

Dear Parents

I have been visiting class this week and talking to children about their learning. It has been great to see so many children talking enthusiastically about their learning. They are always very proud to show me their work, well done to all of the children and teachers. Keep up the hard work!

This afternoon you should have received an email from the school office with the date and time of your parents evening appointment next week. There are also a set of instructions attached to the email about how to access an appointment through Microsoft Teams if that is the option you have chosen. Any parents who did not reply have automatically been allocated a phone call time with their child's class teacher.

Mrs L Murrey

25 Reads Awards— Congratulations to the following children who have registered 25 reads so far this term.

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| Jack Ca | Tilly G | Jack D | Jack F | Livvy B | Sophie H |
| Anna H | Katie F | Árann L-P | Max D | Albert M | Elinor L |
| Nancy V | Millie O'S | Islay L-P | Molly H | | |



School Photos

On Thursday 15th October a photographer will be coming into school to take portrait photos of the children. Previously we have been able to include non school attending siblings in a group photo, unfortunately we are unable to allow this this time. Within a few days the children will bring home proofs and information on how to order photographs, please look out for these.

Oxford Active—After School Club—ad hoc bookings available

Our After School Club runs from 3:00—5:30 on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please visit their website <http://www.activeafterschoolclubs.co.uk/> to register and book regular sessions. **For ad-hoc bookings please call Oxford Active on 01865 594325.** 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.

Parents Online Safety Workshop

123ICT are holding an online safety workshop between 8:00-9:00pm on Wednesday 18th November. We encourage all parents to book on this course via the following link: <https://sites.google.com/gedu.demo.123ict.co.uk/parentsonlinesafety/>.

Home Fire Safety Advice

Please see the Home Fire Safety Advice leaflet that has been sent to us by Chris Battle, Watch Manager Community Safety Manager.

PTA

PTA AGM—We'd love to see anyone interested in joining the PTA committee at our annual AGM. This is taking place in the school hall straight after school today, socially distanced. It's usually fairly short!

Secondhand Uniform and Cake Sale—3:00 Friday 23rd October

Donations of uniform can be dropped to the office from now please and cake donations on the Friday morning. Please note – the cakes won't be second hand 😊

Value Awards

Medcroft Class: Our class celebrated Autumn this week. We talked about all the things we could remember about the amazing things which happen in the Autumn and shared our Autumn display. Try asking your children some of the things they can remember which happen in the Autumn! Our value certificate for Kindness was given to Laurie L. Laurie is very gentle and caring towards his peers and is always considerate and kind. He is good at sharing and encouraging children to join in with play. A huge well done, Laurie.

Nethercote Class: This week we are celebrating becoming inventors. We have had a fabulous time recreating famous inventions like the parachute and first plane and this week, the children have been thinking about their own designs. We are excited to start making them next week! Our learning value is Kindness this week and is being awarded to Jack F. I have been so impressed with his patience and helpful attitude towards the other members of class. He has shown he is a kind and caring friend. Well done Jack.

Harborne Class: This week in celebration assembly our class shared pupil presentations about The Alps or The Andes. The children learnt how to safely use the internet for research and put together some amazing Google slide shows where they showcased lots of amazing IT skills. Our value certificate for Curiosity was given to Grace H, she has been incredibly engaged within our mountain topic and has done some phenomenal research. I was super impressed with her findings and her presenting skills which captivated the class. Keep up the fantastic work Grace.

Rousham Class: This week Rousham celebrated their topic work, we learned about the water cycle and why some areas of the earth are so much drier than others. The children designed and made their own representations of the water cycle, they were fantastic! I have awarded the Value Certificate for Responsibility to someone who has taken responsibility for their learning really well this week. She has identified areas she finds tricky and asked for help which is fantastic learning behaviour and will help her achieve great things. Well done Millie O'S!

