



Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe 'To believe, achieve, succeed together.'

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER 2023

Value of the Term: CHARITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking and congratulating the pupils and families who attended the **Village Harvest Service on Sunday**. The children both read and sung beautifully and so many other people from the congregation commented on, and praised, the children's wonderful work. Both Mrs Connor and I were very proud - I look forward to being able to support further village events. The **Hope for Harvest** volunteers collected the food on Wednesday that had been donated and we look forward to seeing how it is shared and how others benefit. We had our second **Open Morning** for prospective parents on Wednesday which was again well attended. Alongside this we have also shown a number of families around in relation to a local Brackley school closing. Firstly, I want to congratulate the Head and Deputy pupils who gave up a Saturday morning to fulfill this role, as well as on Wednesday, and who did a marvellous job. On Wednesday, we asked other Year 6 pupils to also support this role due to the numbers we had and received such complementary words about them all. The school as a whole was highly praised by all visitors – a very well done to everyone. On a serious note, however, I would like to make it clear that we are being extremely mindful that our village school does hold a special feel and ethos and that numbers expanding this are not really possible in some year groups. We do, of course, want to help and accommodate where we can but making sure it is right for the school and our circumstances too. I would like to **welcome** Kaiden into Chestnut and Lola into Ash who have recently joined us at Croughton – they have both settled so well to our school and routines! This week **Oak class** had some great visitors in, to enhance their learning. A Vet nurse came in and shared her job and brought some hands-on resources, as well as the PCSO's attending bringing a vehicle with them too. In worship this week our focus has linked to **Black History Month** where we have discussed the theme 'Saluting our Sisters' as well as key people from history who have been influential. I was hoping **Photo proofs** would be with you today but Katka will now drop them to us early next week. **One more week** before the half term break. We have our Homework Gallery Morning on Thursday where children bring in tasks they have completed off the grid for us all to share and see!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. Sarah Smith

Diary – WB 16th October

Monday

Tuesday

3.20pm PTFA AGM

Wednesday

Ash Swimming 6

Year 5 & 6 to Young Citizens Day

Thursday

Homework Gallery Morning

Girls Football Event – Year 5 & 6 at BJS after school

Friday

9am VIP Assembly

END OF TERM 1

On Wednesday **Year 5 & 6** are attending a **Young Citizens Day**. They must be in school from 8.15am and will need a packed lunch and bottle of water **12 slips need returning and there are 8 outstanding payments**

Art Shirts Please could we request that all children bring in an old shirt that can be used as a Paint shirt.

Volunteer Readers We are always looking for volunteer readers to come in and work with the children, if you think you could offer an hour or two to help then please let us know.

Certificates

	Ready, Respectful, Safe	Headteacher Value	Curriculum – PE
OAK	Ayah H, Maverick D	Noah J	Theo P
CHESTNUT	Kaiden S, Fletcher RT	Alba P	Ronnie F
ASH	Jake HI, Mason S	Poppy H	Emmett M
SYCAMORE	Sophie S, Jesse G	Betsy T	Finley OC
MAPLE	Bronwen K Isla R	Finn R	Finley R

House Point Scores: **Air 138 Earth 152 Fire 149 Water 180**

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE – SEPT 2024. The application window is now open for those starting school in September and you must apply by 15th Jan 2024 **APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE – SEPT 2024. The application window is now open and for children in Year 6 you must apply by: 31st Oct 2023.** Website link [here](#).

Safeguarding - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs S. Smith
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs K. Green
Governor Responsible for Safeguarding – Mrs C. Barrett

Attendance Figure
for the whole school
this academic year:
96.34%

PTFA
AGM Tuesday 17th October
3.20pm in Treehouse.
Newsletter sent Thursday.