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Newsletter 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Saturday 3rd October 2020

This has been another very enjoyable week in school. The children continue to settle in well and work hard, responding very well to the routines and structures of each day in class. I have been most impressed with their confidence and keenness to share and explain all about their work with me, as I visit classrooms on a regular basis.

On Thursday afternoon, our Cygnets and Year 6 children joined up across the Cygnets fencelines. Our Year 6 children introduced themselves to our new children, to help welcome them into school and to get both classes of children to start to get to know each other. This was a really enjoyable experience for all the children; we are now planning how we can develop these very important links further between our youngest and oldest children in school.

Through this week, we have continued to take a focus on our Golden Rule, '**We Listen**', with children responding positively and developing their understanding about active listening and how this can help them and others around them.

Over the next two weeks, our focus will change to our Golden Rule of, '**We Work Hard**'. Teachers will be looking for children who strive to do their best and persevere in all their work, even when tasks prove challenging or complicated. House points will continue to be awarded for children working hard and striving to do their best, helping to support them as they embrace new learning in each classroom.

House Points Totals (to Friday 2nd October)			
Sycamore	Willow	Oak	Chestnut
258	274	282	294

Next Week in School

Our School Governors are meeting virtually next week, for the first committee meetings of the new academic year. I am joining the Governors for a 'Performance' meeting on Monday after school and for a 'Resources' Committee Meeting on Friday morning. I would like to thank all the Governors in advance of these meetings, for their time and support to help review provision in school and to discuss further strategies to help our school improve further.

On **Thursday morning** next week, we welcome Jon Jeffries into school to conduct a learning walk across all classrooms. Mr Jeffries is the Headteacher at Cassington Primary School, and is working alongside us as part of a Department for Education Partnership Project that we have been fortunate to have been accepted as part of.

Coats

Please can all children make sure that they bring a coat to school each day. We are very keen to get the children outside for each breaktime and lunchtime (weather permitting) and need the children to be warm and protected as the weather gets colder.

'The Lord is my Shepherd.' Psalm 23

Personal, Social and Health Education Letter

Attached to the newsletter this week is a letter regarding Personal, Social and Health Education. This outlines the programme that we will be following through this year in school, ensuring that the children have not missed any core aspects of learning due to 'lockdown' and their time away from school. If you would like to discuss any aspect this programme of learning for your child/children, please contact the school office who will organise for your child/children's classteacher to contact you.

COVID-19 Information for Parents and Carers.

Attached to the newsletter is a 'What To Do If' guide for Parents and Carers, that we have received from Public Health England.

Celebration of Harvest

As we are unable to collect foodstuffs for delivery to the local community at this time of year, I have contacted Reverend Hilary to look for ways that we can help support others around us.

Reverend Hilary has suggested that families are able to make donations of money instead of distributing food items - because of the current situation. She suggests that parents can contact the local foodbanks in Banbury, to see how best to help them. One foodbank is run by the Salvation Army, and the other is hosted by the People's Church.

Please see below for some other suggestions that you might find useful, to provide support for others at this time.

- **Christian Aid** have an Autumn Appeal that can be supported here <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/global-neighbours-autumn-appeal>
- **Practical Action** helps supports farming and agriculture projects in the poorest countries <https://practicalaction.org/our-aims/farming-that-works/>

To help children's learning about Harvest and helping and supporting others:

Farming Community Network have a range of harvest resources, at <https://fcn.org.uk/harvest-2020>

Golden Rules Stars in School - for the week commencing 21st September

Very well done to the following children for following our core Golden Rule target of 'we listen carefully':
Henrietta S, Aurelia C, Maci C, Henry C, Emily M, Giannino G and Sam C

Stars of the Week – awarded by teachers for the week commencing 21st September

Hannah H for her excellent story map on 'Oh, No George'.
Sophie E-L for recognising 2D shapes and knowing a range of language, linked to position and direction.
Rosie D for striving to extend her writing, going above and beyond what was expected.
Alex P for impressing his teacher with his Maths problem solving, when grouping numbers in different ways.
Izzy B for amazing improvements seen in the presentation of her work.
Emiliana G for a wonderful written diary entry, using a range of time conjunctions.
James H for striving to achieve his best in his writing.
Elliot S for pushing himself in Maths all week, showing clear understanding of concepts taught.
Josh C for showing great skill and understanding when locating historical facts.
Ella R for showing a brilliant and original writing style.
Freddie S for carefully planned, structured and creative independent writing.
Charlotte W for fantastic efforts towards all of her work.
Imogen D for great academic achievement and showing great self-confidence.
Evie T-D for fantastic efforts and confidence when sharing her reading skills with Miss Tritton.
Jack J for drawing an amazing chalk picture of himself and his house.

I wish you all a restful weekend

Yours sincerely
Phil Goldsworthy