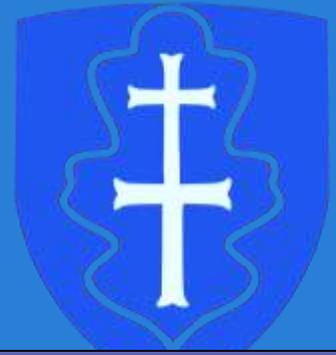


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Newsletter 2

## Head Teacher's News

It has been a busy, but rewarding week in school as the children have settled back in to the routines life well. There has been some excellent learning taking place in EYFS and Key Stage 1, both inside and out, as our Forest School provision for Badgers, Otters and Hedgehogs began. In Key Stage 2, Kestrels and Kites have been learning about the Egyptians alongside producing some high-quality writing, and I was very impressed by The 'Elements of Art' pieces created by Falcons and Eagles which showed an impressive level of skill.

On Tuesday, we welcomed our new PE teacher, Miss Logan, to the school. She will be delivering PE lessons to all year groups as well as running our after school clubs on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.

On Wednesday, it was a pleasure to meet parents at the Welcome Presentation. This was an opportunity for me to share my vision and plans for the school. It was also good to hear some of your thoughts and suggestions for the school, and they have been useful in finalising my School Development Plan, the document that drives school improvement. There is strong support behind this school, and it is one of my goals to engage the full power of our whole community.

This week, the Year 6 children have been sitting their 11+ exams. I was incredibly impressed by the maturity, confidence and perseverance the children showed in their approach to the tests. You may be aware that there were some issues with discrepancies between the question and answer sheets. Last night, Bucks CC sent out a letter to parents regarding the tests, which is attached to this newsletter.

Our Meet the Teacher sessions began this week, and it was good to see many of you there. I know the teachers were keen and eager to share key information about the learning that takes place in classrooms and how you can support at home, so thank you to those who were able to attend.

Next week, we have an open day for appointments with our Inclusion Lead on Monday, as well as Meet the Teacher sessions for Y5/6 (Monday) and Y3/4 (Tuesday). Both sessions will start at 3:00pm.

Finally, if you have any good quality children's books at home that you would like to find a loving home for, we would be delighted to have them for our dedicated reading space. We have already ordered lots of items to make an attractive, comfortable space, but would love to have a few books to start us off. Thank you.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend in the sunshine, and let's hope England can salvage some pride in the Test Match!

Best wishes

*Sam Browne*



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## After School Clubs

Our after school provision began last night with Razzmataz, a drama club. Sadly, we only had 3 children signed up. The club won't be able to continue with these numbers. It would be a real shame if this happened so, if your child has an interest in acting, singing or dancing, please encourage them to join. I am liaising with the providers to give the children the chance to build towards a termly production for parents and community members.

On a Monday, we have Mrs Stevens' hugely popular art club. This starts on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and is virtually full already!

On Tuesdays, Get Active's football club will start on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Despite what it says on their flyer, this is open to Year 2 upwards. This will form a key part of our training for the school football team, so please encourage children to take part.

On Wednesdays, Get Active's Basketball Club will begin on the 18<sup>th</sup>. If your child is in year 1/2/3/4 and would like to take part, please send in an application form and we will make sure they can join.

## Aldi Sticker Scheme

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win.



Spend £30 in any Aldi store to receive a Team GB Sticker.



Take your stickers to school to help complete your poster.

This would be a huge help to the school so, if you're debating where to buy your weekly shopping from, consider Aldi and bring the stickers into school!

## PTA

The first PTA meeting of the school year will be held at **7:00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the British Legion opposite the Crown pub.**

The magnificent work that the PTA does for the school is forms an absolutely essential part of the provision that we are able to offer our children. Without their contribution, many of the opportunities that we are fortunate to be able to provide would not be possible. I strongly encourage you to attend if you are able and look forward to seeing you all there.

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## Gardening Club

Next week, outside school, there will be a sign up sheet for anyone who is able to help with a school gardening club. My plan is to be able to create a rota of parents and helpers who can work with children and staff to beautify our school grounds! If you are able to give any time whatsoever, please indicate on the form along with contact details. We already have 8 volunteers, but would like to expand this so that we can spread the load.

### Diary Dates (New dates in **Bold**)

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
<b>September 2019</b>			
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – All Day	<b>SEND Appointments with Mrs Brant (Inclusion Lead)</b>	Retreat Room	All parents
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – 3:00pm	<b>Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher</b>	Year 5/6	Year 5/6 parents
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> – 9:30am	<b>New Parent Tour</b>	Whole School	Prospective parents
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> – 3:00pm	<b>Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher</b>	Year 3/4	Year 3/4 parents
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm	<b>PTA Meeting</b>	British Legion (opposite the Crown)	<b>EVERYONE!</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – 9:30am	<b>New Parent Tour</b>	Whole School	Prospective parents
<b>October 2019</b>			
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – 3:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	All Classes
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 3:30-5:30pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	All Classes
<b>November 2019</b>			
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9:30am	<b>New Parent Tour plus stay and play for prospective children</b>	Whole School	Prospective Parents
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – 9:30am	Remembrance Service	School Hall	Everyone
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> - 9:30am	English Open Morning	School Hall and classrooms	All parents
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> – 10:00am	Rugged Radnage	Radnage	Everyone
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> – 9:30am	Maths Open Morning	School Hall and classrooms	All parents
<b>December 2019</b>			
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 9:30am	<b>New Parent Tour</b>	Whole School	Prospective Parents
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am	Nativity	School Hall	Reception and 1/2 Parents
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Afternoon	School Hall and classrooms	Whole School
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – 12:05pm	Reception and 1/2 Christmas Lunch	School Hall	Reception and 1/2
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> – 12:05pm	Year 3/4 and 5/6 Christmas Lunch	School Hall	Year 3/4 and 5/6
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm	Reception and Year 1/2 trip to Norden Farm	Offsite	Reception and 1/2
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> – 12:45pm	School Carol Concert	School Hall	Everyone



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