

Dear Parents

The children have really enjoyed their Forest School visit this week. Miss Malone is our lead Forest School teacher and planned outdoor learning for each class to take part in at the Heath. The children were so enthusiastic about their outdoor learning—they took part in whittling, den building and treasure hunts. As a school we hugely value the contribution of Outdoor Learning to our wider school curriculum, and plan to make a Forest School session for each class a firm part of our curriculum going forward. A huge thank you to Miss Malone for working so hard leading these sessions this week.

Can I remind parents of the letter from Public Health England regarding Track and Trace that was emailed to you this week and that if their child is awaiting the result of a COVID test then all of the children in that family must self isolate at home until a negative result has been received.

Mrs L Murrey

## Reading Diaries

I have had really positive feedback from parents about our new reading diaries. I am glad they are supporting and encouraging the children to read. Please can we ask that they are brought in to school every day. Children of all ages should be reading at home at least four nights a week and we would ask parents of children in Key Stage One to sign this off in their child's reading diary. Teachers will look at the children's reading diaries every week and where appropriate comment. Each time your child achieves 25 reads we will celebrate this in school.

## Forest School

Nethercote, Harborne and Rousham were very lucky with the weather this week for their Forest School sessions. All the children worked well in teams to build dens which they then managed to squish into for lunch! Nethercote and Harborne made up some fantastic stories about a special natural object they found and were very creative when designing their clay pots. Rousham were very responsible when whittling tools they later used to create their spirit animal from clay. I really enjoyed working with all the children and seeing them learning and having fun in the woods.

## School Census Day : Thursday 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

## 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 significant financial loss to the school, this is not sustainable beyond July 2021. We urge all parents to make use of this valuable resource.

## Bag2School

Thank you for all the bags that were left for our Bag2School collection Tuesday. It was the biggest collection we've ever had and we can't wait to hear how much this has raised for the PTA.



## Value Awards

**Medcroft Class:** Our class celebrated our special story for this week, Owl Babies. We talked about the story, some of the vocabulary we had thought about and showed our literacy work. Try asking your children about some of the words we looked at from the story and see if they can remember what they mean! Our value certificate for Responsibility was given to Ashton W for taking responsibility for his own learning. He has done some great building with shapes and talked about the shapes he has been using. He then continued his learning outside where he used shapes to make Transformers, thinking about the shapes he was using for different parts of the body.

**Nethercote Class:** Today Nethercote are celebrating our parachute inventions. We learned about the artist and inventor Leonardo Da Vinci, then recreated his famous parachute design using paper and string. We then took inspiration from his drawings to make our own parachutes from junk modelling. We had lots of fun and learned some problem-solving skills and perseverance. This week our learning value is 'Kindness' and I am awarding it to Heidi L. She is patient and caring towards all other members of the class and has such a lovely, positive attitude. Well done Heidi, it is a pleasure to have you in our class!

**Harborne Class:** This week in celebration assembly our class shared retellings of the Mousehole Cat using just story maps or actions for support. I have been so impressed with the many ways the children chose to remember and present the story through drama, storytelling and even puppet shows. Our value certificate for curiosity was given to Albert M. He has been super interested in our topic and English work and has been investigating, exploring and creating additional work at home, which I have loved seeing! Well done Albert, keep up the fantastic work!

**Rousham Class:** Rousham have continued to really enjoy their work on Goth Girl. This week we became tour guides, writing and performing guides to Ghastly Gorm Hall, which is as spooky as it sounds! I was so impressed with the quality of writing the children produced and how they got into character for their performances. I have chosen to give two value awards for 'Curiosity' this week to a pair of children who approached this work enthusiastically and proved to be fun and unique tour guides. Well done Connor S and Nicolas B! Connor, this was your first performance in front of the class and despite it being your first week you were confident and enthusiastic. Nicolas, your ad-libbing and style complimented the humour of the book and had everyone in stitches. Well done to you both, keep up the hard work!

