



Tackley C of E Primary School Newsletter 2019/2020

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Thursday 21st November 2019

The first couple of weeks of this new term have been very busy for staff and children alike. Many staff have been out taking part in Continued Professional Development (CPD) opportunities, we really value the importance of self-improvement for our staff and children at Tackley. The teachers always come back enthused and motivated to try out new ideas. Staff have been learning about KS1 assessments, being trained in Read Write Inc teaching, attending an Early Years Conference, Forest School Leaders training, learning more about Maximising the Impact of Teaching Assistants, visiting other Partnership schools and attending briefings about securing additional funding—and we're only 3 weeks into term!

I am continuing to work with the Governors on the provision of After School and Breakfast Club, please see my update below.

Mrs Murrey

Congratulations to

Learning Power Certificates	
Livvy B	Finlay R
Jack F	Billy S
Fergus P	Arthur D
Lucy B	Darcey M



Stars of the Week	
Arlo T	Finn O'S
Ruby R	Ben M
Daisy E	Lucy B

Attendance : Autumn Term 1 2019/2020	
Whole School	96%
Reception Class	92%
Nethercote Class	96%
Harborne Class	97%
Rousham Class	95%

Curriculum

We have been really fortunate this term to have had two teachers from 123ICT introducing additional Computing sessions to our curriculum. Both Rousham and Harborne classes have been learning about Microbits and really enjoyed an afternoon exploring these with our colleagues from 123ICT. Next term Rousham's focus will be on building their own websites to share some of their curriculum learning.

After School Club

We have a Full Governing Body meeting next week where we will be finalising the proposal for After School Club provision. The proposal is that provision will be run by Oxford Active from 3:30—5:30 Monday to Thursday. The cost of a session will be £12 and the After School Club will begin from Monday 24th February 2020. When the proposals have been confirmed I will be able to give you further, more detailed information.

Unfortunately there were no applicants for the position of Breakfast Club worker. We are still keen to run this and believe it is a really important addition to our provision at Tackley. I will continue to update parents on this.

Ask Mrs Barnett our Maths Leader

I'm not sure what methods my child uses to carry out calculation, how do I find out?

The school website has our calculation policy on it. The policy shows the stages children will go through when adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. It has diagrams and examples to explain each stage that we use throughout the school. The link is below.

<https://tackley.oxon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Calculation-Policy-October-2019.pdf>

Times Table Rockstars

The competition for Maths Week England was certainly a fierce one! The children really enjoyed taking part and were desperate to beat the other classes. It was great to see lots of effort being put in and I'm sure times table knowledge and recall has improved. Within our school the class winner was.... Harborne! Congratulations! It was very close between Rousham and Harborne, Rousham finished with a class average of 2215 and Harborne 2405. Well done to everyone that took part and thanks to parents that supported this at home.

Primary School Applications for 2020/2021

Parents they can now submit online applications for children for Reception Year entry in September 2020. Parents should apply direct at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school>

The deadline for receipt of primary school applications is **15th January 2020**.

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Winter PE Kit

Please can I ask all parents to ensure that their child has both jogging bottoms and a long sleeved jumper/hooded top in school for PE. PE lessons still take place outside in winter and it is essential that your child is properly equipped for this. Can I also ask parents to ensure that their child's PE kit is in school all week. We will send emails home to let parents know when their child has forgotten their PE kit.

Focus on Rousham Class

In Rousham Class this term, we are learning about Ancient Egyptians in History. We have used our learning in Design and Technology and Music to learn more about our topic. We have made chariots, music honouring the Egyptian Gods and we are making rock cut tombs. With the chariots we used cardboard, wood, straws, hot glue, saws and much more. We had to design them in groups to make them look like the real things, then made and evaluated our replicas. They had to have moving wheels and they were great! By Noah H and Alex M



Medcroft Class Open Morning

All the Medcroft staff felt it was fantastic to see some new and familiar faces for our Early Years Open Morning in Medcroft. The children were delighted to show off our wonderful environment and space. It was great to give current parents and potential future parents the opportunity to see how our Early Years unit runs and to answer all the questions everyone had. We look forward to opening our setting to parents again for making Christmas decorations in December and hope lots of you join us soon.

Nethercote Bus Museum Trip

We went to the Bus Museum on a coach. I got to climb on a bus and got to see an engine move inside it. On one of the double decker buses there was a television. It was showing a film about old and new buses. I watched it for about 12 minutes. My favourite part of the day was when we looked at the repeat patterned blue and red bus. By Billy S

Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November a special assembly was held in school to mark Remembrance Day and all classes observed a minute's silence. Sue Pitts, local co-ordinator for the Poppy Appeal 2019, has said "For a few years now, an activity box with items for children has been put in the primary school. The children on the School Council give their time to sell these items and this year raised an amazing £93.89. Thank you to all of you who helped with this which helped to boost the village total" which was £1,497.68 .

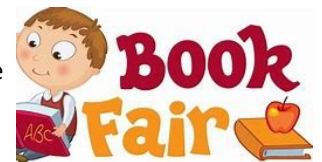


Children in Need

A huge thank you for all your donations for Children in Need. In total we raised £198.17 for this worthy cause.

Book Fair—Thursday 21st November to Monday 25th November

Our Book Fair has arrived and will open between 3.00pm and 3.20pm as above. This is a great opportunity for your child to look at new reading material published. Parents may like to visit the Book Fair for possible Christmas purchases; we will open it from 2.15pm on Friday 22nd 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.



Aldi initiative

We are still collecting stickers 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.

PTA

JACKET POTATO NIGHT—Thank you to all who have ordered a tasty potato—we have 100 on order which is fantastic! We could still use another driver for deliveries. please let Alex Machin know if you can help.

STAGING SYSTEM—We're thrilled that we were able to fund a new staging system for the school recently and looking forward to seeing the Christmas performances on it.

The PTA will be serving mince pies and raffle tickets for a Christmas hamper at all performances. Any mince pie donations would be very welcome, please drop at the office, week beginning the 9th December.

CHRISTMAS TREES—Thank you to Oxford Eden for contributing £5 per tree bought to the PTA. Order forms went home with children earlier in the week and is available via the website or via the school office.

TREASURER—The role of treasurer is still available . . . Please let Carrie Southall or Helen Spencer know if you would like to take on this life affirming role...!

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Future School Events	
21st—25th November	3:00-2:20 Book Fair
22nd November	Jacket Potato Night
25th November	Reception to Year 6—Nasal Flu Vaccinations
26th November	Full Governor Meeting
29th November	Last Parents Assembly of the Autumn Term
3rd December	1:00-2:30 Medcroft Open Afternoon
5th December	3:30 Tackley Praise—Christingle (St Nicholas Church)
10th December	9:30 Medcroft Class Nativity 1:00 Rousham Experience Christmas at St Nicholas Church

Future School Events	
11th December	1:45 Nethercote Class Nativity
12th December	Medcroft Theatre Trip 'Breaking The Ice' 2:00 and 6:00 KS2 Christmas Celebration in the school hall
16th December	1:45 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church
17th December	PM Aladdin Pantomime in school
18th December	Christmas Activities Morning, Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
19th December	3:00 End of Autumn Term
6th January 2020	8:45 Start of Spring Term

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

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