



October 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a term! The children have worked incredibly hard producing great work and engaging in all their subjects. Please come along to our open afternoon on Tuesday (16th) between 2.15-3pm and have a look!

Term ends at 3pm on Friday. Have a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you in Term 2 which begins on Tuesday 30th October.

Mrs Dodgson-Hatto

Our value this term: **FRIENDSHIP**

“Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It’s not something you learn in school, but if you haven’t learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven’t learned anything.”
Muhammad Ali



And the prize for the scariest phone call ever received goes to ... Mrs D-H!

On Tuesday 18th September, just nine days into the new term, the call came – OFSTED were going to visit the next day! Finstock staff, with the help of the MILL Academy, worked incredibly hard to make sure we were as ready as we could possibly be. The whole experience was extremely positive with a thorough but kind and enthusiastic inspector. What we already knew has been confirmed – we are a **GOOD** school. Thank you for all your encouragement, help and support and for your Parent View comments. We value your opinions greatly and are so pleased that the hard work of our wonderful ‘family’ has been recognised.

Craft Club resources – if anyone has any craft materials (e.g. glitter, ribbons, card, tissue paper etc.) that they are able to donate to this club, we would be most grateful.



Just to remind you that we will be continuing The Daily Mile

as part of our PE curriculum and therefore we expect all children to join in. They don’t need any other equipment, just themselves and a little bit of determination and energy!



On Friday 28th October we had our **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** – thank you for your amazing generosity – the event raised £172, all of which has already been sent to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Friends of Finstock School (FoFS) have been working hard, as always, organising cake sales and other fund-raising events this term. They will be running the end of term disco which will take place on the last day of term (Friday 19th) from 6-7.30pm in the school hall.

Healthy Café – A Huge Hit!

Well done Cedar Class; your healthy café was fabulous. It was so clear that all the children had put in a tremendous amount of effort. They could explain all about the circulatory system and understood the importance of taking regular exercise and eating healthy food. The demonstration of CPR and how to use a defibrillator was fabulous – we all learnt something – thank you.



Finstock parents rock!

A huge thank you to Drew, Tom, Amy, Kieran and Casper for helping to move the allotment shed to the school grounds so that the children can all enjoy more outdoor learning on the school grounds. Many hands make light work!

After School Clubs

As you already know, we are unable to offer after school care after the half-term break. However, we will be running clubs every afternoon. A sign-up sheet will be sent out this week.

Clubs begin on Tuesday 30th October.

Monday – Club Energy Multi-Sports Y1-Y6
Choir – Mrs Etheridge, 3-3:45pm, YR-Y6

Tuesday – Football Club 3:10-4:10pm
Craft Club – Mrs Farthing, 3-4pm, YR-Y6

Wednesday – Phonics (Parents/Carers and children) – Mrs Coombes, 3-4pm (see separate information sent via ParentMail)

Thursday – Homework club Miss Adair/Mrs Wordsworth, 3-4pm, YR-Y6

Friday – Film Club - Mrs D-H, 3-4pm, YR-Y6



Diary Dates



Tuesday 16th October – 2:15-3pm – Parent’s Open Afternoon

Wednesday 17th October – Puppy visit, 2pm

Thursday 18th October – Beech Class visit to Didcot Power Station

Thursday 18th October – Teacher interviews for Oak Class

Thursday 18th October – Follow up meeting for Parents from summer term 3.15pm

Friday 19th October – 1:45pm – Harvest Festival, Holy Trinity Church – all welcome

Friday 19th October – Term 1 ends, 3pm

Half term: Monday 22nd – Monday 29th October inclusive

Monday 29th October – INSET day STAFF ONLY

Tuesday 30th October – Term 2 begins, 8:40am

Tuesday 30th October – Clubs begin

Thursday 1st November – Bikeability for Y6



Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 19th October in the church at 1:45pm; please come along and join us.

Could children please bring in non-perishable items (tinned, canned or packet goods) so that they can place them around the church during the service. All donations will go to the North Oxfordshire Foodbank.

Monday 5th November – PGCE students begin

Thursday 8th November – First Aid Course for Children 3:15-4:45pm (£5 per child)

Tuesday 13th November – Open Morning, 9-10:15am

Wednesday 14th November – Open Afternoon, 2-3pm

Thursday 15th November – Bikeability Y6

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd November – Assessment Week

Wednesday 21st November – FGB Meeting

Thursday 22nd November – Bikeability Y6

Friday 23rd November – Bags for Schools to be collected

Monday 26th November – Flu vaccinations

Thursday 29th November – Pantomime trip for whole school

Tuesday 4th December – Parents’ Evening, 3.30-6pm

Wednesday 5th December - Parents’ Evening, 3.30-6pm

Tuesday 11th December – Nativity performances 2pm and 6pm

Friday 14th December – All After School Clubs finish

Wednesday 19th December – Christingle Service, Holy Trinity Church, 9:30am – all welcome

Wednesday 19th December – End of Term 2 for children, 2pm

Thursday 20th December – INSET

Friday 21st December – INSET

Christmas Holiday – Thursday 20th December to Friday 4th January inclusive.

Monday 7th January 2019 – Term 3 begins, 8:40am

Friday 15th February 2019 – Term 3 Ends, 3pm

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February - Half term

Monday 25th February – Term 4 begins, 8:40am

Friday 5th April – Term 4 ends, 2pm

Easter Holiday – Monday 8th – Monday 22nd April inclusive

Tuesday 23rd April – Term 5 begins, 8:40am

Wednesday 1st May – KS1 SATs period begins

Monday 13th May – KS2 SATS week

Friday 24th May – End of Term 5, 3pm

Monday 3rd June – Term 6 begins, 8:40am

Monday 10th June – Phonics screening week

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th July – Henry Box Transition days Y6

Tuesday 23rd July 2019 – End of Term 6, 2pm

Many children have received **Celebration Certificates** this term but names have not appeared in the newsletter - I apologise for this. I am looking into the GDPR implications but hopefully we will be able to publish names from next term so that we can all celebrate the children’s achievements. In the meantime, congratulations to all our award winners!