



## Newsletter 4 Autumn Term

24 October 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who came to the Parents' Evenings. It was a great opportunity for the teachers to meet with you to discuss the year ahead for your child. Please remember that if you do want to speak to your child's teacher at any time during the year, they will be happy to see you. Just contact the school office and a mutually convenient time will be arranged.

### Parent View

Below is a link which will take you to a website which will give you the opportunity to tell OFSTED what you think of us as a school

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### Leave of Absence During the School Term

I have had a lot of requests for leave today. As you are aware I am unable to grant leave for holidays during the school term and the attendance in school affects our OFSTED judgement. 5% of our pupils were away today, which is a considerable number and affects the work in the classroom for the whole cohort. With this in mind, I have decided to change the October INSET day to the day before half term next year so that you can book holidays should you so wish. Please see the calendar on our website for more details.

### Assessing Without Levels

You might be aware that one of the changes the Government brought into schools last year was assessing without levels. We will be holding a meeting for parents and Governors on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to explain how we assess your child and check their progress in our school.

### Football

On Wednesday two football teams from years 3 and 4 participated in a match at Cooper School. They all played really well, demonstrated our school values and were great ambassadors for the school. Fritwell 'A' have successfully gone through to the next round so congratulations to all of them!

### Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Fresh Start will be issuing a letter to all parents with information about the menu. As far as I can gather, parents of children who do not currently pay, or who have paid for the term, just make their menu choice. Parents of children who don't currently take Fresh Start meals make their choice on a slip and return it to the office with cash payment (£2.30 per meal).

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to Mrs Dallaway for organising the book fair. It has raised £373 in commission!

### **Park Gates**

Please note that next term the park gates will be locked at 3.30 after school, except on club nights when they will close at 4.30. On Wednesdays they will be closed at 6.30 when the Dance Classes end.

### **School Council Charities**

The school council has chosen three charities to fund raise for in the coming year. Their local charity will be the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust, their national charity will be Sports Relief and their international charity will be Unicef. So look out for news of fund raising events.

### **Yenworthy**

Our year 6 pupils will be leaving on the first day after half term to go to Yenworthy for the week. We all wish them a brilliant time and we look forward to hearing all about it. Catch up with what they are doing on our Facebook page.

### **Fireworks Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the fireworks display which FoFS has organised for the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. There are tickets available to buy direct from the school office.

Have a peaceful and enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Regards

Debbie McLeod  
Headteacher

### **SCHOOL DIARY**

26 October- Half Term  
2 November- Back to School  
2 November- Year 6 Residential at Yenworthy All Week  
8 November- Fireworks 5pm  
12 November- Library Van  
2 December- KS1 Trip to the Pantomime  
9 December- Secret Present Room  
10 December- Library Van  
10 December Year 3+4 Community Tea Party  
15 December –EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance  
15 December-School Christmas Lunch  
16 December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance  
18 December- 10am Carol Service  
18 December 3.15pm –End of Term  
4 January – INSET  
5 January- Back to School

St Olave's invites you to

# Messy Church!

Revised time - 15<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00-5.30

(Usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month, same time and place)

taking place at St Olave's Church, North  
Street, Fritwell

**Theme: Daniel in the Lion's Den**



All ages are welcome for a time of craft, stories, celebration and food. Children need to bring an adult!

Everyone welcome - just come along!

(Admission Free – Donations Welcome)

For any enquiries, please contact Grace on 07908227625