

Issue 1

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to our first newsletter of the 2016-17 academic year. I am sure, like you, the summer holidays seem a distant memory, however, I hope that you all had enjoyable family time together.

I was very pleased to welcome all of our children back on 7th September, they have all been making us proud already! I'm also pleased to inform you that our new members of staff, Mrs Brown, Mrs Crosby, Mrs Holloway and Mr Soares, have all settled in well.

During the first full week of term, our year six children took part in a residential trip at Manor Adventure in Shropshire. All of the children had an amazing time, competing in many activities, and they were a credit to our school. A residential trip takes careful planning and I'm sure you will join me in thanking all of the members of staff involved in this magnificent trip. We really do appreciate your time and dedication.

This month we have been focusing on one of our school values, 'Being Democratic'. During our assemblies we have explained the link between the government and democracy, asked the children to name any democratic groups within school, highlighted the democratic process involved in choosing the people involved in these groups, the roles and responsibilities of a school governor and focused on people who are elected by a community. The children used their new knowledge of the democratic process to elect House Captains and School Council representatives.

Our House and Vice-Captains are:

House Captain:	<u>Golden Eagles</u> Thomas Hunter	<u>Hummingbirds</u> Holly Gresswell	<u>Kingfishers</u> Max Standing	<u>Redstart</u> Becky Turpin
Vice-Captain:	Olivia Lenihan	Woody Ferguson	Selina Demarchi	Sam Williams

Congratulations to all of our House and Vice Captains, wear your badge with pride, I am sure you will do a fantastic job. Well done.

Our School Councillors are:

3 Ash: Alex Biggs and Livvy Froggatt	3 Larch: Ryan Doyle and Lauren Nimme
4 Maple: Mohith Muneeswaran and Tharaka Sasitharan	4 Pine: Divyanshi Dahiya and George Rosenthal
5 Cedar: Nadia Drury and Tristen Ryan	5 Elm: Ayo Ariyibi and Rosa Wastell
6 Beech: Courtney Davidson and Owen Ward	6 Fir: Adam Face and Evie Smith

A very well done to you all, I look forward to seeing you at our next School Council meeting.

Another school value is 'Being Responsible'. Again, I was delighted to see so many applications from our year six children who applied to become a Monitor. I really enjoyed reading their applications and their references from their parents. Every child was successful in their application, an amazing achievement! The monitors are: Dana Abzhanov, Scarlett Bull, Zoe Byrom, Nicole Chinn, Declan Crawley, Henry Cresswell, Loriarna Defazio, Daisy Dottson, Shyla Evans, Emma Goodwin, Alex Hinds, Alyssa Ilaria, Chase Jackson, Rosa Ketley, Esther Lamey, Morgan Lee, Emily McCulloch, Charlotte Mear, Amba Mistry, Joe Morshead, Sophie Oliver, Morgan Power, Joshua Ritchie, Emma Roberts, Annalise Titcombe, Abigail Turpin, Caitlin Wheeler, Holly Williams, Ella Wolfram and Rachel Yoxall. Well done to you all, I know that you are going to make a big difference around the school.

As I said in my Welcome Letter, I really do value the partnership between parents and the school, therefore, I was really pleased to see so many of you at our recent 'Meet the Teacher Evening'. I hope you found the event informative and useful. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Monday evening for our 'Maths Curriculum Evening'.

I would like to wish all of our families a fantastic weekend and hope to see you very soon.

Kind regards,
Mr Rob Fenton
Acting Head Teacher

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

This term and new school year has got off to a great start. Our recent appointment of a full-time site controller, Mr Gregory, who began his work with us in the summer holiday, has resulted in a freshly painted classroom for 3 Larch as well as a much tidier and improved site. Mr Fenton and Mr Gregory are now planning for a sustained program of improvements that will make a big difference to the school.

My fellow co-chair, Mr Hunter, and I had the pleasure of spending time with two visitors to the school during the first week of term. Despite year 6 being away at Manor, the school was buzzing and busy with keen and attentive children. Needless to say, our guests were very impressed with the way the school works, the behaviour of our polite children and the hard work of the staff.

A challenge for the governors during the summer holiday and at the beginning of this term has been the process for recruiting a substantive Head Teacher. Despite advertisements in the Times Educational Supplement Online, the WBC website, the Wokingham teachers' Facebook recruitment resource, a Twitter feed and 'Greensheets', only one applicant emerged in addition to Mr Fenton. This certainly is not a reflection on the school and illustrates clearly the difficulties with recruitment that education has had to face for some time. After careful consideration the decision of the governor shortlisting committee therefore was to continue the selection process for another term to gain a wider field of applicants with the existing two applications being carried forward. Interviews will be held in January 2017 for appointment at the start of the summer term. In the meantime, Mr Fenton will of course continue his fine work as Acting Head Teacher with Mr Thomas as Acting Deputy Head.

Such a good start has been brought about by the planning and efforts of the staff and especially Mr Fenton and the leadership team during the summer holiday. The governors are delighted that the children and staff are happily engaged with the fresh opportunities that a new school year brings.

If you would like to contact me on any matters to do with the work of the school, please send an email to clerkemj@gmail.com.

Mike Smith
(Chair of governors)



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SPORTS NEWS by Mr Fisher

So, we are back in to the groove and ready to go again! It's fair to say that the summer holidays went by in a flash and its not long until Christmas.

For the term ahead we have a lot to look forward to. All clubs start this week with a good range of sporting clubs to do such as Football, Netball, Rugby and Cross Country. The "Sporting Calendar" is looking busy with our first football tournament today for year 5 at the Madjeski Stadium. We have all our fixtures for Tag Rugby and Cross Country booked in and have several football matches sorted as well. The fixtures for September and October are as follows:

Football Tournament - 30/09/16 - Madjeski Stadium - All Day
Football League - 07/10/16 - Emmbrook Juniors - After School
Football Qualifier - 13/10/16 - Waingels College - After School
Cross Country Race - 20/10/16 - Marlow RFC - Afternoon

This term for PE we will be doing Circuits, Football, Tag Rugby and Netball. Circuits is well underway and I have to say, I'm very impressed across the board at the children's attitude and effort. We've gone through the benefits and why it is important to exercise for not only sports but their normal lifestyle as well. It's easy to recognise if they have worked hard during the lesson because by the end of it the talking has nearly stopped due to the children being too tired with "jelly legs"!

I will of course update you all with results, performances and PE updates. I am really looking forward to the term ahead.

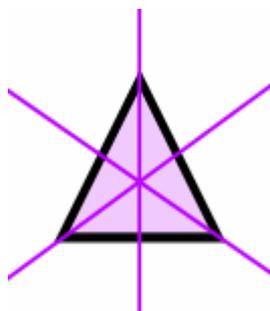


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CURRICULUM NEWS by Mrs Stimpson

The children in Year 3 have been writing using similes, metaphors and other descriptive language to create settings. They are doing this as preparation for writing their own adventure and mystery stories over the next couple of weeks. In maths they have been measuring everything in sight to learn the difference between measuring in centimetres and meters. In topic work, the children have been looking at volcanos and have been creating posters about them. In science, they have been studying different kinds of rocks and next week they will be examining chocolate rocks to learn about different rock formation (and maybe eating them too!). They have also been learning how to safely search the internet for information and using their skills for their volcano research.



In Year 4 the children have been learning how to include relative clauses in their sentences and the rules for punctuating direct speech. They are going to be writing stories based on the book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit before half term. In maths, they have been revisiting place value and rounding. They have also been looking for lines of symmetry in a range of different 2D shapes. In topic work based upon Roman Britain, the children have been looking at different artefacts and discussing what they could learn from them. Science work has focussed on habitats and they visited to environmental area to see what creatures they could discover.

In Year 5 this month the children have been looking at narrative films, which they have used to base their own creative writing on. In maths they have been learning about place value and have focussed on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 up to 100,000. In science the children have enjoyed some experiments to learn about dissolving, creating solutions with salt and sugar. This week they have tried to separate mixtures by sieving and filtering. In topic they have created a time line about Ancient Egypt and learned about Tutankhamun.



The children in Year 6 have had a very exciting start to the year, going on their residential trip to Manor Adventure. They have been preparing to share their adventures through their sharing assembly and I know that we are looking forward to hearing all about it. In english lessons work has focused on using parentheses and reading 'The Shadow Cage' by Phillippa Pearce. In maths the children have been revisiting place value, up to and including 10,000,000. The children have also been learning about classification in their science lessons and have learnt how to say the parts of the body in French.



CAUGHT DOING THE RIGHT THING by Mrs Stimpson

Well done to all of the children who have already received a Caught Doing the Right Thing voucher this month.

Kingfishers

Will Jones x 2, Yei Qing Xue, Isabelle Shaw, Rosa Wastell x2, William Bloomfield, Phelix Manning, Harvey Stoner, Jodie Xue x3, Lucy Gibson x2, Kayleigh Bunce, Alex Ferreira, Owen Butler, Charlie Grattidge x2, Aine Ballantine x4, April Ward x2, Oliver Folan, Eric Choi, Kye Hambleton x2, Emma Sullivan, Matilda Redgate, Divyanshi Dahiya.

Redstart

George Rosenthal x2, Ben Sprackling x2, Katie Gee, Zainab Kanu, Oskar Vieten x3, Joshua Walgate x2, Maxine Albertson x2, Fflur Vieten x2, Abbie Turpin, Juncheng Fang, Tamia Yeomans-Mwellie, Archie Hedge, Mark Smith, Kymani Rogers, Daniel Calvo, Tharaka Sasitharan x2, Lorenzo Di Costanzo, Sam Clarke, Jacob Mears, Jack Felton, Beth Walgate, William Ashton x2, Isabella L'Hoste.

Golden Eagles

Thomas Hunter, James Foote, Levi Warnhammer x2, Pavithra Nair, Henry Creswell, Emily Bruwer x2, Thomas Cronin, Aneta Fojta, Daniel Madry, Jessica Nash, Ethan Undrell, Brooke Carlisle, Chloe Shackelford x2, Morgan Lee x2, Morgan Power

Hummingbirds

Henry Bray, Jazmine Crawford, Jasmine Jasper, Sophie Dowse, Sophie Oliver, Holly Gresswell, Andy Randrianantoandro, Tristen-Pierre Ryan, Frankie Dayani, Albert Rees-Waite, Adam Rustom, Kameron Waddon, Summer Morbey-Townsend, Oliver Yardley.



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MATHS PROBLEM by Mr Thomas

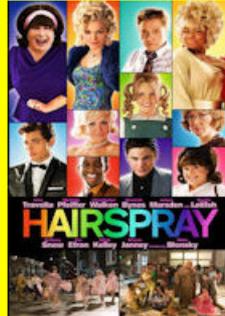
1. If you watched all of these films, one after the other, how long would it take?



2h 13mins



3h 21mins



1h 32mins



2h 1min



1h 24mins

2. If you started watching at 7:15pm, what time would you finish?

3. Which three films have a total time of 6 hours and 58 minutes?



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DROPPING CHILDREN OFF AT SCHOOL

Can we please remind parents that they are not to stop on the zig zags by the school crossing to drop children off in the morning. This is extremely dangerous and may cause an accident. Thank you for your support.

VACANCY IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN

There is currently a vacancy in the school kitchen. It is for 16 hours per week, term time only. If you are interested in applying or would like further details, please contact the school office. Thank you.



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REMINDERS

Children to dress as Book characters	-	3rd Oct
Maths Curriculum Evening (6.30pm)	-	3rd Oct
4 Pine Sharing Assembly (9.00am)	-	7th Oct
Year 5/6 Football Match at EJS	-	7th Oct
Year 5/6 Football Qualifier at Waingels	-	13th Oct
5 Cedar Sharing Assembly (9.00am)	-	14th Oct
Junior School Disco	-	14th Oct
Year 5 Manor Evening (6.30pm)	-	18th Oct
Harvest Assembly (children only)	-	20th Oct
Cross Country Race At Marlow Rugby Club	-	20th Oct
INSET Day	-	21st Oct
Half Term	-	24th—28th Oct

LETTERS SENT THIS MONTH

9th Sep	-	School Photographs
9th Sep	-	Welcome Letter
9th Sep	-	Year 6 Monitor Reference Letters
12th Sep	-	Year 6 Secondary Admissions
13th Sep	-	Meet The Teacher Evening
13th Sep	-	Collection After School
14th Sep	-	Parental Permission for General Activities
23rd Sep	-	Maths Curriculum Evening
23rd Sep	-	Book Week



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