



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

**NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

**Value of the Term: RESPECT & PEACE**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

This week has been a hive of busy activities with lots happening. It has been **Anti - Bullying Week** and children have relooked at being kind and what they should do if they see or hear things that are not kind. The theme this year is 'Make Some Noise'. Children in Maple class attended the BBC Live Lesson on this subject and designed some posters, and all children learnt more about this on Thursday in Assembly. On Monday as part of worship I had both Oak and Chestnut class and we looked at this message through the story of David and Goliath.

On Monday also Ash and Sycamore had a superb trip to **Chiltern Open Air Museum** where they got to explore both the Iron and Stone Age through a variety of hands-on tasks – they all had an incredible time. Thank you to the PTFA for supporting towards the cost of this as well as the staff involved in preparing and attending the trip.

Today is **Children in Need** and we are marking this with our very own Colouring Competition – there are so many entries which is amazing as well as a cake sale after school. We shall let you know next week how much we raise. We did, on Wednesday, explain to the children a little bit about the charity itself and in particular Pudsey bear – I wonder do you know how Pudsey got his name?

The scaffolding went up this week, less than originally planned initially, but work starts on both Oak and the Burrow on Monday – I will update more when I know!

We are providing all children with the opportunity to have a go at **fencing** on Monday when we have a coach in for this sport– this is part of our work to provide a variety of different physical experiences and try out new things.

I attach an overview of **all things Christmas** for this year – I hope it provides to be useful. We would discourage Christmas cards but hope that at the events we put on money can be donated to the classes charities this year instead.

Next Sunday it is the **PTFA Christmas Fayre** and lots of work is going on behind the scenes in preparation. The choir will be singing, there will be lots of stalls, including class led ones, food, and games. Also, there is the amazing raffle and auction taking place. The PTFA raise valuable funds for the school to support our work and have recently purchased 12 iPads for the school which is amazing.

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Mrs. Sarah Smith*

**Diary – WB 20<sup>th</sup> November Road Safety Week**

**Monday**

Fencing Day

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

Ash Swimming 10

Cross Country event – selected chn

**Thursday**

**Friday**

9am VIP assembly

**Sunday**

11-3pm Christmas Fayre at Village Hall

**Clubs** will finish on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Skipping club** will have small skipping show to share at 3:45 on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November for parents of the children in the club.

**Coats** – as the weather does start to change, please can we strongly urge that all children bring a coat to school. Temperatures can drop in the day and we want the children to still go outside in the colder weather. Thank you.

On **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** we have our next **Curriculum evening** where we shall be sharing all things **Maths** related. This will be a very useful evening for any parent to attend to learn the aims, how we teach but also things you can do at home to support.

**Certificates**

	Ready, Respectful, Safe	Headteacher Value	Curriculum – PE
OAK	Willow H & Zach R	Rosalynne M	Alfie S
CHESTNUT	Caitlin F & Fin S	Fletcher RT	Ruby W
ASH	Barney W & Jordan G	Lola – Rae O	Emmett M
SYCAMORE	Jennifer H & Harvey A	James C	Henry W
MAPLE	Hetty W & Holly D	Jacob W	Betty S

House Point Scores: Air 153 Earth 143 Fire 138 Water 165

**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 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.

**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: **95.72%**

**PTFA – Upcoming events**  
Christmas Fayre – 26/11  
Movie Night – 8/12