



Tackley C of E Primary School Newsletter 2019/2020

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Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good half term break. We have lots to look forward to this term with our whole school visit to Science Oxford next Friday, World Book Week activities and Sports Relief events coming up.

As you are aware School Lunch Company currently provide our school dinners. We have made the decision in consultation with Governors to work with a new provider of school meals called Fresh Start Catering. More information can be found at their website <https://freshstartcatering.uk/>

All parents are invited to meet with Andrew Howarth Managing Director, and his team at Fresh Start on Tuesday 24th March at 3:00 in the school hall. Andrew will talk to parents about the ethos and principles of Fresh Start Catering, and there will be sample menus to see. Please do come and meet with Andrew and his team to find out more.

One of the changes that parents will see with Fresh Start is that all meals are pre-ordered and paid for via Meal Manager a system run by Fresh Start Catering. Meal orders close on a Tuesday for the following week. This will be a big change, and I appreciate it adds another level of organisation to your already busy lives.

Mrs Murrey

Congratulations to

Stars of the Week	
Evie C	Anna H
Edith T	Sienna I
Spencer B	Reggie C-B



Attendance : Autumn-Spring Term 1 2019 2020	
Whole School	95.7%
Early Years	92.7%
Nethercote Class	95.0%
Harborne Class	96.2%
Rousham Class	95.9%

Attendance

We are just falling short of our attendance target for this year of 97.0%. Please can I remind all children and parents about the importance of punctuality. The bell is rung at 8:45 and anyone arriving after this time is marked as late in the register. Being punctual to school sets good habits for later in life, ensures a positive start to the school day for everyone and minimizes disruption to teaching and learning time.

Oxford Active—After School Club

It's here and up and running, our much anticipated and frequently requested by parents, After School Club. I am delighted that parents are booking in and using it for regular childcare. We have had really positive feedback from those parents who are using it.

It is available to all children from Reception to Year 6, and is open from Monday—Thursday. You can register and book at: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/OxfordActive/RegistrationForm>

Costs for the Club are comparable to other providers locally, and this was taken into account when Governors and I set the pricing structure for the Club.

Focus on Nethercote Class

This week in Nethercote Class we have been working hard at fractions. We've been finding halves and quarters of shapes and numbers and remembering number facts to help us. We enjoyed having some parents join us this morning for the Maths Open Morning.

Blenheim Art Children's Exhibition

On Friday 14th February Year 6 went to Blenheim Palace to see our school's and other schools' work displayed in an exhibition. The pieces were response pieces to the Maurizio Catalan's 'Heroes and Villains' Exhibition. Everyone in Key Stage Two created a 'good person/hero' thought on black paper with white chalk. Some people also did 'hero/villain' pieces of work.

By Daisy D and Alex M

Our value this term is: Forgiveness

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

COVID-19

We have been assured by the local authority and ODST that the Government, NHS and Public Health England are fully prepared, and we receive regular advice and updates from them. Everyone can help by taking the usual precautionary measures that help slow the spread of almost any germs. Please encourage your children to follow these guidelines at all times.

- Always carry tissues to catch your cough or sneeze
- Bin/throw away safely any used tissues as quickly as possible
- Wash your hands often with soap and water

House Competition

Well done to the 43 entries we had to our House Competition to design a logo for our Houses. The winners were:

Heath **Daisy D**
Spinney **Grace B**
Copse **James B**
Grove **Grace H**

The winning designs receive 50 house points and their logos will go to our design team to make a digital logo to be used in school.

Ask Mrs Murrey our Reading Lead

Whilst thinking about reading last week I found this great link to recommended reads coming out in Spring 2020.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/new-book-releases/our-picks-of-the-best-childrens-books-coming-out-in-spring-2020/>

Have a look at the list and see if there is something on there that might engage and inspire your children to read, read more or re-ignite an interest in reading.



I am reading this book from the list at the moment. My review is "a real page turner, with a likeable main character called Hal, who is determined to solve the mystery of the jewel thief. I'm not sure he is looking in the right places though "

Come and let me know if you want to borrow it when I've finished with it.

School Council

Some members of the School Council are visiting Woodstock Primary School this afternoon to have a look at their outdoor play equipment. We look forward to seeing the photos, hearing their feedback and any ideas it's given them for our outdoor play equipment project.

PTA

BAGS2SCHOOL is tomorrow!! Please bring your unwanted clothes, shoes, towels etc to the courtyard area outside the school office at morning drop off.

TACKLEY REVIEW

We are running a raffle on both nights of the Review this weekend. To keep in with the spirit of the night, we thought we'd offer prizes of skills and talents (and good old fashioned chores).

We've got a dozen home made cupcakes, an evenings babysitting, 2 hours odd jobbing to name a few so far. Other prizes could be a few hours gardening, dog walking, any handmade products?

PLEASE email Carrie, info@carriesouthall.co.uk, with any donations of your time by tonight - thank you so much! The prizes really don't need to be a huge time commitment from you. We just think it's a fun way of doing something a bit different to the usual raffle and at the same time, an opportunity to make some new connections within our community.

Future School Events	
28th February	First Fizz Pop Science After School Club (details to be available next week)
2nd March	Year 1 Dance Event
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	Whole School Trip to Science Oxford Centre
16th & 17th March	Parent Consultation Meetings

Future School Events	
17th March	U11 Tag Rugby Event
24th March	Full Governors Meeting
25th March	Reception and Nethercote Trip to The Green Dragon Eco Farm
26th March	3:15 KS1 SATS Parents Information Meeting
2nd April	1:45 Easter Service at St Nicholas Church
3rd April	3:00 End of Spring Term 2

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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