



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Welcome back everyone, it has been lovely seeing all the children in school. They have all coped extremely well in these extreme temperatures. Have a relaxing weekend and enjoy the summer weather.

### **Lunch**

There has been some progress with the lunch system this week but having only received the updated menus yesterday, the payment system is not yet ready for parents to access. Therefore, would all KS2 parents please continue to provide a packed lunch next week, unless your child is entitled to Pupil Premium. All children entitled to a free school lunch can now order a packed lunch via our ParentMail form. This includes all children in Oak, Hornbeam and Beech classes plus any child in KS2 entitled to Pupil Premium Funding. A form will be sent to these parents. You can, of course, still provide your own packed lunch if you prefer.

We hope that the system for payment for both packed lunches and hot dinners will be available in the next few days. We will keep you informed. Our sincerest apologies for any challenges this presents to you and your family. Thank you for your continued understanding.

### **Meet the Teacher**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September you are warmly invited to our annual "Meet The Teacher" event at 3.30. This is a half an hour opportunity for parents to ask all those questions they may have about a variety of things for the coming year. Questions about homework, PE days and expectations for the curriculum will be discussed, along with any you may like to ask. We would love you all to come along. If you have more than one child, you are welcome to pop to each of your classes during the time. It is quite informal and yet very informative!

### **Storytime**

We would like to invite all parents to join us at the end of the school day on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of October for Storytime at 2.45. More information to follow. School will finish at the usual time of 3.15.

### **Personal belongings**

Please can we remind you to label all items of clothing, water bottles, hats etc. that are brought into school.

### **Earrings**

Please can we remind parents that earrings should be plain studs. Earrings that are not close fitted to the ear risk being caught up and pulled out of the ear, or worse! Earrings will need to be removed for PE or covered with a plaster or tape to stop them being caught and potentially ripping the ear.

### **Young Voices**

A final call for all parents who wish to go the O2 Arena in January to watch year 5 and 6 perform. We need your payments for your audience tickets, children's coach seats or your coach tickets by Monday please. Last year the venue filled up quickly and we struggled to get audience tickets for the night we were performing! If you are having any difficulty paying at this time and would still like tickets or coach seats, please call the office and we will do what we can to help.

## Oxford Half Marathon

For the last few years, we have been delighted to take pupils along to run the first mile of the Oxford Half Marathon course. The children run in their event t-shirt (provided) and are given medal at the end of their mile. We have registered our school once again. The event will take place in Oxford on Sunday 15th October in the morning. We will be sending a form home via ParentMail in the next few days, if you would like to register your child.



## Harvest Boxes

Once again Year 6 children will be doing harvest boxes to deliver within the village. If you have any spare shoe boxes, please can you send these into school.

## After School Clubs

Details regarding these clubs can be found via ParentMail. All clubs will go live from 6:30pm today. Places are limited. Before School clubs details will be sent out next week.

## Class Updates

<b>Oak</b>	A huge well done to all the new Oak children for being so brilliant in their first week! The children have had lots of fun with their friends enjoyed plenty of independent learning and getting to know the different areas of the classroom, inside and outside. They particularly loved helping to make the class playdough. We have been encouraging good listening with ears and eyes and praising all the children when they hear the singing bowl chime and stop what they are doing. They have managed to get a full pot of pom poms for great behaviour, so we will have a special treat on Friday! Please can we ask for hats, water bottles and wellies again for next week please. Thank you!
<b>Hornbeam</b>	Wow what a warm welcome Hornbeam Class have given Mrs Cresswell and Mrs Scott as the new Year 1 team. We have been amazed at how they have been showing our school values of respect and positivity whilst getting to know new routines and getting stuck in with their learning. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and to celebrating everything they achieve this year. Thank you for your patience with us whilst we get reading books to the children, your support with hearing them read every day is much appreciated. Ask your child about 'Grandma Fantastic' to find out what we have been learning!
<b>Beech</b>	Year 2 have had a wonderful first week. All the children have come into school with a positive attitude towards their learning and they are already adapting to the new routine. What a great start! In maths this week, we have been counting real objects and finding totals up to 20. The children have shown real perseverance when solving different questions and everyone has worked well with their partners. We have also been exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In particular, we have been learning and using new vocabulary to help us describe shapes accurately. During English, we have been learning about different nouns, and the children have used drama to help them with this. We have been practicing our handwriting and the children are excited to be using pen in their English books. We have reminded ourselves of the school rules and values this week and have had some lovely discussions about how we can make sure we have a happy classroom. During gymnastics this week, the children were fantastic at following instructions and have

	learnt some new shapes. Our topic for this term is Journeys and we have begun exploring this through the history of flight. The children have begun researching early attempts at flight, some of which have been slightly more successful than others! Please Note: Monster Phonics reading books and reading records have been sent home today so please look out for these. Homework will begin next week.
<b>Ash</b>	We have enjoyed a great first week back in Ash Class and settled into our new classroom well. This week, we have spent time getting used to the daily routines, sharing our goals for this year and discussing what we will be learning in Year 3. In class, we have discussed what we want to find out from our new topic 'Ancient Egypt'. We have also been exploring healthy eating in Science and we have worked hard on sorting different foods into the five main food groups. Please remember to bring in a healthy snack for break time.
<b>Rowan</b>	It has been lovely welcoming the children to Rowan Class this week and hearing all about their summer holidays (whilst trying to stay cool!) We have introduced our history topic for the term, a local history study based around the question: why is the library significant to Woodcote's history? We have been off around the village this morning, beginning our investigation. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our 'meet the teacher' session on Wednesday.
<b>Maple</b>	We've had a fantastic first week back in Maple Class, getting to know each other, finding our strengths, challenging ourselves and getting ready for a great year together. We started the week off by taking a look at our new topic for the term, the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We explored the origins of Viking life in our country and began to understand what happened between 793 AD and the Battle of Hastings in 1066. In English, we took a look at an old Norse tale, 'Odin's Eye,' and started to explore some of the Norse Gods and the myths written about them. Maths saw us digging into Roman Numerals, exploring numbers all the way up to 1,000. We also got the chance to get the ukuleles out again and have already mastered the C chord and have started to look at F. Your children can already play three songs! We wrapped up the week with some Scratch coding using the laptops and have begun to design our own characters that will travel around a maze! Next week we've got 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday after school so please feel free to drop in to learn a little more about Year 5, but before then we will be having a PE session on Tuesday, so please help your child to make sure PE kits are in school by then. Cheers!
<b>Willow</b>	Welcome to Year 6! What a great start to Year 6, the new members of Willow have settled in really well and it's been lovely to hear about their adventures during the summer. This week our main focus has been learning the routines of the class, selecting jobs and practising our skills as Play Leaders. We thoroughly enjoyed pretending to be 5 year olds so our classmates could learn how to lead games for our younger members of the school and will be putting these skills to use from next week. We also had the privilege of meeting Oak class and helping them learn what to do at lunchtime. We have reminded ourselves of how to log in to our email address through Office 365 and how to access Teams as we will be setting homework through this system - don't worry, we will send home notes on how to do this too. PE kits need to come into school on a Monday and will be sent home on Fridays.



It looks like the Year 6 children had lots of fun learning to be Play Leaders.



## Important dates

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Applications open for Secondary school places
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher @ 3:30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	FOWPS Red Lion Charity Quiz Night @ 8:00pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop and Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School photographs
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Storytime @ 2:45pm – more details to follow
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Woodcote Primary Open morning for reception children 2024 9:30 – 11:30
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

## FOWPS NEWS

We have just **6 weeks left** to raise as much money as possible through the Co-op Local Community Fund. To choose us as your cause, please click here: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/73676> or log onto the Co-op App. We are raising funds for the Early Years Outdoor Learning Area. All you have to do is scan your Co-op membership card every time you shop. Please share with friends and family as the more people that shop the more we will raise!

## Other News

**Universal Voices community choir** – please see the attached flyer

**Langtree School** – Open Evening and Mornings for Year 5 and Year 6. If you are interested in attending tickets need to be booked in advance as per the attached flyer.

**Breast Walk Forever Oxfordshire on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – information about signing up can be found in the attached flyer

**Woodcote Village Fete is taking place tomorrow!!**



## **READING FC**

**You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 1<sup>st</sup> Schools and Grassroots Fixtures of 2023-24!**

### **When?**

Reading vs Burton Albion  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 3pm

### **Where?**

Select Car Leasing Stadium

### **How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?**

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> schools and grassroots fixture of 2023-24. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

**12 and Under: £1**  
**17 and Under: £3**  
**18 to 24: £5**  
**65 and over: £5**  
**Adult: £10**

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#WoodcotePrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

### **How many tickets can we purchase?**

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

**Important!** This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

You can also use the same coupon code to join us for the below women's fixture:

### **When?**

Reading Women v Sheffield United Women  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 12pm

### **Where?**

Select Car Leasing Stadium

### **Prices**

**12 and Under: £1**

**17 and Under: £2**

**18 to 24: £3**

**65 and over: £3**

**Adult: £5**

**Important!** This offer applies to tickets in blocks G9 and G10 of the West Lower Stand only. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

If you have any questions about either offer, please email [sales@readingfc.co.uk](mailto:sales@readingfc.co.uk) or call 0118 968 1313.

Come on URRRZZ!!