



Newsletter 4th October

Dear all,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Reading Café this morning, enjoying books with your children. Thank you for the donations, which will be used to buy £10 of books per each class, and the purchases of further books on our Amazon wish list- all very much appreciated!

Mrs Curtis invited parents of Acorn class to come into school on Wednesday morning to find out more about how phonics is taught. She delivered an informative presentation, then parents joined their children for a phonics lesson. More information about how phonics and early reading is taught is available on our new website which we hope to launch next week. A big thank you to Mrs Curtis!

This afternoon the children worked in their houses in the first of our collaboration projects as part of our work with the JDO Foundation. The children worked together to think about the values their house shared, and to then choose an animal which represented these values as their mascot. They then used AI technology to create the mascot! A lot of fun was had and the children worked very well with each other. The House Captains were very good role models and supported younger children really positively. Mr Field, from the JDO Foundation, observed the work of the different houses and was really impressed with the respect that was shown, how everyone made others feel included, the 'can do' attitude and the way houses made, and accepted, decisions around the mascots. We hope you like the final mascots!

Have a great weekend!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher

Neptune



Mars



Venus



Saturn



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week: Kacper, Oscar, Enid, Nelly.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Scarlett, Polly, Maddie, Reuben.

Congratulations to Darcie T for coming first place in the Newbury Town Councils competition of design your own 'Mayor's Bear'! Darcie's prize was a £20 book token - well done Darcie!

Sports News

Y5/6 Football

Our first sports fixture of the year was a round robin of friendly Y5/6 football matches against St Martins and Ecchinswell primary schools. Our team played very well from the start, showing some great team work, individual skill and defending. They won the first game 3-1, and the second 7-0. Excellent play! Well done to Pip, Teddy, Scarelett, Barney, Eoin, Carter, Kacper, Darcey and Dylan. A big thank you to Mr O'Sullivan who refereed all three matches.



School Council

Our new school council met on Tuesday. Their first job was to elect their chair person, Ella, and their secretary, Dylan. They then talk about how the school and class council meetings would work, and what they wanted to achieve. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward for election, and congratulations to those who were elected to represent their classes!



Lateness

Thank you to those who took note of our message last week and got their children to school on time this week. It has made a huge difference to the start of the day to have the children settled and ready to learn by 8:45. Thank you!

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival this year is at 10.45am on Wednesday 9th October at the Church. We look forward to families joining us there! As in previous years, we are collecting donations for the West Berkshire Foodbank. Please bring items into school on Wednesday and place them under the barn. Items in most need are attached to this Newsletter! Please check expiry dates before donating. Thank you for your support as always.



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.

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

