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Children in Year 5 and Year 4 presented Lynn and Steven from the Horse Trust Speen with a cheque for £352 which the children had raised last term during their sponsored swim. We heard how the money is going to be spent on all weather coats for some of the donkeys and activity footballs which treats can be put into to encourage the donkeys to get active. Well done to the all the children who took part in the sponsored swim and the Go Givers project. You can visit the Horse Trust in Speen until the end of October. Their website is: <http://www.horsetrust.org.uk/home/visitourhorses/>



On Monday 1st October we will welcome Mrs Karen Hendel, who already runs our Breakfast Club, to the role of Learning Support Assistant in Year 1/2 supporting Mrs Gippert, Mrs Cronin and children in that class. We also welcome Steph Stanyon who will be completing a work placement in Badgers Class.

Quote of the week

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

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Key Dates

Bethlehem House Mufti-Day
Wednesday 3rd October

Harvest Day – non-uniform
Friday 5th October
Collecting for the One Can Trust

Prospective Parents' Tours
Tuesday 2nd October at 9:30 am
Tuesday 2nd October at 7.00 pm

Parents' Evening *
Monday 15th October
3:40 pm to 7:40 pm
Wednesday 17th October
3.40 pm to 5.40 pm

Children in Need
Friday 16th November *

Rugged Radnage 2018
Sunday 18th November *

* More information to follow



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Thank you for your continued support for the school. Have a lovely weekend.

Toby Long
Head Teacher

Harvest Day

Friday 5th October

Children across the school are asked to come to school in multi-messy-doesn't-matter-if-they-get-dirty clothes for the day. After collective worship we will split up into our Houses to participate in four different Harvest related activities. Once again this year, we are collecting for the One Can Trust. So please send your child into school with suitable goods (that are in date) and we will collect these in the hall at the start of the day. Parents are welcome to join us for worship at 9:00 am, there will be no certificates on this morning.

More information about the One Can Trust can be found at: <http://onecantrust.org.uk/>



Contact Details

Please ensure you keep us updated

Please can I asked families to ensure they let Bex Willcocks in the office know when any contact details change for any of the named contacts you have. It is very important the school keep these records up to date in case of an emergency and we need to get hold of you.



Any child who has prescribed medication in school will soon require a review of their Health Care Plan. Mrs Stevens is going to be completed these with parents and will soon be in touch to arrange a meeting.

Children in Badgers Class were looking very smart in their PE kits alast week using the wall bars in a Gymnastics lesson. Please can I remind everyone that a detailed list of the school uniform every child needs can be found on the school website:

<http://www.radnage.bucks.sch.uk/website/uniform/179870>



The autumn is well and truly here this week! Please can I ask that children are always approatiety clothed for the weather. As the colder days approach please can you ensure your child's belongings are all clearly labelled. Trust me, this really does make finding children's belongings so much easier!

I am delighted to have sent out my first Head Teacher Postcards this week to several children across the school for outstanding effort, behaviour and demonstration of our school values. Head Teacher Postcards are sent in the post to children, who will receive them at home to celebrate with their families.

Bethlehem House will have a Non-Uniform-Mufti Day on WEDNESDAY 3rd October for having the most House Points for the last half-term of the Summer Term!

You thought I'd forgotten... 😊

School Council

Actions from the meetings



I was delighted to meet with our School Council Executive, Evan, this week to discuss the Council's plans for the year ahead. The children have some very exciting plans for the year ahead and will be writing to families next week with all the details you need for the year ahead.

New Behaviour Policy

Following a review of the school's previous behaviour policy, parent, staff and pupil surveys at the end of last year, staff have created a new behaviour policy for the school. A copy of this policy is being sent electronically to you with this newsletter and can be found on the school website. We have introduced a system of coloured cards to support behaviour management, both positive and as sanctions for anti-social behaviour. Already the number of positive Green Cards issued by staff is very high. Please can I ask that parents and carers read the policy and if you wish to discuss this with your child.

Our school logo

Several parents and some of the children have been asking what our school logo represents. The oak leaf and double barred cross used by the school represents two elements of local interest. The oak leaf derives from the abundance of oaks to be found in the village, indeed the Old English word for Radnage may have meant 'Red Oak'. The cross was a version used by the Knights Templar in the twelfth century. They are generally credited with building Radnage Church and a small carved double barred cross can be found scratched on the right door jamb in the church.



Vacancy...

for a Parent Governor



Last week I sent out details regarding the nomination process for a new Parent Governor. The details are in the letter emailed. The closing date for nominations is 12 noon on Friday 5th October. Being a school governor is a really rewarding job and you will be joining an effective and experienced team with a passion for our school.

P.T.A. Update

Thank you to all of you who attended the PTA AGM meeting on Wednesday evening at school. I am delighted to report that Becky Rogers and Rachel Pearce agreed to continue to serve as Chairs and Brigitte Hughes will continue as Secretary. This was Sam Longshaw's last meeting as Treasurer. I would like to thank Sam for all her efforts and expertises in this role over five years. So, the search is on for a new Treasurer. This is approximately 2 hours work per month and most is managed with e-banking. If we do not get a volunteer for this role the PTA may have to employ an accountant to carry out this role, which would take funds away from the PTA fundraising...

In 2017/18 the PTA raised £15,451.73! This is a great amount and really makes a huge difference to the school and what we can offer to the children. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this staggering amount. At the PTA AGM it was agreed that the school will purchase 30 tablets for use in school to support learning in every class.

Forest School

If anyone is able to access some free (non-poisonous) plants that can be used for developing our new Forest School area your donations would be most welcome.
Thank you.



Children in Badgers Class are enjoying their new storage furniture which they can now easily access resources independently from. This resource has been funded by our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for the children. It allows pupils to have direct access to learning resources, materials and games in the classroom which is a key element of the Early Years curriculum and helps to promote independence.