



School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so wonderful to have our first Family Service this week; to see all the parents, grandparents, younger siblings, and members of the Cuddington Church community together in one place was joyous. Thank you to Rev's Richard and Phil for the retelling on the story of Joseph. I particularly liked the audience rendition of an extract of a song from the Joseph musical!

Years 1&2 also had a visit from an Architect on Thursday. They learned what her job was and particularly enjoyed the florescent jacket and hard hat she brought with her. Thank you, Mrs Smith.

Last week year 3&4 had a visit from an Explorer, who shared with them some of his adventures. Thank you, Mr Coats.

We also had our first football match of the season and won 4:2 against Oakley. Thank you to Mr Peaks for refereeing the match.

I am finishing this week with a warm sense of things getting back to 'normal'.

Mrs Price

Parent Helpers

We would love to have parents back in school to listen to children read. If you are interested, please contact the school office and Mrs Allder will explain what information you need to have so we can undertake a DBS check for you: this is part of our school Safeguarding policy.

Books going home

Unfortunately, we have had a number of reading and library books returned to school damaged. Whilst we understand accidents do happen, we urge you to help your child/children look after the books at home. We have spent £2,000 on library books and £5,000 on the new phonics scheme; this was a 'one off' and do not have the financial resources to do this again.

Transfer to Secondary School results

Parents of children who took the test will be able to access the results after 3.30pm today (15.10.21). Mrs Bowman and I will have spoken to the children at the end of the day today. We shall be reminding them that some of them may be disappointed and some delighted, but they need to be kind to each other and be supportive. Most importantly, they are still the same child they were before they knew the result of the test and that you still love them. This is a very emotional time for some children (and parents), so please be kind to yourselves.

If you find the result is not what you were expecting and wish to discuss the options available to you for review and/or appeal, please email me directly (head@cds.school) to make an appointment to discuss this.

New Behaviour Management system in school

The Junior children may have informed you that we have changed our visible representation of our behaviour system. We no longer have 'pegging' and children have the opportunity to make positive behaviour choices within the lesson. This is represented in concentric circles (rather like a dart board). All children are expected to remain in the green zone and potentially lose increments of 5 minutes of break as they move towards the red zone. At any point a child can move back to green, if they positively change the poor behaviour choices they were making. So far, the children and staff have loved it and we have had very few children miss their breaks.

We shall be putting the draft behaviour policy on the website next week.

Hot Lunches

Haddenham kitchens have been hit by a series of unfortunate events (staff shortages, late food deliveries, problems with suppliers and not issuing an amended menu). This has meant that the meals have not always been what we were expecting! I have now spoken to Mrs Collett, Head of Haddenham St Marys, who has apologised for the inconvenience caused and hopes that many of the issues have been resolved and we should be back to normal after half term, hopefully with hot puddings again.

Fire in Chearsley

Early Friday morning there was a fatal fire in Chearsley. We have not discussed this with the children but acknowledged the fire and the work of the emergency service in our prayers this morning. Below are some links to websites that you may wish to use with your children.

<https://www.winstonswish.org/>

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/>

Bonfire Night Friday 5th November

Fireworks Night at Cuddington Playing Fields. Doors open at 6pm with fireworks at 7.30pm. There will be a bonfire, BBQ, bar and other refreshments available. Entry is free!

Each year F4CADS run a tea and cake stall at the event in order to raise funds for the school. We are seeking donations of cakes and other baked treats from parents and carers to sell at the event. All goodies MUST be nut free and should be labelled with a list of ingredients. Please bring your cakes etc along to the school at morning drop off on Friday 5th November. Thank you in advance for your help!

Dates

We please ask that parents use the 'Important Dates' communicated in the newsletter as reference. The website calendar does not always refresh/update information immediately which can sometimes create duplicate dates regarding events we have published.

We hope to rectify this soon.

Important Dates -

Junior Family Service 21st October

Inset Day closed for staff training 22nd October

Half Term 25th - 29th October

Return to school 1st November

Starting School Sept 2022 prospective parents (Open Day) 3rd November 9.30am

Zoom parents evening 9th & 10th November (booking detail to follow)

Year 3&4 Science Oxford Centre Trip 12th November

Starting School Sept 2022 prospective parents (Open Day) 12th November 1.30pm

Junior Family Service 18th November

Children In Need 19th November

Starting School Sept 2022 prospective parents (Open Day) 22nd November 9.30am

Infant site Open Session for current pupils 9.05 – 9.30am 23rd November

Junior site Open Session for current pupils 9.00 – 9.30am 24th November

Infant Family Service 25th November

Payments Open -

Harvest Donations for UNICEF

Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle

School Donations



Year F - Iona, Esther-Rose

Year 1 - Julia, Thea

Year 2 - Emily, Yuvi

Year 3 - Aurora, Jasper

Year 4 - Blayne, Jacob

Year 5 - Esme, Zoe, Cooper, Freddie C

Year 6 - Emma, Ross



Leaves

Year F Immy

Year 4 Chole and Ellie

Year 6 Hannah

Science Stars

Year 2 Ava
Year 4 Posie
Year 3 Jack
Year 6 Martha

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