



## Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> September

Dear all,

In assemblies this week, we have been looking at the second of our SCARF values: Caring. Mrs Field talked about what we mean by caring and how we can care for those around us. These are some of the ideas the children discussed:

- Helping somebody who is finding their work difficult
- Lending or sharing your things with others
- Playing with someone who looks lonely in the playground
- Speaking kindly to people.
- Encouraging others to do well

I am always proud of our children when I see them doing these things in their lessons and on the playground. Please talk to your child about how they can do these things in school and at home too. We would love to hear about when they have been caring outside of school!

Have a great week!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher

### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Dylan F, Autumn, Daisy, Justin, Oscar, Nora.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Josh, Dougie, Sophia, Dylan R, Alexis, Elsie V, Izzy O, Lily.

### Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival will be held at the church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am. All parents and family members are welcome. We will be collecting items for the West Berkshire Food Bank. Please bring any donations into school on the morning of the harvest festival.

### Staffing

We are **urgently** 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. Please see the email sent by Miss Pummell on Thursday for the job advert. 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.

### **Open Morning**

We are holding our annual Open Morning for prospective parents on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am. If you have a child starting school in September 2024 and would like to take a look around we would love to see you. Please pass our flyer for this event, sent with this newsletter, to anyone you know who is looking for a place for their child. We would love to show them around our amazing school!

### **Reading Dog - Pets As Therapy**

We are very excited to be working with Emily and Sassy (black Labrador) again this year. To those who are new to the school, one of the Pets As Therapy members and their trained dog will be coming into school every Thursday afternoon to listen to children across the school read. We hope this opportunity will enhance children's mental health and well-being and also give them a chance to develop their reading skills. Children will sit with the dog, stroke or cuddle them if they want to, and read aloud to them. The dog will be with their handler at all times.

We aim to give every child the opportunity over the course of the year. However some children may feel nervous about this, or may have an allergy to pets which we haven't been made aware of. If you would prefer your child NOT to read with the Pets As Therapy dog, please email the school office to let us know by **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**.

If you would like further information about the charity and its aims behind this initiative please visit their website: [www.petsastherapy.org](http://www.petsastherapy.org)

If you have any further questions, please drop me an email or speak to me in the morning at the school gate.

### **Parent Liaison Group**

Thank you to everyone who came to the PLG meeting on Thursday. The class representatives are below:

Acorn Class	Katie Gray and Lauren Mann
Oak Class	Meg Burroughs, Harry Dove and Gaby Heath
Robin Class	Debbie Rudland and Lucy Oldham
Falcon Class	Karen Turner and Katie Neale

Some individual points from the meeting will be fed back by the class representatives to those who raised them.

General feedback from the meeting:

- Transition worked well this year. Children, and parents, were pleased with the information given prior to the change in class and expectations and this has allowed children to settle quickly. Thank you for the positive feedback regarding this.
- PE Kits- our school uniform policy is on our website and a reminder was in the newsletter last week regarding PE kits. A text was sent in error to Robin parents at the start of the year, this has been rectified. The blue t-shirt with the school logo should be worn for PE lessons.
- All children should bring a water bottle into school filled with water only. These can be refilled from our water bottle refilling stations. Children are allowed to drink when needed. Younger children have their bottles stored away from their tables to reduce the risk of spillages on their work.
- As always, if a parent has a concern/question regarding their child, please talk to the class teacher as soon as possible so we can get it resolved. Good communication is two-way. The school has a Communication policy which is available on our website.

## FOBS

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM last night, as you know myself and Lucy Sivasundram were stepping down from our roles and we are really pleased to announce that Charlotte Vokins has been voted in as new FOBS chair, and Meg Burroughs as the new Treasurer. The ladies are a wonderful team and have some fantastic ideas so we wish them the best of luck in their new roles! We are also pleased to say that Katie Neal will continue in her role as Secretary her 11<sup>th</sup> year as part of FOBS! Thank you Katie for your continued support. The full minutes of the AGM will be shared next week, and the new team will be taking over the FOBS paragraph in the newsletter from next week, in the meantime please find the Chair and Treasurer reports from the AGM attached. Thank you for all your support during our tenure!

## 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y6 Height & Weight Measuring Programme
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Individual Photographs of children-wear school uniform

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am Open Morning for 2024 YR prospective parents 3.15pm Boys Football v St. Martins - selected children only
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations all year groups 3.15pm Footgolf @ Park House - selected children only
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival @ 10.30am - Burghclere Church - parents welcome
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Football tournament- selected children only
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Art Competition entries in: 'Halloween'</b> 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
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Art Competition entries in: 'Bonfire Night'</b>
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	<b>Art Competition entries in: 'Christmas'</b> 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
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>Art Competition entries in: 'Winter'</b>

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