



November 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another exciting and busy term! Oak have already started rehearsals for the Christmas nativity and staff are busy putting the finishing touches to their plans for the festive season activities.

Please look out for emails giving you full details of forthcoming events. I have marked new items in red on the diary dates. Kind regards,

Mrs Dodgson-Hatto

Our value this term: **RESPECT**

“One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.”

Bryant H McGill



Star and Value Awards



Friday is our favourite day when we celebrate the fabulous achievements of our children. The following children have all received awards so far this term:

Oak Class: Isla, Bethany, Oliver and Ethan

Beech: Travis, Peter, Matilda, Adam and Hannah

Cedar: Grace, Daisy, Harry, Alice and Isla

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If your child has received an award and their name does not appear, please let us know and we will include it in December.

**Craft Club** is a great success but we are still looking for resources. If anyone has any craft materials spare (e.g. glitter, ribbons, card, tissue paper etc.) we would be most grateful.



**School Uniform plea** – please **LABEL** all uniform, then we can make sure it gets back to its rightful owner!

### Cedar Trip to Warwick Castle

On Monday, Cedar Class ventured out to Warwick Castle where they had a fantastic time. As the only school there, they not only had a tour of the castle, a birds of prey session and time in the maze, they also did a Henry VIII tour. All the children won prizes for completing the quiz and came back buzzing with excitement.



**Friends of Finstock School (FoFS)** The Christmas Fayre is on the 8th December in the Village Hall, from 2-4pm. There will be stalls, refreshments, games, and a visit from Father Christmas as well as performances by the school choir and the Witney Town Junior Brass Band. To finish off this fantastic event there will also be a Christmas themed disco from 4-5pm for the kids to dance and the grown-ups to relax and enjoy another glass of mulled wine or a Christmas cocktail.

As always, these events are not possible without help from as many people as possible, so please could we ask for the following: donations for the tombola, books and cakes.



A huge thank you to Drew and Justin for coming in and training our children in basic first aid, CPR and how to use a defibrillator. It was a well-attended course with children of all ages. They had great fun and now know what to do in case of an emergency – well done to all!



### Sports Round-up



The Y5/6 hockey team played brilliantly winning all their games and playing in the semi-final. The deciding game was a draw and as only one team could go through to the finals, it was decided on a flip of a coin which sadly they lost. Well done all for such excellent playing and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Coombes for your super hockey skills and working so hard with the children.

Our football team have so far played two home games and one away with their next game on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – we wish them the very best of luck. Many thanks to Caroline and Matthew Stevenson for their excellent coaching.

Rugby has been a key skill taught in KS2 and the children have worked really hard. Thank to Kate Nichols and Tim Chilvers from Henry Box School for the brilliant lessons and encouragement of all the children.

**Panto day lunch** - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. On this day please only select sandwiches for lunch – hot meals are not available; alternatively, children can bring in a packed lunch.



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November we raised money for **Children in Need**. It was fabulous to see so many wonderful spotty outfits and spotty faces! Thank you for all your donations which totalled a wonderful £93.



### Diary Dates



- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Bags for Schools to be collected
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu vaccinations
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Bikeability Y6
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Bikeability Y6
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Pantomime trip for whole school
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Football match at Our Lady of Lourdes (away)
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Chocolate Tombola (non-school clothes)
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Parents' Evening, 3.30-6pm
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Parents' Evening, 3.30-6pm
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre, Village Hall 2-4pm
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity performances 2pm and 6pm (no Craft Club due to nativity)
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas lunch
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols and Coffee, school hall 2.30-4pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Get Your Sparkle On – NSPCC day
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – All After School Clubs finish
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Full Governing Body Meeting
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle Service, Holy Trinity Church, 9:30am – all welcome
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Term 2 for children, **2pm**
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – INSET
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – INSET
- Christmas Holiday** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January inclusive.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019** – Term 3 begins, 8:40am
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019** – Term 3 Ends, 3pm
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Half term
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Term 4 begins, 8:40am
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Term 4 ends, 2pm
- Easter Holiday** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April inclusive
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Term 5 begins, 8:40am
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – KS1 SATs period begins
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATS week
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – End of Term 5, 3pm
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Term 6 begins, 8:40am
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonics screening week
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Wood Green and Henry Box Transition days Y6
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019** – End of Term 6, 2pm

**Chocolate Bingo Non-Uniform Day** is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Children can come in non-school uniform but can they please bring a bar of chocolate which will be a donation toward the bingo evening – day to be confirmed by FoFS.