



Autumn Term Newsletter No.6



It's our Harvest Festival on Monday and we would love all the children to bring in a food donation, please. We will be sending some food to people you have nominated in the community and some to a local food bank. Please check that the food you send in is still in date as we cannot use it otherwise. We always have a great selection of tinned and packet foods as well as fresh fruit and vegetables and we hope to be able to help people less fortunate than ourselves again this year.

It was like a summer's afternoon on Wednesday and we had a great turnout for our gardening afternoon. Thank you so much to the Y2 families for transforming our orchard into a useable space again. The weeds were everywhere and the vegetable beds were overgrown. The apples were rotting in the grass and the green house was more of a junk store than a green house. We have planted some bulbs for spring and sown some seeds. We really need to work on this area a little more so we are growing all year round and not just in the summer months so if any of you are keen kitchen gardeners we'd love to take your advice! Our chicken coop has emerged from the weeds and we look forward to welcoming some new feathery friends very soon!



We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Beech — Oliver C. has tried so hard with his listening skills. He is a super learner. Well done!

Pine — Meral is always listening and ready to learn and she is always smiling.

Apple — Sophia has an excellent attitude to school and her work. What a great class member!

Oak — Madiha is a delight to have in the class. Always keen to learn and always does her best.

Birch — Lacey R. has a fantastic growth mindset in her learning and does lots of home learning too!

Rowan — Karolina has completed some amazing home learning and contributes well in class.

Cherry — Ella has contributed well in English resulting in a great piece of writing this week.

Maple — Leon has had an amazing attitude to learning this week. Everyone in Maple class is very proud of him!

Holly — Katie is absolutely amazing. Always!

Willow — Austen takes lots of responsibility by paying attention to the quality and presentation of his work.

Hawthorn — Leo is an excellent learner and an excellent role model.

Hazel — Mollie has taken on advice to improve her writing with excellent results!

Diary Date Reminders:

Thursday 18th October—Y1—Y6 Parent Drop In. A chance for you and your child to look at their books. 3:05—3:30pm

Half term—Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

Parents Meetings in the week beginning Monday 29th October

Wednesday 31st October—Y6 parents please note this is the last day for Secondary School applications to be submitted. All children need to request a place even if they have siblings at a secondary school already.

**Attendance Award**

Congratulations to

Birch Class

for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.7% attendance.

They have won a non uniform day on Monday for winning the award three times.

The whole school achieved 97.4% attendance. Well done everyone!
Keep it Up.

Parents Meetings

We have opened the bookings for parents meetings which take place the first week after half term for Y1 to Y6. You can book through eschools, either via the app or through logging in through our website. If you are having trouble booking an appointment to meet your child's teacher, please contact the office and we will be happy to help.



Eschools is our main way of communicating with you and you will receive messages, emails and calendar dates all through the app so we would encourage you to download the app to your mobile if you have not already done so.

Beat the Street

We are having a healthy competition with White Rock school as both schools are obviously aiming for the top spot! They have just overtaken us in the Leaderboard so if you get the chance this weekend perhaps you could get out and about and tap some more Beat Boxes!

PTA

The PTA have begun organising the Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 7th December after school. If you are able to offer any help setting up or running a stall please sign up on the sheets in the main entrance of the school. All help would be much appreciated. The fair sounds like it is going to be great and we will try and spread it out further around the school to avoid the squash of previous years.

The PTA will also be selling tickets for the Sleeping Beauty Panto at the Princess Theatre. They can offer them at a discounted rate of £13 a ticket for the 6pm show on Friday 21st December. They will be selling tickets after school next week by the office.

KS1 School Nativity

We are delighted to have been able to secure a place in the Princess Theatre for our own Nativity again this year. Last year we sold more than 600 tickets to family members. The nativity is called "Hey Ewe" and will be at 2pm on Thursday 6h December. Further information about this will come out soon.

KS2 Christmas Service

We will also be returning to Upton Vale Baptist Church for our Christmas Service. This will be led by the KS2 children and will be on Tuesday 18th December at 6:00pm. KS1 children are welcome to attend with their families.

...and finally a plea to please remember to send your child to school with a raincoat. We still have lots of children without and the weather is changeable so they keep getting caught in rain showers! Thank you.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.