



## Newsletter 1 Autumn Term

8 September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer, despite the weather, and enjoyed some memorable times with your children. We're all looking forward to another successful year and already have some exciting activities and sporting events arranged-please look out for more details as the year progresses.

### Uniform

Thank you all for following our uniform policy-the children look extremely smart. Please can I remind you that children should not be wearing "party hair accessories" to school and that school shoes should be black or navy-no trainers, Crocs or plimsolls. Please see our website for more details.

### Assemblies

We have decided to change the time of our Friday assembly, which will hopefully allow more of you to attend and not have to take extra time off work. Our Friday assembly will now be a "Celebration Assembly". We will still give out "Child of the Week" certificates, but will also celebrate any other achievements. Children will be asked to bring in any awards they have received outside of school (sporting cups, dance certificates etc) on a Friday instead of a Monday.

### Free School Meals

As you are aware, all children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are currently entitled to a free school meal. However, the school can receive additional funding for those families who receive extra support ie those on lower incomes, which will benefit the children. If you think you might qualify for this, please come and see Val in the School Office for more details. **All discussions will be in the strictest confidence.**

### Reflection Area

Please can I remind you that the area around the Reflection Tree is for quiet sitting and reflection. Please discourage the children from climbing over the seats, running through the area and removing stones from it at drop off and pick up time. We have had several items removed from it this week and the children worked really hard during Art Week to make it look lovely. Thank you.

### Active Maths

As part of the Bicester Healthy New Town Programme, the Stingrays and Minnows are taking part in an Active Maths initiative, which makes maths' homework more interactive and enjoyable. Although most resources have been supplied for this project, we are in need of large egg boxes and plastic bottles in a variety of sizes. If you can help with this, please send your boxes and bottles in to Mrs Churchill or Ms King.

### Sweets in School

Please can I ask you not to allow your children to eat sweets in the school playground. We had an increasing amount of sweet papers dropped throughout the year, as well as a bag full of litter that had found its way to the Outdoor Area. I am still very happy for children to bring sweets in on their birthday to celebrate their special day with their friends.

### Spanish Club

Mrs Arbucias Ledo has offered to run a Spanish Club on Monday evenings in school. The cost will be about £5 and the club will run until 4:15pm. At this stage we are just gauging interest, so if this is something that you think your child would like to take part in, please let the School Office know by Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Finally, a reminder that **Meet the Teacher Evening** will be held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. Details have already been sent out by e-mail. We look forward to seeing you then.

Have a lovely weekend!

Regards

Debbie McLeod  
Headteacher

## SCHOOL DIARY

**Mon 11 Sept- 5pm + 6pm Meet the Teacher Evening + 5.30pm FoFS AGM**

**Tue 26 Sept- Ward Hendry- School Photos**

**Mon 2 Oct-Life Education Bus**

**Tue 3 Oct- Life Education Bus**

**Tue 10 Oct- Harvest Festival Lower School**

**Tue 10 Oct- Parents' Evening 5-7.30**

**Thu 12 Oct- Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30**

**Wed 18 Oct- Open Morning**

**Thu 19 Oct-End of Term**

**Fri 20 Oct- INSET**

**Mon 30 Oct- Back to School**

**Sun 5 Nov- FoFS Firework Night**

**Mon 6-10 Nov- Yenworthy Residential Year 6**

**Fri 17 Nov – Non Uniform Day Secret Present Room**

**Thu 7 Dec- Nativity Play EYFS – am**

**Tue 12 Dec- 1.45 Lower School Nativity**

**Wed 13 Dec – 1.45 Lower School Nativity**

**Fri 15 Dec – pm Christmas Parties**

**Mon 18 Dec- Christmas Lunch**

**Tue 19 Dec – am Carol Service**

**Tue 19 Dec- End of Term**

**Thu 4 Jan- Back to School**