

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Autumn Term 1 Value : "Respect and Compassion"



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Friday 2nd October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from the Head

It has been another busy week at school with the children working hard and settled into their routines to keep everyone safe. I have been particularly impressed with Seahorses who have worked hard at making their transitions smoother and being ready to learn first thing in the morning.

Remote Learning

We will be using Microsoft Teams (Years 1 to 6) to set work for children to complete if they must self-isolate, their 'bubble' must isolate, or there is a local or national lockdown. The work will be set as assignments which can be downloaded and printed off or completed from the screen on to plain paper. The work can then be uploaded and handed in 'virtually', ready for the teacher to provide feedback.

Attached is a user guide for parents to understand what to expect from our remote learning, and how to use the system.

Tiddlers and Minnows will be set activities through Tapestry and parents can send work in via this platform.

Meetings

I now attend an online weekly meeting with the heads of services in Oxfordshire, to discuss school responses to the pandemic and to gain information on what is happening across the County which is invaluable at this time.

I have also met with the contractors to finalise the work planned for half term to rectify the flood damage in the 'Green Room' and hall.

Class News

This week the *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* have been learning about the cycle of a grain of wheat and how this wheat is then turned into flour to be used in our cooking and baking. They then had a bread tasting session in which the children were able to try some vegan bread with their choice of topping. Marmite was the clear favourite!

Sticklebacks have been reading a lovely story called "The Robot and The Bluebird" and thinking about the characters' feelings, and also creating freeze-frames.

The children in *Seahorses* have been using number bonds to help with their addition, and writing play scripts based on a scene from their class book.

In English this week, *Stingrays* have been writing instructions on 'How to Use a Time Machine' which have been inspired by their class novel "Fortunately Not The Milk" by Neil Gaiman. Along with being very creative they worked hard to include lots of time conjunctions and imperative verbs.

Sharks have been expanding their knowledge of our solar system this week; in science they each made an orrery to show the order of the planets, while in English they have been researching different planets so that they can write a class book with information about all of the planets in our solar system.

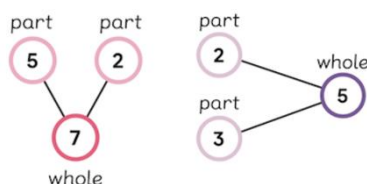
"Child of the Week"

<i>Tiddlers</i>	Penny C
<i>Minnows</i>	Elih N-B
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Frances C and Connie L
<i>Seahorses</i>	Sebastian L and Hugo W
<i>Stingrays</i>	Charlie S and Josh S
<i>Sharks</i>	Riley P and Evie Mc



Family Groups Winner : **Unicorn**

Weekly Attendance : **Minnows 100%**



Harvest Week

Throughout next week we will be **collecting non-perishable items** which we will be donating to The Bicester Food Bank to support those less fortunate than ourselves.

We would welcome any donations which you may have in your cupboards, for example pasta, rice, tinned items, cereals, packets of biscuits, etc.

Thank you all for your support.

#Hello Yellow Day

Friday 9th October is World Mental Health Day and the children are encouraged to wear yellow to brighten up the day and support **Young Minds**, the charity we are aiding.

If you log into your ParentPay account on Monday there will be an payment item for you to use to donate £1 per child for this cause. As it is a donation you will be able to choose how much you would like to pay, from £1 up to £10.



Do also remind your child about the challenges on the day :

1. Say something kind to a teacher
2. Wave and smile at a friend
3. Tell a joke to try and make someone laugh

A Couple of Things

Individual school photos will be taken on Monday for every child at school. These will be done outside, in a safe and socially distant manner, with no mixing of class bubbles. If the weather is not good enough on Monday we will be able to do them the following day. Unfortunately we cannot do sibling photos this term. Please make sure that your child is neat and tidy on Monday morning!

Premier's **Tennis** and **Hockey Clubs** will be starting next week, on Thursday and Friday. Those involved will have received a confirmation email.

Please remember to email in your **Parent/Teacher Meeting** forms if you want a slot with your child's teacher.



Keep warm and dry this weekend!

Best regards,

Jonathan Hart

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Mon 5th October

Mon 5th October to Fri 9th October

Fri 9th October

Tues 13th October

Thurs 15th October

Fri 26th October

Mon 2nd November

Wed 4th November

Individual School Photos

Harvest Week in School

World Mental Health Day - #HelloYellow Day

Virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.30-6.00pm

Virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings 5.00-7.30pm

Start of Half Term

Back to School

Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations