



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

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER 2023

Value of the Term: CHARITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday Maple class had an informative and useful day at the **Young Citizens Event**. They explored key areas that become more relevant as they get older including, online safety, solvent abuse, hate crime awareness, personal safety and crime prevention. They were a credit to the school.

We had a super **Homework Gallery** on Thursday and I was very impressed with so many different pieces of work shared in various ways. There is a picture gallery up in the hall and I shall share some on social media too. New grids will be out after half-term. Also, on Thursday, a team of **Year 5/6 Girls Footballers** represented our school at BJS and enjoyed a football festival where they participated in various skills before taking part in some games. The girls excelled at teamwork, determination and had such an enjoyable time too with the added bonus of finishing third! Go girls – do we have the next Lioness? Earlier in the week the **PTFA held their AGM** where they shared the years successes and elected a new committee. Very sadly, after some tremendous achievements in role of Chair and Secretary both Jo Marshall and Liz Snell have stepped down in their respective roles. I want to give enormous thanks for all their hard work and commitment to support the school in providing a wealth of extra opportunities and resources. Whilst there is still a dedicated team of parents involved there is very much a need for more people to join and tasks however big or small delegated out. Over half term we have set a couple of tasks for children to have a go at if they wish. The **500-word competition** is an event that we would love children to take part in. I shared all about this on Monday with the children and revealed the part I am playing in this year's competition! The Y6 Reading leaders with Mrs Connor have also come up with a small **reading challenge** to try! Prizes available. We have had many parents send back photo slips – Katka is collecting them today – if there are any last few outstanding, please can we have these by Wednesday 1st November. After half term we are launching a new **PSHE curriculum from SCARF** and a letter is attached detailing more about this. Finally booking for **parents evening** are open and 57% are booked on already! <https://croughton.schoolcloud.co.uk/> The calendar of events is updated as much as possible for Term 2 and attached again!

Have a lovely half-term break. Mrs. Sarah Smith

Diary – WB 30th October 2023

Start of Term 2

Monday

Tuesday

SACRF workshops
3.15 100 Draw

Wednesday

Ash Swimming 7
3.45 KS2 Kurling Event at Sponne

Thursday

Diwali Experience Day
2:50pm Come and see what we have learnt and see our Diwali dances

Friday

PTFA Non-Uniform Day- Gifts
9am VIP Assembly

Saturday

Brackley Fireworks - PTFA Stall

Parent Governor

There will be two Parent Governor vacancies from the start of December. If you would like further information on what this involves, please contact the school office.

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 – ART
OAK	Penny M & Bertie B	Jessie D	Orla P
CHESTNUT	Freya K & Max W	Fin S	Alba P
ASH	Ollie S & Sophie H	George W	Jordan G
SYCAMORE	Molly A & Josh S	Seb W	James C
MAPLE	Darcey W & Evie O	Imogen P	Maisy W

House Point Scores: **Air 204 Earth 184 Fire 214 Water 218**

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:
96.16%

PTFA – Upcoming events
Firework event in Brackley - 4/11
Christmas Fayre – 26/11
Movie Night – 8/12