



Newsletter 2 Autumn term

30 September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Hi 5 Netball Tournament

Some of our year 5 and 6s took part in the Bicester schools partnership netball tournament on Wednesday and, as always, did us proud!

After only a handful of training sessions, the children demonstrated fantastic team spirit and skill. Lydia, Amelia, Lauren, William, Abbie and come third in their group. offs, we narrowly missed out Our year 5 team consisted of Their determination and despite being some of the children left with a smile on Megan were awarded a energy throughout.

Well done to all involved.



Rebecca made up the year 6 team and managed to After an extremely close game in the group play by one goal!

Megan, Emily, Poppy, Daisy, Mia, Amelie and Issy. enjoyment of the game was evident all afternoon, youngest (and smallest!) children in their group. All their face and a sense of achievement. Lydia and 'teamwork' certificate for their positivity and

After School Care

It has been brought to my attention that some of you are wondering whether after school care will continue, in light of Mrs Mooney's pregnancy. Mrs Mooney has asked me to inform you that she will continue to oversee the running of the after school care during her maternity leave and that she has arranged for Maria Clayton (one of our Teaching Assistants) and Emma Howse (Breakfast Club) to work alongside Lucy Lake during her absence. The children are familiar with both ladies and so there should be no disruption to the provision.

Swimming Coach

Please can I remind you that we now have to ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of transporting the children to their swimming lessons. This is in line with other primary schools nationally and a decision our governors reached last year due to our ever reducing budget. It costs the school over £3000 per year to fund the coach and we have been very lucky that in the past we have been able to take this from school funds. Thank you for your support with this.

Trips and Visits

You may recall that our governors also decided that if we did not receive enough voluntary contributions towards educational trips and visits, we would have to cancel them. Again, we are very fortunate that FoFS have paid towards some trips for the past couple of years, when funds allow. I'm afraid that we are now at the stage where we will have to carry out the governors' instructions if insufficient contributions are received by the deadline date indicated on letters. I do understand that the contributions are voluntary, but this has been the case in schools for at least 25 years. We want our children to continue to have exciting opportunities, which enhance their learning and have not taken this decision lightly, however school funds can no longer subsidise school trips.

Phonics Evening Thursday 6 October at 5pm- Reception and KS1

We have only had two responses to confirm attendance at this meeting. Please let us know by Monday at the latest or the meeting will be cancelled.

Parent Governor Election

Congratulations to Jenny Lyon who has been elected as our new Parent Governor! She attended her first meeting last night and will be a great asset to the team. Thank you also to Mr Meager for standing as a candidate.

Cross Country- a Report from Mrs Churchill:

'On Wednesday 21st September Mrs McLeod and I took 42 children, from Year 1 to Year 6, to participate in the Bicester Area Cross Country festival at The Bicester School. As always the children represented the school brilliantly and all showed fantastic individual determination, the school games value allocated to this event. Special congratulations go to the Year 3 and 4 boys who came 2nd overall and will compete as a team in the North Oxfordshire area festival along with a number of individuals who also qualify as they came in the top 20 in their race. These are Naomi Ejiogu, Maia Ashley - Sparks, Ellie Donnelly and Archie Trotman. Aidan Edwards, Johnny Hopcroft, Harry Townsend and Ella Smith also came in the top 20 in the Year 1 and 2 race but they will have to wait until next year to see if they can progress further!. We are of course equally proud of all the children who took part in the event and as Mrs Ejiogu noticed , wherever the children finished there were lots of smiles and enthusiastic support for their team mates. Thanks to all the parents who helped with transport and endured the long wait to get out of the car park - I'm sure you will agree with us that it was worth it.'

Primary Young Leaders Conference- a Report from Mrs Churchill:

'Twelve children from Year 5 took part in three workshops designed to help them think about how they can become more involved in developing school sport and healthy active lifestyles at Fritwell School. They came away with lots of great ideas and plenty of work to do. They are currently working on finding a 'HQ' for their meetings! Watch this space, as hopefully after the next event we take part in, it won't be me reporting but the children !'

Alert to Parents

The BBC in Oxford have put out a warning to parents and children after a girl was abducted and assaulted in Oxford on Wednesday by two men in a silver car. They are asking all children to walk to school in groups and to be very vigilant.

Underneath a Magical Moon- A Family Show- 30 October Stowe School-11.30am + 2.30am

Award-winning playwright Mike Kenny, who has transformed many a children's story in to highly acclaimed pieces for theatre, has re-imagined the story of Peter Pan as told by Wendy. Look out for flyers which will be going into bookbags shortly. We have been given a free family ticket to this event and we will put all the children's names in a hat next week and draw a winner.

Regards

Debbie McLeod
Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

Wed 5 October- Year 6 Trip to Botanic Gardens and Natural History Museum
Thu 6 October- Phonics Evening 5pm for parents of Reception and KS1 Children
Tues 11 October- Harvest service
Wed 12 October- Parent/Teacher Meetings –more info to follow
Thur 13 October-Parent/Teacher Meetings
Wed 19 October-Open Morning
Friday 21 October INSET and start of Half Term
Mon 31 October- Back to School
Sun 6 November- FoFS Fireworks
Mon 14 November- Start of Anti bullying Week
Mon 21 November- Yenworthy Week for Year 6
Wed 30 November- Open Morning
Wed 7 December- Pantomime Visit Whole School
Thu 8 December-Secret Present Room
Thu 8 December- School Disco
Fri 9 December- Community Tea Party
Tue 13 December- Nativity
Wed 14 December- Nativity
Thu 15 December- School Christmas Lunch
Fri 16 December- Carol Service St Olave's
Fri 16 December-End of Term
Tue 3 January – INSET
Wed 4 January-Start of Term
Mon 13 February-Half Term week
Mon 20 February- Back to School
Sat 1 April- Easter egg Hunt
Mon 10 April- Start of Easter Holidays
Mon 24 April- Back to School