



Friday 6th October 2023

Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the leaves beginning to turn shades of red and gold, it was time to come together this week for our Harvest Festival. Reverend Stephen from St Laurence Church led our Collective Worship on Monday and the children performed songs and read prayers of thanks.

In celebrating the beauty of the autumn and the abundance of the harvest, the Harvest Festival is an opportunity to strengthen bonds within our community. In the spirit of gratitude and giving, we collected an enormous amount of food items. The very generous donations were delivered to our local senior citizens in the bungalows and flats in Lowndes Way and Scott Evans Court by the Year Six children today.

On Thursday we elected our House Captains from Year Six to represent our four Houses: Parks, Barnardo, Wiltshire and Anning. All of the children in KS1 and KS2 got the opportunity to vote in House Assemblies for their House Captain. Congratulations to the following children:



Parks	Barnardo	Wiltshire	Anning
Abi	Shaun	Lottie	Oliver
Parker	Henry	Roman	Hannah

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Chess news September 2023

I am delighted that once again we have an eager group of children taking part in the "Introduction to Chess" course, which is suitable for both complete beginners and those who know a little about the game.

The learning and playing of chess helps to develop cognitive ability, attention span, problem solving skills and numerous other educational and social benefits.

Next term these children will be joined by children from within the school who have formerly taken the "Introduction to Chess" course and will be able to play against more experienced players, the best way to learn.

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The combined group will be entered for the Delancey U.K. Chess Challenge, which provides the opportunity to play children from other schools in a National competition.

B. McClellan

English Chess Federation Coach

Birthday Celebrations

The school policy continues to be that children are allowed to come to school wearing mufti instead of school uniform on their Birthday. To ensure we are keeping children with allergies and intolerances safe, while promoting healthy eating, we are requesting that birthday sweets/treats are not given out in school. We hope this will also support families during these challenging times by removing the expectation to provide birthday sweets for the class.

Attendance

Well done to 4SW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.09%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.90%.

Working together

We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by sending out letters at key points to inform you of your child's attendance should it go below 95% and to invite you in to find ways to work together to support your child's attendance.



Green – Attendance dipping below 95%.

Amber – Attendance consistently below 95%.

Red – Persistent Absentee below 90%

Child of the Week

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

- Year 1: Fox & Jacob
- Year 2: Ben & Finley
- Year 3: Alfred & Maya
- Year 4: Grace & William
- Year 5: Mason & Maxi
- Year 6: Amelie & Shaun





October Half Term Multi-Activity Holiday Club

Kidz Zone October half term Multi-Activity Holiday Club will be taking place at school from Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023. If you would like your child to attend please book a place using the following link www.kidzzoneclub.com .

FOWS



FOWS have been doing a tremendous job over the last few years, and especially since lockdown, at raising money to fund play and learning resources for our children that they would otherwise not benefit from.




Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th October @7:00pm, and we would like as much input from everyone as is possible. The more volunteers we have to help run events then the less each of us will have to do. Without support we may not be able to keep running events.

Our current need is for someone to review our accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023. Please note this is a review not an audit and you don't have to be a qualified accountant to undertake the review. Please ask your friends, family, and neighbours if you think they may be able to help.

If you can't attend the AGM but wish to help, then please let us know as we can send you the agenda and pass on any comments you may have at the meeting.

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Tracy Thomas or Mrs Katie Epps via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Tracy Thomas Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor Mr David Shaw	

What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



Diary Dates

Please find below our autumn term calendar of events for your immediate attention. This will be published on our school website and updated as appropriate over the coming weeks.

Date	Event
Monday 9 th October – Friday 13 th October	Year 6 Residential Trip - PGL Liddington
Monday 16 th October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 18 th October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings
Friday 13 th October (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 13 th October	Y6 Secondary Transfer Test Results Released
Wednesday 18 th October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 19 th October	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Thursday 19 th October	Last day of term for pupils
Friday 20 th October	INSET Day
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October)	
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school
Tuesday 31 st October	Y6 Secondary Application Deadline
Thursday 2 nd November	Outdoor Learning Day
Wednesday 8 th November	Whole School Photographs
Thursday 9 th November (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)
Sunday 12 th November	Remembrance in Winslow
Tuesday 14 th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Disco Year 1 and Year 2 Year 5 and 6 Disco
Thursday 16 th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Reception Disco Year 3 and 4 Disco
wc 13 th November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)
Thursday 16 th November (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 23 rd November	SENDCo Drop in Clinic
Friday 24 th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day
Saturday 25 th November(11:00am – 2:00pm)	FOWS Christmas Fete
wc 4 th December	Christmas Book Week
Monday 4 th December	FOWS Pantomine
Tuesday 5 th December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 6 th December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 6 th December (2:00pm) and Friday 8 th December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Monday 11 th December (6pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church
Tuesday 12 th December (pm) and Wednesday 13 th December (am)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 13 th December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)	EYFS Stay and Play for Reception Parents – Crafts
Wednesday 13 th December (pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert
Tuesday 19 th December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground
Tuesday 19 th December	Last Day of School for pupils
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Thursday 4 th January 2023	

This Term's Value is:

Respect

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Luke 6:31

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