



Dear Parents

It has been another great week in school with real positivity and excitement from the children about their new learning. Classes are really enjoying their new topics and are adapting well to the change in routines. Hopefully you have all had an opportunity to see your child's class teacher in the morning at the gate. All teachers will be at the gate from 8:30 every morning so do have a chat to them about how your child has settled in, and pass on any messages to them.

We have entered the inevitable season of viruses coughs and colds. If you suspect that your child's symptoms are more serious than a cold please keep your child at home and isolate until you are able to get a COVID-19 test. However, if your child has a cold, and you would previously have sent them to school please do send them in as normal.

During the last week we have spent time in collective worship in class discussing our school values. After our work with staff and Governors earlier in the year, we have chosen the 3 values of Curiosity, Kindness and Responsibility as the most important for our school and community. The children have articulated well to each other in class which value they feel is the most important and why. The answers were both thoughtful and considered.

Over the coming weeks I will be sharing with you our vision statement for the school, which underpins our values and I would welcome feedback from parents about this.

Mrs L Murrey

Student Information forms (Reception to Year 6)

There are still a few Student Information form returns outstanding. It is critical that we know that the contact information we have for you is correct and if there are any changes to the permissions you have set for your children. Please return all outstanding forms by Monday 21st September.

School Census Day : 1st October

Our school meal funding for the next financial year is based on the number of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who have a school meal on Thursday 1st October. If your child is in these year groups there is no charge as meals are funded by the Government. Please support the school by encouraging your child to try a school lunch on this day.

Menu changes: Thursday 1st October: Oven Baked Breaded Fish Fillet or Crispy Quorn Dippers or Jacket Potato; dessert is Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit
Friday 2nd October: Cottage Pie or Vegetarian Cottage Pie or Jacket Potato; dessert is Chocolate Fudge Cake with Pears & Choc Sauce

Friday Tuck Shop

Our Tuck Shop is open on Friday break times with cookies/flapjacks available to buy for 35p. Please try to send in the correct money as we don't hold any cash in school, thanks.

Oxford Active—After School Club

Our After School Club runs from 3:00—5:30 on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Ad-hoc bookings as well as regular bookings can now be completed. Please visit their website <http://www.activeafterschoolclubs.co.uk/> to register and book your sessions. I can not emphasise enough that this is a "Use it or Lose it" approach. We are in contract with Oxford Active until July 2021, currently the Club is being run with a financial loss to the school, this is not sustainable beyond July 2021. We urge all parents to make use of this valuable resource.

Bag2School

Bag2School is our PTA initiative to raise funds for the school. Our collection this term is Tuesday 22nd September. Bag2School are no longer providing bags for this, items can be donated in any plastic bag. Items that can be donated are: adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. Please put the date in your calendar—bags can be left outside our main reception area between 8.30-9.00 on Tuesday 22nd September.



Value Awards

Medcroft Class: Our class celebrated our very first Big Write where we drew pictures about a special adventure we would love to have, after watching a video called 'Taking Flight' for inspiration. There were some amazing ideas from some very imaginative children! Our value certificate for Responsibility was given to Skyla T for always setting a good example to the other children in the class, being kind and considerate and listening carefully during more formal learning times. I am super proud of all the Reception children for being so supportive to all our Nursery children who started this week. I am also very proud of the Nursery children for having such a good first week back in school.

Nethercote Class: This week we celebrated our retelling of the Christian Creation story. We learned the story by making up actions for each of the 7 days and then we made story boards in our books. We all had lots of fun doing the actions and I am sure the children would love to show them to you! Our value certificate for Responsibility was given to Louie T for having a brilliant second week. He has worked so hard and taken responsibility for his own learning, setting a wonderful example for the Year One children. Well done for another great week Nethercote!

Harborne Class: This week in celebration assembly our class shared school prayers which the children created and wrote. The children worked incredibly hard thinking about what school provides us with, the type of students and people we wanted to be and the friendships and relationships we make at school. Our value certificate for Responsibility was given to Maisie B for staying focused, checking work and working hard! Well done Maisie you have wow-ed us. Well done to Nancy V and Alex J for completing their star charts very well deserved, keep up the great work! Also well done to Alex for his sunflower—look how tall it is!



Rousham Class: Our class celebrated the work we did in English, we used characters from the book 'Goth Girl' to write descriptions which had to include relative clauses. Lucy B, Emily B, Jasmine B and Ben J shared their fantastic writing. We are really enjoying the book and its unusual and wonderful characters. Our value certificate for Responsibility goes to Fergus P. He has shown maturity and perseverance and taken responsibility for his own actions in an area he finds tricky. It has been lovely to see him arriving at school with a smile on his face every day this week! Keep it up Fergus!

