



Newsletter – October 2015

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for your support for the various things we have asked of you since coming back in September.

The Outside learning area on the infant site looks fantastic, the additional dolls and play things for Foundation have been gratefully received, the second hand uniform was a success as was the quiz night (both raising around £350 each). All of this helps to provide the learning environment your children deserve. I also appreciate your support in keeping contagious children off school!

The Year 6 children have completed their “Transfer to secondary test” and are awaiting their results. We know that this is an anxious time for all and their trip to the Harry Potter Studios could not have been better timed- you would think we plan it that way!

I have been delighted how all of the children have settled so well into the working environment at school. The New National Curriculum has more challenge embedded in it and the children are definitely taking it on board with their learning. As some of you are aware, ‘intervention groups’ are taking place on both sites. As in previous years, children are given additional tuition in school by Teachers and Teaching assistants to support their learning. In most cases this is to boost their knowledge and confidence, so that they can achieve what we would expect of them. Once again, thank you for your understanding and support for these activities.

Mrs K Price

This half term, the school’s value is **Love**. We will be sharing the following bible passage with the children.

“Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail.”

1 Corinthians 14 v4-7

Report of Visit to Harry Potter Studios by Zoe Lichfield and Sophie Gibson, Year 6

Our trip was a great success, we all loved the experience. There was so much to do, in so little time! However, the group leaders made it all possible. It was fantastic!
We travelled on a coach for 1 hour to get to The Making of Harry Potter in Watford. The first room we viewed was The Great Hall. Everyone was overwhelmed by the sheer immense size of it.

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The next room we wandered around was the props and settings. Some of the most interesting props were the wigs; they were so realistic that we could almost picture the characters right in front of us. Another fantastic setting was the Gryffindor Common Room, which looked very welcoming. We also explored the other film sets: Hagrid's Hut, Malfoy Manor and Professor Umbridge's Office.

We went outside to have our lunch amongst the Night Bus, Privet Drive, Hogwarts Bridge, massive wizard Chess pieces and Hagrid's motor bike and side car.

Overall it was a fantastic experience which will undoubtedly enhance our Hero and Villain topic this term.

Cake sale

The House Captains on the junior site and Oliver Stratford from Year 3 are organising a cake sale to raise money for the refugees from Syria and other areas. They have agreed to donate the money to the Red Cross as they feel this will have the greatest benefit for children caught up in the situation. Watch this space for the date, time and place!

Parent Workshop

We will be hosting a parent workshop on 14th October from 7pm on the junior site, entitled "What else can I do at home to support my child?" This workshop is open to all parents and will last around 1 hour. Please email or call the school office if you intend to come.

Harvest Festival

As in previous years, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with the children in Church. It would be wonderful if you could donate either money or non-perishable food stuffs (tins, packets and jars) and send them with your child on Monday 12th October. The money will be given to the Red Cross to support the Refugees and the food stuff to the Vineyard Food Bank in Aylesbury. The week before, the children on both sites will be attending a separate assembly led by the Vineyard charity in order that they may gain an understanding of what will happen to the food they have donated.

Clubs

We would remind you that it is important that the children show commitment to the clubs they have chosen to attend. We have had a number of children not turn up to sessions for various reasons. We understand that things or opportunities come up but at the very least, notification to the teacher in charge would be appreciated - some children did not get a place in the club they wanted, so it seems right that those who did show a commitment to attending.

Football Club

Please note that there will be no Football Club on the junior site on 7th October due to a football fixture.

Reminders

Please do have a look at the **Northbrook Wrap** catalogue that recently came home with your child. The products are good quality and competitively priced and the school benefits hugely from all orders placed. Thank you.

We have managed to extend the deadline for the return of **Cauliflower Card** designs to Friday 9th October. Again this raises useful funds for the school.

Thank you to all parents who have returned the **flu vaccination consent form** (Year 2 and 2 only). We do need you to complete and return the form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination. There are still some forms outstanding and we would be pleased if you could return them to the school office as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs Chaplin if you require another copy.

As the weather is very changeable, please send your child with a **warm coat** every day.

Attachments

Please find attached a flyer from CHUF Pre-School advertising their Open Sessions and a flyer for a half-term hockey camp.

Dates for your Diary

8th October	Open Morning for 2016 Foundation Applicants 9.30am Infant site
12th October	Bags2School Drop Off (by 9am please)
12th October	Whole School Harvest Assembly
12th October	HASSP Tag Rugby tournament (team from Y2 and 3) on junior site
14th October	Parent Workshop 7pm on junior site
15th October	Parent Forum 9am on infant site
17th October	Haddenham 7 a side Football tournament
20th October	Open Morning for 2016 Foundation Applicants 9.30am Infant site
23rd October	Mufti Day for School Charity (Finley Newell Fund)
23rd October	Break Up for Half-Term at 3.15/3.25pm
23rd October	F4CADS Spooky Bingo for all the family (more details to follow)
11th & 12th November	Parents' Evenings
10th November	Flu Vaccinations for Years 1 and 2
27th November	Christmas Fair on the junior site