



Newsletter 27th September

Dear all,

This week has been about volunteering! The children have been volunteering to become school council members- I have been really impressed with the election posters and presentations I have seen and look forward to my first meeting with our new school council on Tuesday. A huge well done to everyone who put themselves forward.

Thank you to those who came to the Parent Liaison Group on Thursday morning to discuss the work of the school. Your feedback is invaluable. It would be great to have more members so that each class has a representative.

Thank you to the FOBS committee members and volunteers who are holding a much anticipated school disco this afternoon. The AGM was held yesterday evening. Thank you to those who were able to attend. The money FOBS raises for the school is vital for us to provide additional resources, and experiences, for all the children that we just couldn't afford to do otherwise, especially in a time when funding for schools just isn't enough. Whether it's time or money you are able to offer FOBS and the school, it is really appreciated by us all.

Thank you to our Governing Body who are all volunteers and had their first meeting of the year on Tuesday. They agreed the School Improvement Plan and are looking forward to coming into school during the year to evaluate the work we are doing. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming a governor, we would love to hear from you.

Finally, we would love some parent volunteers in school, particularly to listen to our children read. If you could spare just 15 minutes at the start or end of the day to listen to a child read, it would make such a positive difference to them.

We look forward to working with all our volunteers this year!

Have a great weekend!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week: Chloe, Eve, Elsie V, Phoebe.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Dylan J, Eoin, Lily W (YR), Gus.

Lateness

A gentle reminder that **lessons start at 8:45am**. Classroom doors open at 8:40am so children have time to get settled before learning begins. Children arriving in school after 8:45am often feel unsettled, miss key parts of learning or additional support, and can disrupt the teaching. Please help your child to have a great start to the school day by getting them to school on time. Thank you for your support with this.

Individual Portraits

On Tuesday (1st October) morning, the children will be having their individual school photos taken. Please make sure children come to school in full school uniform and looking smart! Children will be sent home that day with a unique QR code, this can be used to order photos. Don't panic if you can't see photos straight away - it could take up to 48 hours to show. N.B As Falcon class have P.E on a Tuesday, please could they come to school wearing their uniform but with P.E kit to change into afterwards.

School Census

It is school census day on Thursday 3rd October. A large part of our funding is based on the amount of children take school meals, we are encouraging children to order a school meal on this day. Thank you for your support.

Art Competition

This year, the school art competitions will focus on a different artist each month and children will be asked to create a piece of work in the same style.

In assembly this week, the children were introduced to paintings by Jackson Pollock who is the artist for the month of October. They have looked at some examples of his paintings and discovered that his style was abstract expressionism. They had lots of fun sharing what they could see in each of his paintings.

The closing date for entries is October 21st. Please encourage your child to participate but remember to let them create on their own. Entries should have the child's name on the back. The school will vote for their favourite KS1 and KS2 entry and the winners will receive a certificate in assembly and have their work displayed for the whole school to see.

I look forward to seeing all their amazing work!

Mrs Field

Reading Café

Don't forget to get this years first Reading Café in your diary! It is on Friday 4th October from 8:45 to 9:30am in the school hall. It's a wonderful opportunity to promote the importance of reading together while spending quality time with your child. During the session, we encourage you to bring along a picture book, novel, comic, or newspaper

to read with your child. We will also have a selection of picture and non-fiction books available for the children to enjoy.

Any family member who is able to attend is more than welcome. If you're happy to read with another child whose adult cannot attend, that would be greatly appreciated. Children should come into class as normal for registration and then will be brought to the hall.

There will be teas and coffees available for a donation, so please bring some pennies. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in this special reading experience!

Parent Liaison Group

We met on Thursday.

- Thanks were given to Mrs Field, Mrs Barraclough and Mrs Langrell for their time taking the Falcon children on their residential.
- Sassy the reading dog is a huge success with children reading who might not have done so before.
- The introduction of a PE top was discussed and we will share our new top with you very soon.
- Discussion was had around this newsletter- and whether anyone reads it! ☺ We would love to know what parents want from the school newsletter and so will be sending out a poll very soon.

Open Morning

We held our first open morning on Wednesday. Our Year 6 children showed prospective parents around the school and did a fantastic job- we received several written compliments afterwards. Our next Open Morning is on Thursday 24th October 9:30-10:30. Please spread the word!

FOBS News

Thank you to those you attended yesterday's FOBS AGM and apologies to those who were not able to attend. I am pleased to say that I will be continuing my role as Chair for another year alongside Megan Burroughs as Treasure, Katie Neal as Secretary. We are also pleased that Katie Gray has stepped forward to fill the role as Vice Chair. Minutes have been taken and will be available to those who wish to read along with my Chairs Report.

We now have dates confirmed for events up until the end of term. They have been added to the newsletter calendar. Please remember to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages where we post regular updates and booking links.

We have more exciting playground updates in the pipeline. As always if you are able to help/volunteer or donate in anyway then please catch us in the playground or drop us a message!

Charlotte

Friends of Burghclere School

Dates for the Diary

Each newsletter we will publish the dates of events happening during the term. Please be aware these may change and therefore it is important to check them each week. We will highlight changes in red when they first appear. Not every event is relevant to every parent. Look out for further information or letters with more detailed information for the events relevant to you.

Tuesday 1 st October	Y5/6 Football match- selected children only
Friday 4 th October	Reading Café - 8.45-9.30am
Monday 7 th October	Y5/6 Footgolf @ Park House - selected children only
Tuesday 8 th October	AWE Y6 girls science challenge
Wednesday 9 th October	Harvest Festival at Burghclere Church - families welcome - 10.45am
Tuesday 15 th October	PGL Assembly to Falcon parents/carers - 2.40pm
Friday 18 th October	FOBS 'Preloved' School Uniform Sale
Monday 21 st October	Share & Celebrate after school
Tuesday 22 nd October	YR NWN 'First Class' photo Parents Evening NSPCC Workshops
Wednesday 23 rd October	Nasal Flu Immunisations - all children
Thursday 24 th October	YR 2025 Open Morning - please spread the word to families and friends Parents Evening
Friday 25 th October	Last day of term
Monday 4 th November	INSET
Tuesday 5 th November	Children return
Friday 8 th November	Childrens Entrepreneur Market - more info to follow
Thursday 5 th December	FOBS Wreath Making evening - more info to follow
Thursday 12 th December	Acorn & Oak Nativity - 2pm & 6pm - more info to follow
Tuesday 17 th December	Whole school Panto trip to the Corn Exchange
Monday 9 th December	Secret Shopping donations in every day this week - more info to follow
Friday 13 th December	Secret Shopping
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term