



Autumn 4 Newsletter End of Half Term 2019

Open Afternoon Success!

A grand total of **264** parents signed in for our recent open afternoon, where you could join in with the learning in your child's class.

Hopefully from this large total, the length of the queue through the car park and the busyness of the classrooms, you will understand that our rule of one parent per child is completely necessary.

To ensure we maintain the highly effective safeguarding procedures within the School, and provide an enjoyable afternoon for yourselves, the staff and, most importantly, the children, we will continue to enforce this rule and challenge anyone who appears to be unaware of this.

We hope all who attended enjoyed their visit and look forward to seeing you at the Spring Term event.

Staffing News

We are delighted to have appointed 2 new Teaching Assistants to support in the F2 classes. Mr Nixon has joined Whale Class and has been with us for nearly three weeks now, settling into the routine well, getting to know all the children and staff. Mrs King will be joining us as an additional adult in Turtle Class in December.

End of Half Term

We hope parents who joined us for the Open Afternoon had a fun time. We had 264 parents in total - our largest number to date!

We wish you all a very happy, restful half term break and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 5th November for what we are sure will be a very busy lead up to Christmas!

Choir Performance

On Thursday 18th October, Mrs Glanney, Mrs Grant and Miss Lawrence took the After School Club Choir to The Over 60s Club at Bedgrove Pavilion to share the Harvest Songs they had learned at their club with Mrs Warner. The children, a selection of Year 1 and Year 2, made us all very proud. They sang beautifully, with smiles on their faces.

They were a little nervous about their first performance but did not need to be. The audience just love the children visiting them and we could see them clapping and singing along. We took the lovely donations of Harvest Gifts parents had sent in, which were very much appreciated. As the children left, Mr Archer arrived with a full Roast Dinner for them to enjoy. We return again at Christmas and I know they cannot wait!

The Club kindly donated £40 to the school for resources, for which we are very grateful.

The children really benefit from our links with the community, as do the people we visit. If you have any ideas to broaden our opportunities, please let us know.

Timings Reminder

Please be aware that, although our gates remain open for access into school until 9.05am, the register is taken for the start of the day at 9.00am and anyone arriving after this is marked as late.

The staggered start is working well to avoid congestion in the playground however, please do arrive before 9.00am to ensure you are registered on time. Thank you



Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th October

FoBIS Mufti Day

School Closes at 3.00pm for half term

Tuesday 5th November

School reopens for Autumn Term Two

Friday 8th November

Governor interest coffee morning 9:10 - 10

Monday 11th November

F2 Phonics Workshop for Parents 9.10-10.10

Wednesday 13th November

Parent Evening for F2, Y1 and Y2 parents 3.15 - 6.30pm

Thursday 14th November

Parent Evening for F2, Y1 and Y2 parents 3.15 - 6.30pm

Friday 15th November

Deadline for Parent Governor Nominations

Monday 9th - Thursday 12th December

FoBIS Christmas Parties

Monday 9th - F2 3.00-5.00

Tuesday 10th - F1 2.45- 4.15

Wednesday 11th - Y2 3.00-5.00

Thursday 12th - Y1 3.00-5.00

Christmas Plans

10th and 11th December 9.30am- F2 Nativity Shows

13th December 9.15am- F1 Christmas Concert

16th and 17th December 9.30am- Year 1 Christmas Shows

17th December 1.15pm & 2.15pm- Year 2 Carol Concerts

Thursday 19th December

School Closes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm

ALDI's KIT FOR SCHOOLS

We have now filled our first School Poster displaying all the stickers you have collected. Thank you!

We are a third of the way along the second one...

Please remember, if you shop in ALDI, collect the GB stickers they give to you when you spend £30, and bring them to school as we will receive an exclusive sports kit as well as enter for the chance to win one of twenty £20,000 prizes when our poster is filled up with 300 stickers!

Stickers should be placed in our collection box in the Main Reception area. We will keep you updated on how well we are doing.

BREXIT...

Bucks CC have asked us to remind parents of the possible impact of Brexit, if this takes place over the half term. Any parents who are European citizens should ensure they have applied for settlement status to secure their right to be in the UK. We would be sad to see any of our children leave the school due to this.

Mr Archer, our Chef, has stocked up on staple ingredients in case there are any issues with food supplies following Oct 31st. We will endeavour to provide our menu as normal but will be prepared to offer alternative hot meals if we are unable to get our usual supplies.

Local Kindness

One member of staff was thrilled with the kindness of the staff at the Jansel Square Charity Shop recently.

Whilst browsing for items to enhance our classrooms, the staff member specifically found something for her and then said he would keep a look out for anything else that we particularly needed and let us know.

Thank you for this very kind gesture.

Our F2 children will benefit greatly from any and all charity shop finds their teachers hunt down for them!

F2 Phonics Workshop for Parents

The F2 team would like to hold a Phonics Workshop for the parents of F2 children on Monday 11th November.

From 9.10 till 10.10, you will be able to go to class, with your child, for a mini phonics session and then play a range of phonics games both inside and out, to see how we support the learning of the sounds of letters through play.

We will be sending out a booking form on Parentmail for you to let us know if you would like to come so we have an idea of numbers. This is for one parent per child please and no siblings should attend.

You will need all your focus on the phonics!

Christmas Card Competition

If you are feeling festive, do make sure you enter the Limes Baptist Church Christmas Card Competition. Details were sent out in book bags this week. Closing date in November 8th, so please send them back to School as soon as they are finished.

Donation Thankyou

Mr Wilkins would like to thank Louie in Jaguars for the donation of garden supplies. Any further donations of compost/fertiliser would be greatly appreciated.

FoBIS Readathon Challenge

Don't forget to get reading over the half term holiday to collect sponsor money to help the school buy lots of books! If every child raises just £5 we will get a bonus added to our total and could have over £2000 to spend! Thank you

School Security

Please ensure that the main school door closes after you enter or leave the building. Please do not leave it open for others you believe need access as this is contrary to our safeguarding practice. All visitors to school need to be let in once they have identified themselves to either the School Office or

Grover Staff using our buzzer system. Please be aware that there may be a delay in answering your buzzer due to staff being on the phone or talking to other parents.

Please be patient in these situations.

Leaving the door open at any time is putting children and staff at risk. Please be mindful of this and respect our safeguarding rules.

School Governor Role?

Have you ever wondered what the School Governor's role is in our school? We have a vacancy for a Parent/Carer/Grandparent on our Governing Board and are holding a **Governor Coffee Morning** on Friday 8th November from 9.10-10.00 where you can find out more about this.

Please come along for coffee, cake and a chat to see if this would interest you.

NEW: School Ambassadors

This term we have introduced a new award: **School Ambassador**.

Members of staff nominate children who they feel consistently emulate the values and expectations of our school. Our first Ambassadors in Year 1 and Year 2 were announced in assembly today and given badges that they can wear every day. We will be creating an Ambassador Display board for their photos as well a page on our website to show who they are. The children are able to keep the badge as a memento of their achievement within the school once they have left.

Children will be recognised throughout the year for their exemplary behaviour and presented with their badges each half term. This is a prestigious accolade within the school and we are sure the children will strive to achieve it!

Our NEW School Ambassadors are:

Mrs Glanney – Tiger Class

Aarav in my class today is an ambassador for aspiration. He consistently tries his best and wants to achieve so much. He is a fantastic role model in terms of making mistakes but not giving up and then moving forwards. He is also always enthusiastic about his learning and is always smiling and positive.

Mrs Sim – Lion Class

Jake is an excellent representative of the school, he always sets a good example to his peers. Every time I see Jake in school, he is following the expectations, demonstrating fantastic manners and being a role model to everyone.

Mrs Smith – Lion Class

I would like to nominate **Darcey** as she is a member of the class and school that I can always rely on to be setting a good example to everyone else. She works hard and is a caring member of the class.

Mr Aziz - Jaguar Class.

Jozef is always doing what is expected of him and is a brilliant role model for the rest of the children. He is always kind to the other children and has a great attitude towards learning. Jozef is very polite to all members of staff.

Mrs Banks – Giraffe Class

Emily D is an enthusiastic learner, student and friend to everyone. Her behaviour is always outstanding and she is a great role-model to other children. She always thinks about her choices very carefully and chooses the right one that doesn't upset anyone. She always works so hard and tries her best in everything she does, both at school and at home. Emily always listens to her friends, family and teachers very carefully as she knows it is respectful to do so.