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## Newsletter 3

### Autumn Term



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

This has been the first full week with all classes back in school. The Tiddlers and Minnows have been focusing on art this week, and mixing colours to see what new colours can be made. The children in Sticklebacks have had fun in their science lesson heating and cooling chocolate to see what happens. The Seahorses have been doing some amazing writing of adventure stories, based on Anthony Browne's "The Tunnel". The Stingrays have started looking at column addition in maths, experimenting with jelly in science to find out the properties of a liquid, and exploring the nature area to develop descriptive writing using the five senses. The Sharks class has been learning about rocks, types of erosion, and the conditions necessary for fossils to form.

#### ***"Meet the Teacher" Evening***

Thank you to all parents and carers who made the time to attend the "Meet the Teacher" sessions last Monday evening. I hope that you were all pleased to meet your child's teacher face to face and see where the day is spent.

#### ***FoFS***

The FoFS AGM was also held last Monday evening. Details were presented of the events held in the last academic year, along with the profit made from each. It was a very successful year with over £13,000 donated to the school. A committee of keen parents was elected and there are some exciting events planned for the coming year. The first of these is the Scavenger Trail on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm; further information can be found on the school website as well as the FoFS Facebook page.

Updates will also be given in the weekly newsletters so keep an eye out!



### ***"Child of the Week"***

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week :

<i>Minnows</i>	George H
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Sam O'G and Eva O'G
<i>Seahorses</i>	Rylynn P and Sebastian W
<i>Stingrays</i>	Adam K and James B
<i>Sharks</i>	Dawson C-S and Charlie K



### ***Activities Next Week***

*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September*

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

*Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September*

FoFS Scavenger Hunt

### ***Life Education Bus***

Contrary to the original school diary, the Life Education Bus will not be visiting us next week due to circumstances beyond our control but will be re-scheduled for later this term.



### ***MacMillan Coffee Afternoon***

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** is Macmillan's main fundraising event for people facing cancer. We are supporting it at school with a 'coffee and cake afternoon' at 2.45pm next week. We would be very grateful if you could bring in a cake/cakes/biscuits/treats in the morning of that day to help us raise money for this important cause. Your child (or eldest sibling) would have brought home a paper plate this week to be used for the bake; if you did not receive it or would like another plate please ask at the office.

### ***Primary Leadership Team & Eco Warriors***

Please see the separate letter to this newsletter, giving information about the PLT elections next week and how best your child can put themselves forward if they so wish.

### ***Reflection Area***

This term we are relaunching our 'Reflection Area'. This area on the quiet playground was initially designed to be a space where children can come and sit silently to reflect and be calm. Over the next week or so each child will be creating something to put on the Reflection Area which they can use to help them focus; a ribbon, painted pebble, a picture of themselves or similar.

We really hope that this area will be utilised with respect – it is with this in mind that we politely advise the parents of small (and big!) children that the Reflection Area is out of bounds and should not be used before or after school.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### ***OXSIT Behaviour Toolkit***

As a school we are entitled to support from the Oxfordshire Schools Inclusion Team, who specialise in all aspects of educational inclusion with a specific focus on closing the achievement gap between learners who achieve national benchmarks and those who do not. They help schools to improve learner engagement through improving attendance and reducing exclusions for vulnerable learners. As a parent/carer you have access to the Behaviour Toolkit, a collection of comprehensive online resources to support inclusion. If you wish to look at these the details are as follows :

<https://conductmanagement.com/ox/>

Email address to access is **Oxfordshire.gov.uk** (Capital O)

**Behaviour Toolbox login (for parents):** oxpar24

We hope you all enjoy the summer weather this weekend!

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**

*Headteacher*



<i>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</i>	<b>FoFS Macmillan Coffee Afternoon</b>	<b>2.45pm</b>
<i>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</i>	<b>FoFS Scavenger Hunt</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>
<i>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<b>Book Fair</b>	
<i>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<b>Individual School Photos</b>	
<i>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<b>Year 6 I.M.P.S. Trip</b>	
<i>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<b>Hello Yellow Day</b>	
<i>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<b>Parents Evening</b>	<b>3.30pm – 5.30pm</b>
<i>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<b>Parents Evening</b>	<b>5.00pm – 7.00pm</b>
<i>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<b>Love Your Learning Morning</b>	<b>8.40am – 9.00am</b>
<i>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<b>Start of Half Term</b>	
<i>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</i>	<b>Back to School</b>	
<i>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</i>	<b>FoFS Fireworks Display</b>	