



## Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> October

Dear all,

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming you all into school for our Share and Celebrate on Monday after school, and Parents Evening appointments on Tuesday and Thursday. Share and Celebrate is a time to go into your child's class and look at their work. In the back of their English books, there is a page for you to write something positive about your child's learning and progress with their writing. We hope you enjoy seeing the progress they have made so far!

Our harvest festival this morning was lovely. The children sang beautifully and shared their poems and songs very well. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and to Reverend Smith and Mr Oldham for allowing us to hold our harvest celebration at the church. Thank you for all the generous donations sent in, which we will be passing to the West Berkshire Food Bank.

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher



### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Eleanor D, Brooklyn, Phoebe, Toby D, Lara, Eleanor T.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Josie, Marley, Albie, Isabelle D, Gus, Molly, Teegan.

### Sports News

#### Y5/6 Foot Golf

Four of our Y5/6 children took part in a Foot Golf tournament on Monday. They played two rounds of foot golf- kicking the ball into the hole with as few kicks as possible- whilst avoiding the 'lake' and 'sand bunker'! They then played different football challenges- aiming to get more points on their second attempts- which they did brilliantly in the Keep-Up Challenge! The team came away with Gold medals! Well done Alexa, Ben, Harry T and Harry H!



### **Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)**

Our JRSO's had an afternoon of road safety training on Monday. They watched a number of different videos and created their own t-shirt slogans giving the important message to be seen at night when walking near the roads. They are now planning their first assembly and 'Be Bright Be Seen' competition, for after half term. They will be writing regular road safety messages in this newsletter too!

Well done to Kacper, Daisy, Alexa and Toby for completing their training!



### **Parent School Communication Policy**

Last year we developed a new policy related to communication between parents and the school. This was written with the support of the Parent Liaison Group and parents from across the school. Whilst we understand that sometimes emotions can run high when discussing an issue, we do expect that parents refrain from abusing staff members either in person, over the phone, or by email. This won't be tolerated in our school. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Santa Fun Run!**

The running club members have been absolutely exceptional this term and are now running 1.5miles with ease! In order to give them a fun challenge I would love them (and anyone else interested!) to come and run the Newbury Santa Run and raise some sponsorship money for FOBS. This year it will be held at 10am on Sunday 26th November. There is a 1km or a 5km route and everyone gets a Santa outfit to wear! The entry fee for children is £10.

If your child is interested please let me know as soon as possible I will organise a team. It would be marvellous if parents can join in too!

This should be a fabulous opportunity for the children to show off their running skills, raise money for FOBs and get in the Christmas spirit.

Mrs Thompson

### Staffing

We are looking for a **clerk to the Governing Body**. This **paid** role is approx. 114 hours over the course of the year. It involves attending Governing Body meetings, taking minutes, putting together meeting agendas and papers, and supporting the work of the Governors. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this position, please talk to Mrs Letchford.

We are looking for a **Community Governor** to join our Governing Body. This role is not a Parent Governor, so parents cannot apply, however there be someone in our local community you know who would be keen to get involved. Please pass them our details.

We are currently recruiting for a **Y1/2 Teacher** for January 2024, as Mrs Barraclough will be leaving the school. If you know anyone who may be interested, please pass them our 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.

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Football tournament- selected children only
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Art Competition entries in: 'Halloween' 3.10pm Share & Celebrate
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	First Day of Term Y5/6 Tag Rugby games-selected children only
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Robin class swimming starts
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 Tag Rugby games-selected children only
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	3.15pm Netball v St. Martins - selected children only
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Art Competition entries in: 'Bonfire Night'
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	9.00am Parent Liaison Group Meeting

	Y1/2 trip to Arlington Arts
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Shopping donations in
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	YR & KS1 Nativity - 2pm & 6pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Shopping!
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Art Competition entries in: 'Christmas' Share & Celebrate
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto @ The Watermill - whole school
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm KS2 Carol Service @ Burghclere Church
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices - Robin & Falcon Class
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Art Competition entries in: 'Winter'
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	First Day of Term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Art Competition entries in: 'Love'
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Art Competition entries in: 'Animals'
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Art Competition entries in: 'Spring Time'
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Art competition entries in: 'Nature'
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First Day of Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Art Competition entries in: 'Water'
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Term