



## Newsletter - June 2015

Dear parents,

What a fantastic end we had to last half term.

The ball was a great success and I hope those that went enjoyed the event as much as I did.

The Infant May singing and dancing was also wonderful, the weather was glorious and the children loved showing you their dances. I particularly liked the audience participation dance- well done to those of you who managed to keep up!

The Junior music concert in the marquee was awe inspiring- what talented children you have! I am always proud of all the pupils, but especially those who we know what an effort it is for them to perform.

I would also like to mention that whenever our children go off site we invariably receive comments from other schools and museums about how well behaved your children are. At the football match this week it was commented on, by staff at Bedgrove School, that our children showed honesty and good sportsmanship behaviour- well done children.

Mrs K Price

This half term, the school's value is **Belief**. We will be sharing the following bible passages with the children.

*Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."* John 20:29

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* Philippians 4:13

Please let us know if you have any favourite bible passages or quotes you would like us to share with the children.

### **A Special Request**

One of our parents is currently undergoing chemotherapy and therefore we are asking for your support in giving careful consideration to whether or not you send your child into school when they are poorly. It is also very important that you notify us of any contagious diseases such as chicken pox and measles. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **The Finley Newell Mobility and Equipment Fund**

Finley is a 2 year old boy who lives locally. Last year Finley was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) which means that he faces progressive muscular weakening. He has limited mobility of his head, neck, arms, hands and feet and will never walk. His breathing and swallowing are also affected. Money raised for Finley will be used to buy a power chair (£15K) and to help finance much needed special alterations to his home. As a school we

have chosen to support Finley's charity during the next academic year, however you can support Finley now by buying a £5 raffle ticket. The prize is a garden sculpture designed and made by Toby Sampson and the draw will take place at the Bell Pub in Cheersley on 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. For more information visit Finley's Facebook page – The Finley Newell Mobility and Equipment Fund or email [karinjsmall@aol.com](mailto:karinjsmall@aol.com). Raffle tickets are on sale at the Bell Pub, Cheersley and at Open Gardens at Dadbrook House, Cuddington on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### **More charity news**

The money donated by the children on their recent mufti day along with profits made from the sale of refreshments at the Junior music concert and the forthcoming Year 6 evening will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital. We will confirm the amount raised at the end of this term.

There were a lot of very crazy socks in school today and we thank you for your kind donations to the Club Foot charity. A total of £147.50 was raised.

### **Sports Fixtures v Bedgrove Junior School**

On Thursday the junior netball teams and year 4 football team travelled to play matches against Bedgrove Junior School. Despite battling hard and producing two excellent goals, the football team were beaten 4-2 however both the A and B netball teams won their matches, 5-4 and 6-0 respectively. Well done to all the pupils who participated and represented the school so well.

### **Visit from Barnabas – account written by junior children**

Barnabas is an educational organisation who visit schools to help the children explore ideas about Christianity.

“On Wednesday this week, John came to our school to teach us about Christian churches around the world. He included entertainment and extremely enjoyable education. Included in our session was; exciting games, exuberant poems and animated song lyrics. Entertaining and educating the whole class, this thrilling lesson captured the attention of everyone, teaching us about churches around the world. We found out where the biggest church is – it is in South Korea.

Overall it was an amazing experience and we all enjoyed being with John who amused us a lot. “

### **NicNacs Fund-raising event - account written by Mrs Chaplin**

Shortly before half-term, the NicNacs group based on the infant site invited parents and staff to their fund-raising afternoon. I enjoyed a delicious cup of tea and a beautifully iced cake. My waiter, Finn, was very attentive. The children were having a lovely time painting faces and nails, cleaning shoes and serving the refreshments. They were able to use the

money raised to go to Elaine's temporary grocery store in the church where they had fun choosing and buying groceries for the Vineyard Storehouse in Aylesbury. Thank you Nicnacs for the invitation and your hard work.

### **Cancellation of Tennis Club**

Please note that there will be **no** tennis club on the infant site on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Arrangements for the end of the school day**

We are receiving an increasing number of notifications of changes to collection arrangements very close to the end of the school day. We always do our best to pass on all messages we receive but with short notice, this is sometimes impossible. Please make every effort to notify us of your arrangements by sending in a note with your child in their school bag or by notifying Mrs Chaplin in person or by telephone at the beginning of the school day.

### **School Communications**

Earlier this week you should have received a letter giving you instructions on how to register on the new school communications system. Thank you to those parents who have already registered and/or made an electronic payment.

Please may we re-iterate that the most economical method for the school of receiving payments is by bank transfer. Once you have set this up you will not need to enter your bank details again and this will make the process fast and easy to use. We will be charged 16p per transaction by bank transfer but more than double this amount for credit and debit card payments.

Similarly the school will save money on texts if you choose to download the School Gateway App onto your phone. All text messages sent via the App are free of charge. Thank you for any assistance you are able to give us in keeping the costs of this service to a minimum.

### **Chearsley Fete**

Please find attached a flyer for Chearsley Village fete which is being held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm.

### **Dates for the Diary**

10<sup>th</sup> June: Junior Football Team Match v Edlesborough at home

10<sup>th</sup> June: Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm on Infant site

11<sup>th</sup> June: Year 5&6 Cycle Training 1.30pm; Year 3&4 Cycle Training 3.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> June: Infant site class and individual photographs

15<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Phonics Week

16<sup>th</sup> June: Infant Family Service in Cuddington Church at 9.10am

17<sup>th</sup> June: Junior site class and individual photographs

18<sup>th</sup> June: Infants' Sports Day – PM

18<sup>th</sup> June: Year 5&6 Cycle Training 1.30pm; Year 3&4 Cycle Training 3.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> June: Juniors' Sports Day – PM

23<sup>rd</sup> June: Junior Family Service at 9am (in Dinton Church)

24<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 to Leavers' Service and Workshop at Christ the Servant King in High Wycombe

25<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 to Hazard Alley

25<sup>th</sup> June: Year 3&4 Egyptian Day (more details to follow)

25<sup>th</sup> June: No Cycle Training

1<sup>st</sup> July: New Foundation Parents' Meeting 9.30am on infant site

1<sup>st</sup> July: 11+/ SATS meeting for Year 5 parents 7pm on Junior site

1<sup>st</sup> July: Junior Cricket Team Away at Stewkley

1<sup>st</sup> July: Governors' Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting 4pm Junior site

2<sup>nd</sup> July: Year 6 Production Dress Rehearsal

2<sup>nd</sup> July: Year 2 to spend the day on the Junior site (please deliver and collect your Year 2 children from **the Junior site**)

2<sup>nd</sup> July: Year 5&6 Cycle Training 1.30pm; Year 3&4 Cycle Training 3.30pm

7<sup>th</sup> July: Bucks School Transfer Day (Year 2 to Junior site as above)

7<sup>th</sup> July: New Foundation children to visit Infant site 9.15-11.30am

9<sup>th</sup> July: Year 5&6 Cycle Training 1.30pm; Year 3&4 Cycle Training 3.30pm

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July: Junior Production 7pm in Junior Hall

14<sup>th</sup> July: Governors' Finance, Premises and Personnel Meeting 6pm on Infant site

21<sup>st</sup> July: Break Up for Summer Holidays Infants 1.15pm; Juniors 1.30pm

**Don't forget that all dates are published on our school website,  
[www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk](http://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk).**

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