



Newsletter 25th October

Dear all,

The term has flown past! Highlights have included seeing the children's enjoyment of our Woodland Play Area, the Y5/6 residential, the connections made by Falcon children with their American partner school, the brilliant Muddy Monday sessions enjoyed by Oak and Acorn, the Y3 brass lessons, Reading Buddies, Sassy the Reading Dog, and Reading Café showing a love of reading is very strong at Burghclere, the rugby coach for Robin and Falcon, the Y6 girls science day- and so much more! All our new children, and staff, have settled into life at Burghclere and it's been great to see them enjoying their learning and making new friends.

I hope you all enjoyed seeing the progress your children have made so far this year at our Share and Celebrate on Monday, and then talking with your child's class teacher at Parents Evening on Tuesday or Thursday. Everyone should be very clear about what their child has achieved so far, and what the next steps in your child's learning journey are.

Our new website is now up and running! We hope it gives you all the information you need, as well as showcasing our fabulous school to future parents. If you think we could add anything more, please do let us know. Our Facebook page has been well received and is a great way for us to share what happens in, and out of, school each day. Please follow us if you don't already!

Finally, I'm looking forward to reading children's 500 words stories- something for children to write over the half term break! Please email me a copy as we will be running an in-school competition too! If you would like me to enter the story to the BBC competition on your child's behalf, please just ask.

Have a great half term!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week: Dolly, Ella G, Cody, Sienna.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Isaac, Evie, Ed, Ella L.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Reach for the Stars** certificate this term with their work displayed on the board: Polly, Izzy O, Eve, Emma, Ella G.

Art Competition

In assembly this week, the children were introduced to paintings by Piet Mondrian who is the artist for the month of November. They found out a little about him, when he was born, where he lived and who his artistic influences were. They have also looked at some examples of his paintings and discovered that he created a style called neoplasticism. We learned that he liked to use primary colours, alongside black and white, to create paintings that used parallel lines, right angles and geometric shapes

The closing date for entries is **November 18th**. 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.

Congratulations to Isabelle D and Lara R for winning this term's competition with their amazing Jackson Pollock inspired pieces. These will be displayed in school for everyone to admire.

I look forward to seeing all their amazing work again!

Mrs Field

Netball Fundraiser!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the final fundraiser for the new netball goal posts. The netball penalty shoot-out raised a fabulous £65.40! Taking our total to £350.40- forty pence over our target! Winners were Scarlet O'S and Lincoln J! The netball posts have been ordered, and will be used by children in their PE lessons and by netball club. Thank you for your support!

Attendance

Attendance at school is a huge contributor to the progress your child makes, as well as being what is required by law. We have seen an increase in holiday's being taken by families, which not only impacts the child, who misses learning and then has to 'catch up' which often causes anxiety for the child, but the rest of the class. Please could all holidays be taken during the school holidays.

Attendance is monitored each week. If a child's attendance falls below 90% they are considered to be a persistent absentee. Whilst we fully understand that children can become ill, and some medical appointments can't be rescheduled to outside of school hours, please do aim to get your child into school every day. We will always call you if they are unwell in school. Parents of children whose attendance currently falls below 90% at the end of this term will receive a standard letter informing them of this.

Well done to all those children who have attended school every day this year!

Thank you in advance for your support with improving our whole school attendance next term.

Job Opportunities!

We are pleased to announce that we have some exciting job opportunities! We are looking for dedicated individuals to join our team in the following roles:

Learning Support Assistants (1:1). We are seeking two compassionate and enthusiastic LSAs to support our students with their learning needs. If you know anyone who has experience (but not essential) working with children, particularly those with special educational needs, we encourage you to share this opportunity.

After School Club Play worker. We are also looking for an After School Club play worker to help supervise our students in after school activities. This role is ideal for someone who enjoys working with children and is passionate about creating a fun and safe environment after a busy day at school!

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for any of these positions, please contact the office or speak with Mrs Letchford for more details!

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 4 th November	INSET
Tuesday 5 th November	Children return
Friday 8th November	Children's Entrepreneur Market – more info to follow ↓
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week: Odd Socks Day (Monday 11 th) Positive noticing day (Wednesday 13 th)
Wednesday 13 th November	Y5/6 Thorngrove netball festival- selected children only
Monday 9 th December	Secret Shopping donations in every day this week - more info to follow
Monday 18 th November	Road Safety Week
Monday 18 th November	Y5/6 football match- selected children only

Friday 22 nd November	Be Bright, Be Seen day- wear something bright with your uniform!
Friday 29 th November	FOBs Children Entrepreneur market
Monday 25 th November	Y5/6 football tournament- selected children only
Tuesday 26 th November	Y5/6 rugby matches- selected children only
Tuesday 3 rd December	Netball match- selected children only
Thursday 5 th December	FOBS Wreath Making
Thursday 12 th December	Acorn & Oak Nativity - 2pm & 6pm - more info to follow
Monday 16 th December	Family Muddy Monday - 2pm-3pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Whole school Panto trip to the Corn Exchange
Friday 13 th December	Secret Shopping
Friday 20 th December	Carol Service at the church- 10.30am School Christmas Lunch Last day of term