



# Newsletter - October 2014



Dear parents,

What a fantastic start to the term we have had. We continue to enjoy the extra light and space we have on the infant site as a result of the summer refurbishment project and the new trim trail on the junior school field.

It has been so lovely to see so many of you at the Family Services – thank you.

I would also like to say “Thank you” to all parents, grandparents and Cuddington villagers who came to our Book and Cake Sale. We have raised £180 towards new furniture for our infant library.

I am pleased to be able to share with you that the school has been awarded two “Sports for All” grants, one for £29000 and the second for £10000. These are obviously significant amounts of money and will be used to update and replace play equipment on the infant site. Thank you to Mrs Chaplin who has been overseeing the bids and showing the contractors around the site.

Finally, you will have received a letter from Richard Winnicott, our Chair of Governors, explaining my absence from school for the next few months. I have really appreciated your kind thoughts and prayers and will be chomping at the bit to return in January.

Mrs Kim Price

## Blue Peter Sports Badges

We are encouraging all our children to apply to Blue Peter for a sports badge. Please go to the Blue Peter website for more information.

## Reminders

- All children must have a water bottle in school every day.
- Children will not be allowed on the school bus without a bus tag. If they have a tag on but according to our records, should be attending a Club, then we will send them to the Club.
- The children should all be wearing our winter uniform from 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Pick Up and Drop Off

A polite reminder that school starts at 9am on the infant site and 8.50am on the junior site.

We have noticed that the same children are regularly late to school.

At the end of the school day, some children are being collected considerably later than the school finish time. We understand that things may delay you however we hope these would be “one-off” incidents rather than regular occurrences.

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## **Breakfast Club**

Due to the success of the infant site Breakfast Club, we will be offering a breakfast club on the junior site from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014. The Club will be run by Mrs Gallienne and Mr Mould. Further information and booking forms will be sent out next week as will booking forms for the infant site club.

## **Pupil Premium**

We now have ten pupils in school who are eligible for pupil premium funding. In practice this means that they have:

- Free school meals whatever their age
- Funded musical instrument lessons
- School clubs paid for
- Contributions towards the cost of school trips
- Free places at the Breakfast Clubs
- Support in class for their learning

If you believe that your child may be eligible for this funding (ie: if you are in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit), please contact Mrs Chaplin in the school office for an application form.

## **Silver Kite Mark for Sports**

We have recently been awarded a Silver Kite Mark for Sports. Thanks must go to Mrs Arnott and Mrs Pearce and to all the children for the hard work that went into this award. We are very proud of the childrens' sporting achievements.

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day**

There will be no hot lunch from Cygnet Catering **on the junior site** and instead we will be providing a hot dog lunch and asking for a £2 donation towards the Children in Need Appeal.

On the infant site, hot lunches from Cygnet will continue as normal. We are in the process of planning exciting fund-raising events on the infant site and more details will follow shortly.

## **Harvest Festival Celebrations**

We will be holding various harvest celebrations throughout the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October. This year we will be giving our harvest donations to the Vineyard Storehouse in Aylesbury who run a Food Bank for local people. We would ask that the children bring in store cupboard groceries such as soup, pasta, biscuits, cereal, teabags etc rather than traditional harvest produce. Please would you send the harvest donations to the infant site on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October and to the junior site on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

A member of the Vineyard Church will be coming to tell the children about the Food Bank on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Parking – Important**

The safety of all our pupils is of paramount importance to us.

We have been experiencing problems on both sites with parking, particularly at pick up time in the afternoon. Can we please remind you to park sensibly at all times, not on the pavement or verge and preferably away from the school entrances. Infant site parents are encouraged to park at the village playing field and walk the short distance to collect the children. The school buses will not move onto the pavement to let you pass in Upper Church Street so please bear this in mind.

We have asked our PCSO, Sue Jones, to visit both sites next week to ensure that we are all parking sensibly and to remind parents and bus drivers about safe parking. We would ask for your cooperation please.

## **Cygnets Lunches**

Today we will be sending home the meal order forms for the second half of the term. Please use the menu provided at the beginning of term to make your choices. There are copies of the menu available from the Cuddington office. Please note that there will be **no hot school lunches** on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December. More details to follow about lunch arrangements on those days.

## **Pantomime - advanced warning**

We will be taking the children to the Waterside Pantomime on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 per child to cover the cost of the theatre ticket. The coaches will be paid for by the Friends4CADs.

## **Cross Country Club**

Please note that Cross Country Club will be held on Monday rather than Friday in the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> October. It will revert to Friday the week after.

## **Bags2School**

Note from Friends4CADs

**It is time to have a good sort out again!** This week your children will be bringing home a Bag2School fund raising collection bag. Bags2School is a great way to dispose of unwanted clothing, etc and at the same time raise money for the school. We have raised a fantastic total of **£3096.50** so far just from your old things – **THANK YOU!!!**

Please fill the bags with unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, hats and soft toys (any shoes/boots should be tied together as a pair). **Bedding/linen/towels/curtains etc are no longer accepted so please don't include these.**

If you fill the bag and still have more to bring, then you can use any other bag to donate

items. Spare bags are available. Don't forget to ask family and friends to have a sort out as well. Remember the more we collect the more we can raise for the school and your children.

Filled collection bags should be returned to the school on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October by 9:00 am** as follows:

**Infants:** In front of the staff room window behind the wall.

**Juniors:** Under year 4 windows against the wall.

Each collection point will be clearly marked. **Please ensure all bags are tied to keep the items dry in the event of wet weather.**

A Friends 4 CADS volunteer will collect bags from Chearsley, Ford and Dinton (Seven Stars) bus stops on Monday morning when the bus collects the children.

If you require any further information or spare bags, then please contact Amanda Clifford on 07931 419352 or email me at [amandajclifford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amandajclifford@hotmail.co.uk).

Many thanks to parents, family, friends and staff for supporting this fundraising opportunity.

### **Dates for your diary**

- 9.10.14 9.30am Open Morning (1) on infant site for prospective September 2015 Foundation parents
- 9.10.14 Years 5 and 6 Hockey Team to Grange School
- 10.10.14 NSPCC workshops for years 5 and 6
- 10.10.14 Boys' Football Cup Match v Ashmead (at home)
- 11.10.14 Cross Country Competition at Haddenham Junior School
- 13.10.14 Harvest Assembly on infant site (sorry no parents) **Infant** children to bring in harvest donations.
- 14.10.14 Whole school Harvest Festival Celebration at Dinton Church (sorry no parents) **Junior** site children to bring harvest donations
- 16.10.14 Year 5 Boys' Football Team Match v Stokenchurch (Away)
- 17.10.14 Secondary Transfer Test Results
- 20.10.14 Bags2School collections
- 20.10.14 HASSP football tournament for years 1,2,3 on junior site
- 21.10.14 9.30am Open Morning 2 on infant site (as above)
- 23.10.14 Years 3 and 4 to Nether Winchendon Church for Tomb Restoration Project
- 23.10.14 Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Team to Mandeville Upper School
- 24.10.14 Mufti Day on both sites
- Break up for Half-term Holiday
- 3.11.14 Return to school