



Newsletter 3 Autumn Term

6 October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very sad to inform you that Mrs Yeomans will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Jean has worked at the school for 20 years, first as a TA and then as our office administrator. Jean is moving to Somerset to begin a new chapter in her life and will be greatly missed by both the staff and children. She has been a fantastic part of our school team and an invaluable support to the whole school community. I know you will join us in wishing her and her husband all the best in their new home.

Visit by Daisy White October 11th

FoFS have kindly provided the money for the school to have a Patron of Reading this year. We will be visited by author, Daisy White on Wednesday, October 11th and after assembly will work with each of the classes on reading and writing. Daisy writes books for adults and she will have signed copies of her new release "Before I left" available for purchase between 3-3:30pm, as well as a selection of age appropriate books for the children.

Shoe Box Appeal 2017

We are taking part in the Shoe Box Appeal again this year, in conjunction with St Olave's Church. We haven't taken part for a number of years, so hope you will be able to support this good cause, which provides Christmas boxes for people in need in Eastern Europe and Asia. Children will need to bring their shoe boxes into school by Friday, November 3rd and will be bringing a leaflet home in their book bag today to explain what they have to do. Many thanks for your support.

Pet Service at St James, Somerton Sunday 22 October 9.30am

There will be a pet service at St James Church on the 22nd. You are welcome to bring your pets to a special service of blessing, or just bring a photo, past or present, of your favourite pet. If you don't have a pet then bring your favourite cuddly toy.

Harvest Festival Tuesday 10th October

Harvest Festival is being held at St Olave's Church at 10am on the 10th of October. It will be led by the lower school but all parents are welcome. If you would like to send your child into school with a donation we would welcome cans and packets of dried food. Please don't send any fresh produce in as donations go to the Bicester Food Bank.

Open Mornings 18th October and 14th November

We will be holding open mornings on the 18th of October and the 14th of November. Please let acquaintances know if you think they might be interested. We'll have 2 tours each day at 10 and 11 and places for these can be booked in the school office.

Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Children

If you have not yet applied for your year 6 child to go to secondary, please be aware that the closing date for application is 31 October. You can apply online following this link <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/secondary-school-applications> or you can download a paper copy from the website. If you don't want to apply online and are unable to download the paper application, Val or Jean in the school office can print a paper application for you if you get in touch with them.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are taking place next week on Tuesday and Thursday. If you have not yet booked your slot, please do so, as it causes Jean a lot of work to ring round everyone who hasn't booked. It's really important that everyone comes and meets with their child's teacher, so that you can both discuss how you feel your child has settled in and express any concerns you might have.

Book Fair Time Again!

The book fair will be running on Tuesday 10th October from 3.15-7.30 and Thursday 12th October from 3.15-5.30., during Parents' Evenings. If you're considering books as Christmas presents, this is a really good time to get them and support our school at the same time; we get 60% back in books for our library.

Cross Country- A Report from Kian Duggan and Megan Beeney

'On Wednesday 4th October Fritwell School took part in a series of races. The school did very well, showed a lot of sportsmanship and had a great time. Well done Fritwell!'

I attended the Cross Country with Mrs Churchill, Mrs Ejiogu and Mrs Weaver. As always, the behaviour of our children was exemplary and they all ran with real determination and passion. We are still awaiting the final results from the race organiser, but we had a number of children who took podium places, which was amazing! Well done to all the children who took part-you are a credit to the school.

Finally, can I remind you that rucksacks are not allowed in school as there is no space in the cloakrooms. The bags constantly fall off the pegs, block the walkways and become a trip hazard. Our Uniform Policy states drawstring bags for PE kit and book bags for homework, books etc. Thank you for your support with this.

Regards

Debbie McLeod
Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

Tue 10 Oct- Harvest Festival led by lower school. Everyone welcome.

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

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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