



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

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2023

Value of the Term: RESPECT & PEACE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone to a new term which has already had many exciting events. On Tuesday we were treated to Nick Planas talking to us about **Woodwind instruments** and three of our children performed, which although I know they were nervous about, they did a superb job. We also launched our new PSHE scheme this week with the SCARF team visiting us. Each class from Year 1 -6 visited the SCARF tent, and looked at a key area of the PSHE curriculum. Moving forward, staff will now deliver the PSHE and RSE curriculum from SCARF. We will share further details about this curriculum later this term. This is a subject that we do, on the whole, teach in year specific groups and this term's focus is Valuing Difference. Wednesday afterschool I enjoyed my trip to Sponne with four Year 6's who participated in the Kurling tournament. This was attended by many schools from South Northants and I am pleased to report they were Runners Up- they did a superb job and the games became very tactical towards the end!

On Thursday we also welcomed Katherine in to school who led us through some Diwali Dance workshops where children explored either Bollywood, or more traditional Kathak dancing, focusing on the story of Rama and Sita. In classes children also learnt about different aspects of this festival.

Our fabulous Head and Deputy pupils have been dutifully turning up a few minutes early (thank you parents/carers) to sell our remembrance items. This will still be available next week from 8:40, with us going to church on Friday at 10:45 for a short remembrance service and silence by the memorial. This term fittingly, our value is Respect with a focus on Peace – we had an introductory discussion on Monday where children reflected on what respect looks like, who we should respect and how we feel if we are not respected – we also looked at different quotes relating to peace and respect. Saturday night we have the Brackley Fireworks and the PTFA will again be there selling items that light up! Hope to see many of you! Next week it is Parents Evening – a separate letter with final details has been sent out – I will be available on both nights if you should need a catch up about anything. We welcome a new family into school this week and Nico, Vera and Kellan have been warmly welcomed by everyone. *Have a lovely weekend – stay safe. Mrs. Sarah Smith*

Diary – WB 6th November

Monday

Maple Class Workshop pm

Tuesday – NO CLUBS

Parents' Evening 1

Wednesday – NO CLUBS

Ash Swimming 8

Parents' evening 2

Thursday

Friday

9am VIP Assembly

10:45 Remembrance Service at church memorial

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.

Well done to the children who took part in the **reading challenge** in half term– they all received a bookmark and two lucky pupils were randomly drawn and won a book!

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 – Handwriting
OAK	Elena H & Wren S	Emmett C	Zach R
CHESTNUT	Jack C & Max E	Oscar P	Alba P
ASH	Zach L & Quinn S	Liam O	Monty S
SYCAMORE	Leo D & Imogen M	Betsy T	Jennifer H
MAPLE	Estelle G & Finn R	Darcey W	Oliver W

House Point Scores: Air 104 Earth 99 Fire 80 Water 109

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.

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:
96.17%

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