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Thursday 20th October 2022

This week's total school attendance is 93.7%

Dear Families,

It has been another very busy week in school and the children are continuing to work very hard as we move towards the half-term break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your attendance at our parent workshops this half term. We have had workshops for maths, KS2 reading, phonics, special educational needs and disabilities all running from 6-7pm in the evenings. Next half term we have a writing workshop for our reception and nursery parents at 6pm on the 7th November, so please make a note for your diaries - we look forward to seeing you all there. I know how busy family time is so I have asked the school office to send out a google survey form to find out the best time you would like us to run our parent workshops. There's also an opportunity for you to let us know if there are any specific workshops you'd like to see. Please look out for the form and let us know how we can help you. Last week I had the pleasure of announcing our Head Boy and Head Girl, and appointing our Ambassadors, Sports Captains, House Captains and Play leader roles to Year 6; below you will be introduced to our new team who get involved in many aspects of school life. Year groups have also appointed their Pupil Parliament members who I'm sure will do wonderful work for their classes.

We continue to review the content of our fortnightly Newsletter and are continually adding to the information we share with you as much as possible. Miss Lynch (Pastoral Support Assistant) has added some useful family services to the newsletter and will continue to share these as we come across them. If you know of any local groups or charities that would be of benefit to our children and families please let us know so that we can signpost them. Finally, thank you to everyone who has donated food and toiletries to our Foodbank appeal for Harvest Festival. In the current climate, where we are all tightening our belts, your generous donations are greatly appreciated.

Enjoy half term with your children and we will see you back on Monday 31st October.

Yours in learning

Miss Salisbury

Headteacher



House points Winners – Oak!

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| 1. Oak – 556 | 2. Ash – 463 |
| 3. Beech – 641 | 4. Chestnut – 558 |

Job Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies for roles in school, please see the links below for further information or email office@ if you would like to discuss the roles available.

<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/138036/breakfast-and-after-school-club-play-worker/>

RE Theme Day

Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a whole day of RE on Tuesday where they were able to look in detail at exploratory questions. We did this through written work, art, drama and music to really bring to life those questions and make connections with previous learning. There were some interesting discussions going on throughout the day.

'I enjoyed debating using the knowledge I had learnt and sharing my own opinions' Jack (Y6)

'I enjoyed learning about how worship looks in a Hindu Mandir' Jacob (Y4)

'I liked understanding about the Christian point of view, learning about their love for God' Sophia (Y5)

We are so proud of all children in these Year groups for the way they embraced the RE day and learned about different religions and perspectives.

Golden Book Stars



Jacob B (3HT), Cara M, Constance T, Aaliya C, Danny J(4HR)

Dylan A (1MK) Oscar M, Amber H(2BW) Jeremiah MB (1HB)

Sophia F, Ava J(2SW)

Jacob G (LB1)

Martha S, Matilda P, William A(5HM)

Jacob H, Milo B, Erin M, Isabelle H (4SB)

Yuvan M, Molly T, Edith MJ, Zhenae CG, Ada M(RKG)

Hari A, Lottie B, Kit RA, Allegra S, Annabelle W, Che R(RJR)

Dates for diary



21.10 – TED Day

31.10 – All children return to school

02.11 – S.T.E.P Workshop

03.11 – Diwali

04.11 – Fire Service visiting Reception

07.11 – Whole school individual/sibling photo's

07.11 – Writing workshop EYFS – via Zoom

15.11 – S.T.E.P Workshop

15.11 – Year 6 Netball

18.11 – Children in Need

Play Leader Training

On Thursday 13th October, ten of our Year 6 children went to Beaconside Primary School to be trained as Playleaders. Being a Playleader is an important role to have as the children are trusted to lead a play session with our KS1 children during lunchtimes. The role requires the children to show maturity, patience, resilience, empathy and the ability to enforce our school's behaviour rules. We have every confidence that our chosen Playleaders will show all of these qualities and have the commitment to fulfil their roles throughout the year. Well done, Playleaders, we are proud of you!





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Forest School

Last year, Mrs Chivers established our first Forest School but having moved on this summer, she asked me to take on her hard work. So, for the last few weeks I have been out of school working on my Forest School Leader qualification at the Field Studies Council Centre at Bishop's Wood. So far, this has mostly involved me having lots of fun building shelters and lighting fires to bake bread, although there is the small matter of written assignments and a knot-tying exam!

What is Forest School and why are we keen to maintain it? Forest School is off the normal curriculum and instead aims to develop children's confidence and self-esteem through hands-on experiences in a natural setting. Our Forest School groups have the choice of how they use their time in a safe environment where they can try stuff out and take supported risks. Learners constantly expand on their abilities by solving real-world problems, building self-belief and resilience, all whilst making connections with the natural world. We have fun too.

If you and your family are interested in having a bit of a taste of the outdoors yourselves this half-term, Bishop's Wood is having a Discovery Day on Tuesday 25th October (10:00 - 14:00). Details can be found at <https://www.field-studies-council.org/shop/courses/discovery-day-at-bishops-wood-25-10-2022/>

Dr Fishwick
Science & Forest School Lead



Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

Our year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a mixed 7 a side football tournament at Catshill Middle School on 12th October. Well done to all of our pupils who took part. Mr Weston was very proud of our children and said that they all showed great talent and sportsmanship. Well done to our year 5 and 6 pupils.





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Introducing our Year 6 Ambassadors...



Head Boy – Tate L, Head Girl – Scarlet SW



House Captains

Ash – Lelia A
Chestnut – Anna N
Oak – Bunny H
Beech – Louis Mc



Sports Captains

Ash – Jemima HS
Chestnut – Eva S
Oak – Mia K
Beech – Joshua J



Sports ambassadors

Elliot G, Cody E, Fintan O,
Blake BD, Logan B, Thomas M, Olivia R



Eco ambassadors

Elliot B
Abigail F
Erica K
Jessica S



Reading ambassadors

Macey H
Ambur D
Phoebe C



Music ambassadors

Zak G
Joseph G



IT ambassadors

Orla B
Jacob HP



Science ambassador

Harrison C



Playleaders

Harrison C, Thomas W, Joseph G, Nicole P
Frankie K, Isla B, Abigail F, Olivia R



Helping Hands

James H, Jack M, Lennie H, Rose L, Lu'Rhez HB
Brandon MB, Hermione H, Brooke K, Isla B, Kyle H

