



Newsletter 4 Summer Term

10 June 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately I am beginning this newsletter with the sad news (for us) that Mrs Luker will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to further her career at a larger primary school in Banbury. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Luker for all her hard work and dedication to the school and the children during the seven years she has been with us. She has been a great colleague and a lovely friend; we will all miss her, but wish her good luck for the future.

I began the process of recruiting a new teacher before half term and interviews will be taking place shortly. As soon as I have any news as to who has been appointed, I will let you know.

Summer Term

There seems to be some confusion amongst the children as to whether they should wear a coat to school. Before half term, as it was so cold, I did say that a coat had to be worn at playtime and the children were told by Mrs Chadbourne that during this term they needed to keep something in school in case of rain. Obviously, the children don't need to wear a coat during the hot weather, but they do still need to go outside during showery weather. Please ensure that all raincoats etc are named.

Hopefully, we're going to have a warm few weeks, so just a reminder that children need to bring in named sunhats and a plastic bottle filled with fresh water (which they should take home every evening). All day sun cream should be applied before coming to school. In the event of a heatwave we do ensure the children spend time in the shade.

Summer Fete

I attended a FoFS meeting this week and can confirm that the arrangements for the Summer Fete on the evening of July 8th are well under way. The committee members have been working extremely hard to ensure we all have a fantastic time. What fantastic prizes are on offer for the raffle-I have my eye on the narrowboat trip! Thank you to everyone for selling as many books as possible; please keep the money and slips coming in. If you need more books please ask at the School Office. We would make over £5000 on the raffle alone if everyone manages to sell their tickets, which would be amazing and allow FoFS to help pay for school trips and fund the brass tuition for Year 5s next year (which we had to cancel due to a lack of money in the school budget).

There will be a FoFS dustbin appearing in the school playground in the next few weeks where teddies that need a new home can be deposited for the Teddy Tombola. Further to our e-mail yesterday, a reminder that there will be a non-uniform day on June 17th, in return for a contribution for the Bottle Tombola. Mrs Chadbourne and I will be at the school gate to collect any contributions of alcohol.

Finally, the FoFS committee is very small and it would be really helpful if we could have some volunteers to help man the stalls throughout the evening. So that everyone gets to enjoy the fete, it has been suggested that people volunteer to do half hour slots rather than the whole evening. Please look out for the sign up board in the school playground (or contact the School Office if you are a bus parent) if you could help in any way.

Cycling Proficiency

Congratulations to the following year 5 children who have passed their Level 2 cycling proficiency: Benjamin Giddins, Rebecca Hiles, Edward Willetts, Isobel Heeley, Thomas Kennedy, Thomas Horder and Lydia Bishop. Thank you also to Glynis Potter and Stacey Palmer for volunteering to run the programme and giving up their time.

Year 5 and 6 Performance Change of Date

The year 5 and 6 performances will now take place on Monday 4th July and Tuesday 5th of July at 6.30pm due to clashes with some secondary school transition meetings.

St Olave's Educational Trust

Thanks to the St Olave's Educational Trust we have been able to purchase some new resources for the outdoor area. This will help develop our geography curriculum.

Robinson Crusoe Pantomime!

We are planning to take the children to the pantomime at Chipping Norton near Christmas, which this year will be Robinson Crusoe. I am giving you plenty of warning as we had a few parents last year who were concerned that their children were already booked for the same pantomime that the school was visiting.

Good News from Fresh Start

They are delighted to have had their Summer Menus checked and given the seal of approval by The Children's Food Trust. The menus have been checked against National Guidelines and meet all the criteria. Well done Fresh Start who are working hard to provide our children with tasty and nutritional meals.

Second-hand Uniform

We are looking for someone willing to take on the distribution of our second hand uniform. The role is very straight forward and doesn't require a lot of time. If you could help us with this please let the office know. If you have any second hand uniform to donate (no grey items at the moment thank you - we have plenty) please leave them at the office. All money raised by the sale of second uniform goes to help the school.

New Nursery Class

We are currently recruiting for a support worker to work alongside Mrs King in the new EYFS Unit. This post has been advertised on the Oxfordshire County Council website, but we will also need a bank of "supply" support workers in case of illness. If you hold an NVQ Level 3 in Early Years or equivalent and would like to be considered for our list of support workers, please let me know.

Queen's Birthday Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who came to help us celebrate the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II today. We have had a lovely day, dressed in red, white and blue and making kites and crowns. We have enjoyed a picnic lunch together and the children once again have shone with their outstanding singing. The children will be bringing home a crown and a kite which they can take to their village parties this weekend. Thank you to FoFS for purchasing the kites! On Monday, Rev Griffiths will be holding a service in the church for the children to commemorate Her Majesty's birthday. We are looking for a few volunteers to walk down to church with the children. If you can help please let Mrs Yeomans in the School Office know. Many thanks.

Regards

Debbie McLeod
Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

14 June- Class Photos
16 June- Library Van
16 June –New Parents Meeting 6pm
24 June- Sports Day
8 July-Evening-FoFS Summer Fete
11 July- 2pm Year 5 Brass Performance
4 July- 6.30pm Year 5/6 Performance
5 July- 6.30 Year 5/6 Performance
8 July- Summer Fete- 5pm (time tbc)
12 July- Class Swap Day
14 July- Library Van- Book Collection Only
14 July- Presentation Evening Year
15 July- Hinksey Pool Leavers' Trip
20 July- Leavers' Service and End of Term
5 September- Back to School