



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

October 11th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festival

The children in Reception and KS1 (Year 1 & 2) enjoyed a wonderful Harvest service in church this morning. Thank you to all of the families who joined us. It was lovely to see so many of you there. I hope you are still humming the Harvest Samba. (I know I am!) Special thanks too, to the parents and governors who helped us walk the children to and from the church safely. Thank goodness the sun was shining this morning!

Staffing update

I am very happy to inform you that we have appointed a teacher, Miss Rhodes, who will be taking over in Ash Class when Mrs Niner goes on her maternity leave after half term. Miss Rhodes joins us from another local school where she taught for the last two years. She will begin working in Ash class from Monday, spending two weeks working alongside Mrs Niner and the Foundation Stage Team and getting to know the children. I know you will join me in giving her a warm Wychwood welcome.

Curriculum Newsletters

We are happy to share with you our latest curriculum newsletter. Each one will be linked to a different subject and will detail ways you can further enhance your children's learning in that subject at home. This week is Art! We hope you enjoy these newsletters. Let us know what you think.

Forest School Site

A huge thank you to the families who came in to school last weekend to help clear the forest school site. We are incredibly grateful for the time and energy you gave to the school. It is looking great and being enjoyed by all of our Reception and Key Stage 1 children.

Year 3 and 4 Girls' football

Congratulations to the team who represented the school fantastically and played each game with enthusiasm and determination. The team came 4th in the



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tournament which is a fantastic achievement. Thanks also to Mr McLaren who donated our very professional looking football kits which the team wore proudly!

Author Visit – UKS2

Next week on Tuesday 15th October, the children in years 5 and 6 will have a visit from the author, Fleur Hitchcock. If you have a child in Year 5 or 6, you should have received letter about the event with links to purchase some of her books to be signed by the author on the day.

Clerk needed!

We are currently recruiting a clerk to the governing body, a voluntary role that involves preparing agendas and papers for meetings, producing minutes and liaising with the Chair and Headteacher. You will find more information in an attachment to this email.

Swap and Drop Event

Following on from the success of our Welly Boot swap, on Thursday 24th October the Eco Council will be having a swap and drop event after school for Coats and Fancy dress costumes. There will be boxes on the playground from Monday to collect items which will be sorted ready for Thursday 24th pick up. This is a lovely way to reduce waste and pass on pre-loved items to a new home.

A message from the PTA...

Happy Friday everyone, we hope you've had a great week!

Chastleton House - tomorrow!

A huge thank you to everyone who's so kindly baked and donated cakes for us to sell at Chastleton House tomorrow, we are fully loaded with tea and coffee and can't wait to set up there tomorrow afternoon and raise some extra money for school! Please pop in for tea and cake if you're nearby - we'd love to see you!

Fireworks Night

We are so looking forward to welcoming you through the Cricket Club gates on Friday 2nd November!

Thank you so much to everyone who's already bought tickets! Our printed posters have now arrived, so you'll start to notice these out and about in the community! If you haven't yet purchased your tickets, don't worry - the early bird tickets are still available! If you missed the link on Classlist, you can purchase them online via here: <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1184680683>

And you can also purchase tickets from the office from **Monday** (though please bring cash as we don't have a card machine in the office!).

Thank you so much for your support! Have a great weekend all!
The PTA Team

Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Details	Who
12 th October	Teas at Chastleton House	PTA
13 th October	Oxford Junior Half Marathon	Signed up children
14 th October	U11s Football	Selected children
15 th October	Author Visit – Fleur Hitchcock	Year 5 & 6
21 st – 25 th October	International Week	All
24 th October	Coat & Fancy-Dress Swap & Drop	All
28 th – 1 st Nov	Half Term	All
2 nd November	Fireworks Night	All
12 th & 13 th Nov	Parents' Meetings	All
19 th November	Science Oxford visit	Year 5 & 6
29 th November	Chipping Norton Pantomime	Year 1 & 2
5 th December	FSU Nativity – 2.30pm	Reception
11 th & 12 th Dec	Key Stage 1 Nativity – 2pm	Year 1 & 2
20 th December	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church	Year 3 & 4

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Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday to Genevieve (Hazel), Felix & Max (Sycamore), Flora (Rowan), Seren (Elm) and Sienna (Chestnut). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you have a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.

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Thank you for your continuing support.

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