



Dear Parents and Carers,

11th October 2019

LION CLASS ASSEMBLY: A huge well done to Mr Cox and Lion Class for an excellent assembly this morning. They told us all about their study of the Stone Age, performed some poems and sang a catchy 3 times table song. They also performed the Samba, ably (and bravely!) demonstrated by Mrs Bell. The highlight for me was their rendition of 'We Will Rock You' – a real crowd pleaser. My thanks go to Mr Cox and Mrs Law for all of their hard work with the class.

SPORTS NEWS: Football Trials: With so many children keen to play football in Year 5 and 6 this year, I have been running lunchtime football trials. With so much enthusiasm on show, it will be difficult to pick the 3 teams we have entered into the Bicester league, but hopefully that is a sign that we have strong teams that will compete for the trophies. The girls' team are especially excited as they prepare for the new season as reigning champions!

Tag Rugby: On Thursday we took two teams down to The Bicester School to take part in the Bicester tag rugby festival. The teams competed in separate competitions and were both a credit to the school in both their sportsmanship and their skill. They not only played some of the best tag rugby I have seen, they were always respectful of the opposition. They were first to shake hands, first to thank the referee and were constantly offering advice and encouragement to each other and their opposition. A special mention to Dilyan, Scarlett, Gus and Jimmy who were recognised by the leaders for demonstrating great respect. The teams were put in pools of 8, playing seven games each. Both teams got off to a wonderful start by winning their first games convincingly. They then never looked back as they then went on to win all of their matches and finish top of their respective groups. The walk back to school was a noisy one as both teams celebrated being champions with a rendition of the KMS song. Thank you to all the children and to Mrs Targus-Stone for her help and support. Mr Roberts PE coordinator

COMMUNITY WORK: On Thursday morning Mrs Tugwell and Miss Ellis took 9 children down to Wyndham Care Home to play bingo with the residents. They had a fantastic time and very kindly helped some of the residents with finding their numbers. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and even won a few prizes. Mrs Ward Assistant Head

FSU NEWS: In Reception this week we have been talking about our pets at home or the pets we would like to have. We have drawn them using, paint, water colours or pastels and used our socks to make sock pets. Thank you for all the socks you sent in. We have also been practising our Harvest Festival Assembly and are looking forward to sharing it with you all on Thursday at 9am. We hope you can join us and stay for a cup of tea. We have had a tasty week in Nursery because our two-week topic is My Food. The children have loved playing in the food shop and it was good to compare our fruits from home. Henry made some delicious bread for us and we chose whether we liked brown or white best. Thanks also to Freddie, Lexi and Tabitha who have been cooking at home and sharing their yummy baking. We have also been learning a simple harvest song. We will put it on Tapestry which should be up and running for Nursery soon. If you'd like to hear it live, you could pop in to class for two minutes on Wednesday morning. The gates are locked at 9.00, so we'll do our song at 8.55am.

RECRUITMENT: We are looking for a new full time TA to work in our FSU. If you are interested, then please call into the school office. They will then be able to explain the application process to you.

DROPPING OFF IN THE MORNING: I have received a complaint about the path outside the Reception classes becoming crowded in the morning with parents looking in the windows to wave goodbye to their children. This is blocking the passage for other parents. If your child is in Reception, then please say goodbye at the gate – this should ease the congestion in the lane. Thank you.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK: Thank you to those of you who have made the contributions for International Week. We are asking for £12 per child or £20 per family for this very exciting week. I thank you in advance for your support. Please find attached an information flyer providing more details about the week's events.

PARENT'S EVENINGS: We are holding our parents' evenings on Monday and Tuesday of next week. If you have not already done so, then please sign up for a time slot to see your child's teacher. Entry to and exit from the school on these evenings will be through the ICT suite. The governors will be running their coffee bar in there and would like you to fill in an online questionnaire to gauge your opinion on an aspect of school life. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Y4 WADDES DON MANOR VISIT: Next Tuesday Y4 will be visiting Waddesdon Manor. During this visit children will get the chance to explore the grounds and discuss different habitats before undertaking a spring bulb planting session. Next Spring, the tulip patch that the children will be planting will be in full bloom. The patch will be labelled with our school/class names on it for everyone to see.

RECEPTION HARVEST CELEBRATION: On Thursday at 9am in the school hall, the Reception classes will be putting on their Harvest Assembly. If you have a child in Yellow Wagtail, Red Kite or Bluebird classes then please make every effort to attend. Refreshments will be served at the end.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Next Friday we will be holding our Harvest Festival in St Edburg's Church at 9.45am. Y5 will be leading the service. We hope that many of you will be able to join us. If you are available to assist in walking the children to and from the church please speak to your child's class teacher.

PTA DISCO: Next Friday the PTA are running the first discos of this academic year. I hope the children have fun. Please remember that the deadline for booking your child's place at the disco is 3.30pm on Wednesday 16th October 2019.

SICKNESS - VOMITING AND DIARRHOEA: Unfortunately, this time of year can see a rise in sickness bugs, which can be very challenging for parents and schools alike. Children with these conditions should be kept off school. They can return 48 hours after symptoms disappear. Most cases of vomiting get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- The International Week planning team gave a presentation to staff, outlining the exciting programme they have organised.
- Mr Cox attended Maths training
- Mrs Zarcaro attended ICT training
- The second Maths course for parents took place on Thursday morning
- The Full Governing Body (FGB) met last night

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 96.58%

- Yellow Wagtail – 96.50%
- Red Kite – 91.43%
- Bluebird – 92.00%
- Kingfisher – 96.25%
- Puffin – 92.17%
- Swan – 95.00%
- Flamingo – 92.96%
- Lion – 98.15%
- Giraffe – 99.63%
- Eagle – 99.33%
- Penguin 99.67%
- Snowy Owl 95.48%
- Leopard 97.33%
- Elephant 100.00%
- Dolphin 99.23%

The best class this week was Elephant class with 100.00%. Well done!

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021: Please find attached the School Calendar for 2020-2021, for your future reference this will be made available on the school website.

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher