div 5 = 2$$

When a learner makes this connection, they'll end up mastering their times tables **AND** division in one go.

Times Table Rockstars

The TT Rockstars App has been updated and children are now regularly assessed in 'Gig' mode and automatically assigned the correct level of challenge for them (teachers no longer do this). If you are using a browser to play then you shouldn't have to do anything but if you are using the app then it will need updating to the most recent version.

Our value this term is: **Respect**

"Do for others just what you want them to do for you." (Luke 6:31)

Coats

As the weather has turned colder, can parents please ensure children wear a coat to school.

Focus on Medcroft Class

Medcroft class have all settled in and have been working hard during our first weeks of the school year. One child brought in a pirate map and from that we have built pirate ships, made flags and eye patches, drawn our own treasure maps and used them to hunt treasure and have sailed across the seas using our imagination!

Reception have made a great start with our phonics programme and have been looking in depth at counting to and recognising numerals to 5 and then 10.

Nursery have been working hard on their Talk Boost programme and have practiced holding eye contact during communication with each other. All children have responded well to our Story Telling programme and we have enjoyed writing our own stories and acting them out together.

Blenheim Trip

It was a quick journey to Blenheim Palace. We did three activities. The first was bug hunting, this included: making bug hotels, finding bugs and a bug quiz. Next we did 'Make A Landscape', we had five main ingredients (sand, water, flour, mud and leaves) but we were allowed to collect other things that we could find like grass and twigs. We had to make a landscape and describe it to the rest of the group, it was fun! Last but not least we had rocket building. We had to make a rocket out of tape, a pipe, a plastic nose tip and paper. We could decorate our rockets then had a competition to see whose would travel the furthest. Then it was time to go home on the coach, we were all wet and had had a busy day but still had some energy left for playing when we got back to school. We loved the Blenheim trip!

By Islay L-P and Lucy B



School Council Update from Mrs Barnett and Mrs Murrey

The School Council have met with their classes and made their shopping lists for new indoor wet play games and activities that are being funded by the PTA. School Council learnt this work to work within a budget (!) and also demonstrated their very confident online shopping skills ordering their new games and activities from Amazon.

This year the School Council are also supporting our school involvement in the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal. There will be more details to follow shortly, just to let you know shoeboxes will be collected before half term (24th October) and they will be for distribution to families or the elderly, just in case you want to start shopping this weekend! There is more information at <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2019>

School Lunches

We have had a good response to jacket potatoes and baguettes being added as lunch choices for our school lunches. If you are wanting your child to have a Red or Green hot meal choice please ensure you discuss this with your child/ren.

Menu change : Friday 4th October – Chicken Fajitas or Macaroni Cheese or Jacket Potato or Baguette

Aldi initiative

We have registered for the Aldi 'GET SET - eat for fresh' initiative that you may have seen advertised in the media or in stores. Please send any stickers you have into school where we will place them on the poster.



School Photos

On Thursday 17th October a photographer will be coming into school. If you wish to bring siblings for group photographs, please take your children to the hall as soon as the gate opens at 8:30 for the start of school. Individual photographs of children and siblings will be taken during the morning. Within a few days the children will bring home proofs and information on how to order photographs, please look out for these.

PTA

To ALL PARENTS/CARERS AND TEACHERS, together we form the PTA.

You are invited to join us for our PTA AGM next Tuesday 8th October, 3:15pm at Tackley Primary School. It will be a quick informal meeting reviewing the year and is an opportunity for everyone to find out about our highlights, school funding, finances and the future. As you all know, Hannah Hilton will be stepping down as Chair and without someone (or ideally a couple of people) coming forward to take on the role, the PTA will be forcibly dissolved. All schools rely increasingly on parental support and funding and we need **YOU** to play a part in supporting and enhancing our children's education. For more information on the role, please speak with either Mrs Murrey and/or Hannah Hilton.

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Upcoming events:

Oktoberfest - Saturday 12th October 2019, 7:30pm, Tackley Village Hall.

Join us and Karl's Bavarian band for a night of Oompah fun. Tickets only £10 each, selling fast. (Available Tackley Village Shop or via Roz Hicks 07967 723533)

Bags2School - Children will bring the bags home as soon as we receive them. Collection is Thursday 24th October 2019, bags should be dropped off in front of the school office by 9:00am please.

ArtBank - all children will complete their Christmas design on sheets at school (as well as some children having brought extra sheets home) for you to order personalised cards, candles, tea towels etc. Designs will be available to view and order online after half-term. when flyers with your child's unique code will be sent home. Any designs being completed at home need to be returned to school by the morning of 14th October 2019.

Jacket Potato Night - 22nd November 2019—more details to follow.



Future School Events	
8th October	3:15 PTA AGM
9th October	YR,Y1,Y2 & Y3 Art Project trip to Blenheim
10th October	Year 5 Dance Workshop
11th October	Harborne and Rousham Classes to The Ashmolean Museum NO Parent Assembly
13th October	Oxford Half Schools Challenge
17th October	Individual and Family Photos 11:55 Nethercote Class Lunch
18th October	Y4, Y5 and Y6 Art Project trip to Blenheim

Future School Events	
21st October	Parent Consultation Evening
22nd October	Parent Consultation Evening
24th October	Bags2School Collection WPS Y3-6 Open Cross Country
25th October	3:00 End of Autumn Term 1
4th November	8:45 Start of Autumn Term 2
5th November	First Harborne swim
13th November	Nethercote to The Bus Museum 9:30-11:00 Medcroft Open Morning

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