

Dear parents,

Thank you so much for your generosity with the items for the Harvest food collection; this will be taken to Aylesbury food bank. There is still time to send food items in, we will keep collecting until the end of next week.

Routines are more established and settled in school; children are coping exceptionally well with the limitations to their movements around the building and at playtimes. I received a letter from a group of year 5 girls, politely querying a couple of aspects of the changes! It made me think about the children's voice and opinions in how the school functions. I hope to have all our usual class positions filled soon (House Captains, School Council, library monitors, IT monitors). I also hope to be able to resolve the year 5 concerns (about playtime and school lunches) as soon as possible.

Finally, a parent shared a poem that was written by a child during lockdown:

*When 2020 Lockdown began,
The world was in a mess since I don't know when.
People got furloughed and lost their job,
Children stopped going to school, holding back sobs.
The NHS worked harder trying to save lives,
Numbers of COVID rising and rising to extreme heights.
But this did not stop us, because we are unbeatable,
This did not stop us because we are unbeatable.*

Mrs Price

Parents Evening- week beginning 12th October

This term, parents evening will be a 10-minute phone call about how your child has settled into school. We are unable to have face to face meetings and hope this arrangement will be a reasonable change, given the circumstances. We only have two phone lines into each site, so appointments will be spread over two sessions- 3.40pm to approximately 6pm on both days.

You will need to choose an appointment window, making sure you leave time between appointments if your children are in two different classes. How to book appointments will be emailed to you early next week.

Mrs Roberts will also be offering appointments as SENDCo, these will be on a Wednesday afternoon.

We will call you on your home number or the priority mobile number, according to the data you provided. We will try twice, if you are unavailable an email will be sent to you explaining when the teacher attempted to contact you. The timings of these phone calls are very important, teachers will bring the conversation to a close after 10 minutes.

Appointment days:

Foundation, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 12th & 14th October

Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 13th & 15th October

Blue luggage tags for pick-up arrangements

If you have lost your blue luggage tag that you write the names of people who can collect your child, please can you email the office and we will replace it. We have noticed that there are more emails coming into the office about pick up arrangements, so we are assuming quite a few have been lost.

Headlice

It's that time of year again! We have had a case of headlice in year 3, so please be vigilant in checking your child's hair and treating promptly.

Football Club for 5 & 6 Wednesday 3.40 - 4.30

This club has proved extremely popular. We are now able to split it into a girl's session, coached by Mrs Swain, and a boy's session coached by Mr Messenger. Please book your child onto this using School Gateway. The cost will be £28 for 7 weeks.

Thank you also to other parents who have offered to coach for us- we may be in touch!

Neighbours

I realise that every newsletter I am reminding you about parking and I do appreciate that parking on both sites is not easy. However, please can you make sure that you park safely with enough space for the school bus and emergency vehicles to use the road. The inevitable traffic jam happened yesterday at Cuddington because the bus was unable to get through due to poor parking.

PE kit

As the days are getting colder, please make sure your child has a winter PE kit- navy plain tracksuit top and bottoms. We will be taking the children out for PE in most weather, including rain, so they need to be suitable dressed. Several children do not have trainers in school either; these need to be plain black or white.

Year 6 donation

Last year's year 6 parents donated an amount of money which has enabled us to buy a sign for the front of the school on the Junior site. Thank you for your generosity- I can't wait for it to arrive!

Bears' Booklet

We are delighted to announce that "Bear & Vic's Lockdown Adventures!" is now available for sale! The 24-page A5 booklet is being sold in aid of the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity – so please support this fantastic local charity by buying a booklet for £5.00.

It tells the story of Bear & Vic's antics in Cuddington during the lockdown - from abseiling and repairing motor cars to winter sports and playing golf - the booklet presents a delightful range of scenes of the two friends!

The booklets are available now from: Cuddington Village Stores, The Florence Nightingale charity shop at Bradmoor Farm in Haddenham or online
<https://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/view-page.php?pid=34>
Please buy one (or more!) – they make a wonderful present as well as a great reminder!

**RBC Race for the Kids going virtual
17th & 18th October 2020 - see flyer attached**

- Free to take part
- Open to all ages and abilities
- Race your way – choose from a variety of distances and take part wherever you are as an individual or team

Data Collection Sheets

Thanks to many of you for returning the data collection sheets to the office, if you still have to complete this form please do so as soon as possible so we can have an accurate record of emergency contacts for your child.

Reminder to Year 3s & 4s

Please bring in your cardboard cereal boxes for next Tuesday. This is for the knot garden lessons.

Stars of the Week

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William C yF
Sebastian S yF

Jude P y1
Alice M y1

Mason M y2
Drew S y2

Bella M y3
Espir R y3

Jasper D y4
Maisie T y4

Hannah T y5
Gabriel O y5

Asmitha J y6
Betsy F y6