



**Friday 13th October 2023**

It was really lovely to welcome so many prospective new children and their families to Woodcote Primary this week. Our open morning was well attended and our year 6 tour guides did a wonderful job as ambassadors for the school. Please let any families you know who would like to visit, that we have another open morning on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am and 11:00am. If they cannot make that date, we are always willing and delighted to show anyone around at another time.

### **Oxford Half Marathon**

Good luck to everyone who is taking part in this event. Crossed fingers for good weather.

### **Monday afternoon parking**

There is a partnership Cross Country event at Langtree on Monday afternoon. Whilst event attendees are asked to park in places other than at the front of the two schools, this may mean that parking is more difficult than usual when you arrive to pick up from school. The event is due to finish at 2.30 and the parking situation should ease soon after.

### **Parent's Evenings**

These are taking place next week. Bookings opened on Monday this week. Please sign up, if you have not already done so. If the dates are not convenient then please ask your teacher to see if another mutually convenient time can be found.

### **INSET**

Just a reminder that school is not open to pupils next Friday. This is an INSET day.

### **Student Update Forms**

These have been sent home with your child today, please ensure that you check the form, make any necessary amendments, sign and return the form to the school office by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Many thanks.

### **Hair Adornments**

Please could we remind parents that the children should wear a plain blue (or black) hair band or scrunchy if they need their hair held off their eyes. Please do not send in brightly coloured or overly large hair adornments. Please keep these for home clothes' events.

### **Head Lice**

Unfortunately, they seem to be doing the rounds again so please can we ask that you check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

### **Busy Bee Clubs**

Just a reminder that yoga club is not on next week. Also today was the last Before School Gym Club, as next Friday is an Inset Day. Details of clubs for after half term will be published next week.

### **Cake Sale on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Yr1 & Yr4**

A reminder to bring cakes in at the end of the day on Thursday or Friday morning. These can be left in the kitchen chalet. All funds raised from this event go back into the school so your support is much appreciated. Also a reminder that we are a 'Nut Free' school.

### From Last weeks newsletter

#### **Free School Meals**

Your child may be able to get free school meals/free school uniform if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Please contact the office if you think that you may be entitled.

#### **Class Updates**

<b>Oak</b>	<p>Thank you to everyone who came to the Oak Class sharing time on Wednesday. The children were so excited to see you!</p> <p>This week children have been learning lots of new sounds in phonics including 'o', 'c', 'k' and the 'ck' digraph. If you are able to read daily with your child that would be great. Phonics books can be returned on Monday so that they can be changed; there will be a box outside the Oak gate so that children can deposit their Monster Phonics book and Reading Record book. Thank you. In maths children have been matching, comparing and sorting resources such as buttons, cutlery and numicon pieces. We have been singing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and reading some lovely stories such as 'Catch a Star' and Little Duck on the Moon. In P.E. the children have been learning to jump with both feet together and play lots of fun games where they have to listen carefully to Felix's instructions. Do take a look at the Oak Class page on the website to see photos of the Harvest Service. The long-term plan for the year is also on the class page for your interest. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week at the parent's evenings.</p>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<p>This week the Hornbeams have been fantastic artists. They have been learning all about different lines which are useful when drawing. They have also been investigating different drawing tools including chalk, oil pastels and graphite. Their new art gallery has brightened up the cloakroom! They have also been learning about the part whole model in maths and locating verbs in the books we have been sharing. See if they can find any verbs in the next story you share!</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>Year 2 have enjoyed reading 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne, this week. We used drama to put ourselves in the character's shoes and wrote some excellent character descriptions including adjectives. We have been working hard to learn our 10x and 2x tables and have enjoyed playing 'hit the button' to help us. We have also been looking closely at 3D shapes to see which 2D shapes we can spot on their faces. We looked at some artwork by Cezanne and used paint to colour match his paintings. In science, the children have been sorting food into different food groups and learning about healthy and unhealthy food. Butterfly update: We were</p>

	very excited to have our first butterfly emerge on Thursday during our maths lesson! Have a lovely weekend.
<b>Ash</b>	This week, we really enjoyed following instructions to make our very own pumpkin soup! As a class, we worked hard on chopping each of the ingredients, adding to our soup pot and describing each stage of the process. We then created our very own flowcharts to help us with writing our own pumpkin soup instructions. In Maths, we have been practising to add and subtract 1, 10s and 100s from 3-digit numbers and using a number line to add 1s. In our Topic lessons, we reflected on how much we have learnt about the Ancient Egyptians so far and what questions we still want to investigate and answer. We worked hard on finding out about the pyramids, what they are made of and why they were made. It was great to see so many of you join us for our share a story afternoon on Wednesday, we hope to uncover the mystery of the museum soon and share what the suspicious professor has been up to!
<b>Rowan</b>	Yesterday we visited the library as part of our local history study. It was very interesting hearing about the history of the library - from its beginnings as the village school in 1899, its use as a music room for Langtree and more than one threat of closure to the library in the past! Thank you very much to Lisa Trood, the librarian, for sharing all that information with us. In maths, we have continued our learning about addition and subtraction. We have been focusing on formal written subtraction, using place value charts, place value counters and base ten to represent our calculations and deepen our understanding. As always, please continue your times tables practise. Have a lovely weekend.
<b>Maple</b>	In English this week we've been researching Norse gods to help us in our upcoming writing. We explored Tyr, the god who lost a hand by trusting a wolf, Audumbla a primeval super-cow who licked a block of ice until a man emerged from it and Skadi, the Norse goddess of skiing! We're looking forward to sharing the stories with you when they're done. In maths we've reminded ourselves how we add and subtract, something we'll keep working on for a little while longer! Meanwhile in PE we performed our dances (there may be a recording or two heading to the website once we've got all of the photo permissions), completed our mazes on Scratch and learned about the late great Sir Isaac Newton and the impact he continues to have on modern Science. We're looking forward to seeing you all next week for parents evening where we'll get a chance to talk about how your child is doing and hopefully share some of the excellent work they've produced so far!
<b>Willow</b>	This week has all been about us - autobiography writing that is! We have completed our 1 <sup>st</sup> drafts and are moving onto editing these on the computer. There are still one or two outstanding baby photos that will be needed next week. We had the honour of being Tour Guides to the visiting parents this week and showing the prospective parents how fabulous the school is. In Maths, we were learning about Prime numbers and solving problems that included these. We also played Sujikos with our partners. In Grammar, we revised phrases and what these are and how they are different to clauses. We look forward to seeing you at the Oxford Half on Sunday and please remember to sign up for Parents Evening.

In Beech class there was high excitement as the first butterfly emerged.



Children in Year 3 enjoyed their visit to the library this week.



### Important dates

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Oxford Half Marathon
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening – 3:30 – 6:00 other than Oak class which will be 4:30 – 6.00
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – year 6 only 3:30 – 7:00
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening – all classes except Year 6 3:30 – 7:00
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1 & Y4 After School Cake sale
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day – No children in school
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Closing date for Secondary school applications.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Woodcote Primary Open morning for reception children 2024 9:30 – 11:30am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWPS & The Cherry Tree Inn Wreath Making workshop and dinner.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FOWPS Xmas Fair 5:00 – 7:00pm
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	FOWPS Christmas Grotto & Santa @ The Woodcote Christmas Market
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance - tbc
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance - tbc

## **FOWPS NEWS**

Thank you to everyone that came to our AGM on Monday, it was lovely to meet some new parents. We couldn't do what we do without the help of as many parents as possible.

We are still looking for a parent representative from Reception, Year 2, 4 and Year 5 Classes. The role will include liaising between the FOWPS committee and your class about school fundraising events and volunteering opportunities. We hope to encourage a two-way dialogue to enable parents to feedback ideas and comments. We need your help to support our children's education and the school community. Please sign up here: [www.volunteersignup.org/TXPE3](http://www.volunteersignup.org/TXPE3)

### **Co-op Local Community Fund – last chance to scan!**

Please make sure you and all of your friends and family have selected FOWPS as their Coop Local Community Fund and scan your membership card every time you shop! We only have until 21<sup>st</sup> October before our funding round stops and the more we shop the more we will raise for the school.

"Get into the Christmas vibe with Christmas wreath making at The Cherry Tree! Includes dinner and mulled wine. Please support this festive event, a percentage of profits will support Friends of Woodcote Primary School!"

