



Dear Parents,

12th October 2018

- **'P'FACTOR FINAL:** This morning we held our 'P' Factor final in the school hall. The children studied performance poems last week to celebrate World Poetry Day and their classes chose the best performance to represent them in the final. Caroline, the owner of Coles Books in Bicester, was our judge. She donated the book token prizes and a bag of books to be shared across the school, most generous! It was a fantastic morning with outstanding performances from all finalists, making Caroline's job very tricky indeed. My thanks go to Mrs Ward for organising this event for the school. The winners were:
 - Key Stage 1: Kingfisher, Class Cameron- 'All of Me' Jessica MacDonald
 - Lower Key Stage 2: Penguin, Evie, Bailee, Isla, Izzy- 'The Owl and the Pussycat' Edward Lear
 - Upper Key Stage 2: Dolphin, Elise, Oscar, Imogen, Arron, Maja - 'Gran Can You Rap?' Jack Ousby

HARVEST FESTIVAL: On Tuesday morning we held our Harvest Festival in St Edburg's church. The celebration was led by the Year 5 children, who did a magnificent job. Mr Ely gave an entertaining and thought-provoking talk that involved lots of chocolate! The choir gave its first performance and they were excellent. My thanks go to Mrs Spearman for teaching the children the Harvest songs, organising the choir and accompanying the service in church. I would also like to thank Mrs Redding, Mrs Powell, Mrs Babister and Mrs Morgan for all their hard work with the Year 5 children and Mr Ely for his talk.

RECEPTION HARVEST ASSEMBLY: Our youngest children treated us to an assembly on Thursday morning and the 'aah' factor was in abundance. It was the first time these children had attended assembly, never mind leading it and they were fabulous. They sang their songs beautifully and performed their actions confidently. It was a lovely morning. My thanks go to Mrs Spearman, Miss Rees, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Beckett and Mrs Watson for all their work with the children.

BICESTER FOOD BANK: Thank you to everyone who donated items for our harvest food collection. You are very generous indeed! The goods have been collected by the local Food Bank and will be distributed to families in Bicester. My thanks go to Mrs Holt for organising this for the school.

SPORTS NEWS: On Wednesday morning we took two Year 4 teams to The Cooper School to participate in the Year 3/4 mixed football tournament. With the sun out and the prospect of missing morning lessons the teams were full of enthusiasm! The B team got off to a fantastic start in their first game with 2 goals for Josh D and 2 goals for Jack H in a 4-0 victory over Charlton. Harder games were to come against Brookside, Southwold, Bure Park and Heyford and the team finished with 1 win, 1 draw and 3 losses. I was really impressed by everyone on the team as they never gave up and were extremely unlucky not to win more games than they did. They ended the morning with a friendly win over Chesterton, so it was a happy walk home. The A team started with a difficult opening game against Bure Park, where they completely forgot that defending was part of the game. Losing 3-1 was a wakeup call and the team realised they needed to talk to each other and be much more organised if they were to improve. This they surely did, and they went on an unbeaten run of five games and into the final. Along the way they beat Heyford 7-0, Langford 3-0, Charlton 3-1 and Brookside 6-0. Goals were being scored by everyone in the team including hat-tricks from Tom M and Finley C. Into the semi-final against Fritwell and the team continued their impressive play and were soon 4-0 up. However, there were a few nervy moments when Fritwell brought the game back to 4-2, but they held on to reach the final. Evan C volunteered to go in goal for the final and made some fine saves to keep the score at 0-0. In a very competitive match Tom and Finley both had to come off with injuries, which hampered our ability to push forward. Eventually Bure Park made the break-through and added a second goal shortly after to become worthy champions. An excellent morning was rewarded

though as the team found out they had qualified for the North Oxfordshire Finals, where they look forward to playing at Banbury United in November. Well done to all! S Roberts, PE Coordinator

FSU NEWS: On Thursday morning we all enjoyed the fantastic Reception Harvest Assembly, the Reception children had learnt some brilliant new songs which the nursery children thoroughly enjoyed and tried to join in with. Many thanks to all the Reception children's parents who came and supported. This week has also included our party theme in Nursery focusing on the number 2 and the colour blue, while Reception have been making birthday cakes. Mrs S Obinna, Assistant Head

INTERNATIONAL WEEK: Next week is the eagerly awaited International Week. Children and staff alike are looking forward to it immensely. We have asked for contributions of £12 per child and £20 per family to help with the cost of this exciting week. The majority of you have paid and we are very grateful. However, if insufficient funds are collected then we will not be able to plan such an enriching week next year. Please send in your payments via ParentPay. Thank you. Parents are invited to join us, after school, on:

- Monday (library) and Thursday (ICT Suite) to experience Google Virtual Reality
- Friday to look at the showcase in the classes

PARENTS' EVENINGS: We are holding our parent evenings on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The governors will be running a coffee bar in the ICT suite and have a questionnaire that they would like you to fill in. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's teacher, then please do so now. I look forward to seeing you all next week.

PTA QUIZ: Tonight, the PTA are running a Quiz Night in the school hall. It is 7 for a 7.30pm start and there will be a bar available. Please come along and support the PTA at this fundraising event for the school. Every child benefits from the money raised by the PTA.

PTA CHRISTMAS CARDS: The deadline for returning your Christmas Card orders is 3.30pm on Tuesday 30th October. Please place all orders in the PTA post box in reception.

WRAP AROUND CARE: For parents who use Childcare Vouchers to pay for Wrap Around Care, booking forms for Term 2 are now available on the school website. Please email or hand these in to the office next week if possible. Please ensure you use your child's name as your reference for voucher payments in order that we can identify each payment. The final deadline for receiving forms and making bookings for Term 2 on ParentPay is Thursday 25th October.

E-SAFETY: Are your children caught up in the Fortnite frenzy? Are you unsure what it is all about? Visit this link for a comprehensive guide on keeping your children safe whilst they play! <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-fortnite> If you would like to know more then please feel free to come and talk to Mr Cox in Dolphin class.

PETER PAN: This afternoon the whole school were treated to the pantomime Peter Pan, performed by M&M Theatrical Productions.

END OF TERM: Next Friday we close at the usual time for the October break. School reopens on Monday 29th October.

Have a lovely weekend



Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher