



Succeeding together - 'fostering a love of learning, within a nurturing Christian community, to bring out 'the best in everyone'

Newsletter 3 – Monday 17th October 2022

	Term Begins	Term Ends	Half Term	Term Begins	Term Ends
Autumn 2022	Tuesday 6 th September	Friday 21 st October		Tuesday 1 st November	Tuesday 20 th December
Spring 2023	Wednesday 4 th January	Friday 10 th February		Monday 20 th February	Friday 31 st March
Summer 2023	Tuesday 18 th April	Friday 26 th May		Tuesday 6 th June	Friday 21 st July

Inset Days: Monday 5th September 2022, **Extra Bank Holiday Monday 19th September 2022**,
Monday 31st October 2022, Monday 17th April 2023, Monday 5th June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

What a wonderful sight it was last Friday morning to welcome all the budding ***Times Tables Rock Stars*** into school. Everyone looked amazing and we thank all the parents and carers for all their support with this.

We would also like to thank Mrs Martin and Miss Trafford for organising this for the children, (and staff!) The TTRS competition runs until this Friday, 21st October.

It has most certainly been an eventful half term and I know that the children and staff are looking forward to their half term break next week. Time to rest and recharge ready for the busy weeks leading up to Christmas.

Please remember that Monday 31st October, is a training day for staff. The children return to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Coats / Jumpers

Winter is definitely on the way! The children should now all be wearing a coat and jumper to school every day. At school, we make the most of the fresh air even if it's cold, wet and damp.

Throughout the winter months, we are still aiming to keep the school well-ventilated and, over time, keeping heating and associated bills to a minimum. Challenging, but we will do our best. With fuel and energy costs being ever-present in the media, as well as ecological factors, it is important we do our part as a school community and set an example for the children.

Harvest Collective Worship 20th October

On Thursday 20th October, we were due to take the children down to the church for their Thursday Collective Worship led by Reverend Mann. Unfortunately, Reverend Mann has tested positive for Covid. We wish her a speedy recovery, and Reverend Hiscock is currently away. We will therefore not be taking the children down to the church. We do still ask that you send your child in with their donation for either the Bicester Food Bank or the Bicester Baby Bank on Thursday morning as our school collective worship will still have a focus on Harvest.

Phonics Parent Session

Please do remember to complete the ParentMail Form if you're planning on attending the Phonics session on Friday 21st October, if you have not already done so.

Secondary School Preferences

If you have a child in year 6, please be aware that the closing date for registering secondary school preferences is 31st October 2022.

Parking outside the Village Shop

It has been brought to our attention that many vehicles, without displaying a blue disabled badge, are parking in the disabled parking spaces directly outside the village shop. We have been asked to inform you that these spaces are reserved for blue badge holders only. To park in a disabled parking space, you must have a blue badge to display on the dashboard, otherwise you could be fined or you could receive a parking notice. Please do apply on the [government website](#) should you wish to apply for or renew a blue badge.

Road Safety

With the amount of traffic along Castle Street and other streets around Marsh Gibbon during morning drop off and after school collection, it is vital that our child learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users.

Please do click on the parent guide and share the information with your child. [Footsteps – Parent Guide](#)

National Guidance

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Please follow this link to the latest information from the UK Health Security Agency regarding when to keep a child off school [UKHSA](#)
- adults with a positive COVID19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious.
- For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS - Butterflies	Ivy-Rose, Jack D, Henry, Arlie	Year 3 - Rabbits	Jaethan, Lara, Aubrey, Stanley
Year 1 - Owls	Cameron, Harrison, Flavio, Phoebe	Year 4 - Hedgehogs	Georgina, Mabel, Connor, Amelia
Year 2 - Dragons	Oliver, Flynn, Tom, Dylan	Year 5 - Foxes	Lolita, Poppy, Jonty, Willow
		Year 6 - Eagles	Genevieve, Luke, Millie, Clementine

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DATES FOR THE DIARY (Bold are new additions)

8 th & 9 th November	Parent Child Learning Discussions
8 th November	Roving Book Shop visit (TBC)
14th November	Y5 & Y6 Imperial War Museum
18 th November	Children in Need Charity Dress Up Day
22nd November	PTA Christmas Mufti Day
23 rd November	Y1 & Y2 Gaydon Motor Museum
2 nd December	PTA Christmas Fayre
15 th December	School Christmas Lunch - Fresh Start
25th January 2023	School choir Young Voices
8 th May 2023	Year 6 SATs
15 th May 2023	Year 2 SATs
15 th - 17 th May 2023	Year 6 Residential Culmington Manor
12 th June 2023	Whole School Sports Afternoon
19 th June 2023	Reserved Whole School Sports Afternoon
4 th July 2023	Transition Afternoon