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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Families,
Thank you to everyone who joined us at All Saints Church for our Harvest celebration last Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many families there. We are incredibly proud of the children, who sang, acted and spoke so confidently and grateful to the staff who supported them in putting on such a lovely service.

If you would like to support the One Can Trust and the Year 3 Courageous Advocacy project, we will be collecting donations in school during the week beginning 19.10.26. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

The Friends AGM was also held last Thursday. Thank you to the Friends Team who work tirelessly to raise much needed funds to benefit the education of the children. Please look out for further Friends updates in the Community section of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Mrs Beverley Accastello
Headteacher

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CELEBRATE • INFORM • CONNECT

ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is essential for children's academic success, personal growth and long-term life opportunities. Below 95% attendance is considered a concern. Lateness also disrupts the learning of all children in class.

Year R	96.67%	Year 4	96.00%
Year 1	91.33%	Year 5	98.67%
Year 2	97.42%	Year 6	96.00%
Year 3	98.15%	Total	96.44%

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Learning across our school

ORIENTEERING NEWS



Orienteering is an outdoor activity that combines map-reading, navigation and problem-solving as participants follow a route and locate checkpoints in the correct order.

We are delighted that next Monday our school grounds will be professionally mapped and a series of orienteering routes created, enabling us to introduce orienteering as part of our PE curriculum.

Children and staff will also take part in a launch day on Tuesday, where they will learn how to use the maps and develop key navigation skills.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



This year's theme, **'Honouring Our Communities,'** encourages us to recognise the individuals whose everyday contributions shape, support and sustain our local communities. The children have already produced some fantastic work inspired by this theme and will continue to engage in a variety of enriching learning experiences through music, worship and creative projects.

BIKEABILITY

A group of Year 3 and Year 4 children completed their Level 1 Bikeability this week. Well done for demonstrating that you can maintain your cycle, glide, control your bike and pedal with control and confidence.

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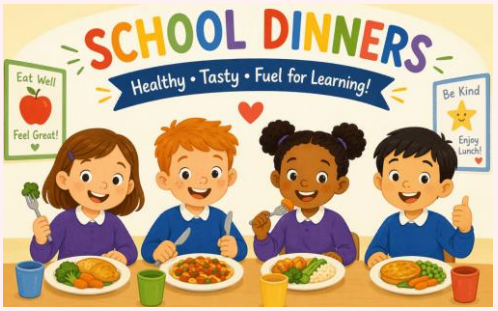
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Celebrating success

SCHOOL MEALS

Thank you to all parents who ordered a school meal for their child on **1 October**. School meal funding is directly linked to the number of meals ordered and served on Census day, so every meal ordered helps to maximise the funding received by the school. This funding supports the provision of meals and contributes to the wider resources and opportunities we are able to provide for our pupils. We are very grateful for your support.



This year 95% of children had a meal ordered on 1st Oct. Thank you!

STAFF RECRUITMENT UPDATE

I am delighted to share some very exciting staffing updates! Mr Gomm has returned to school as part time Site Manager. It is great to have him back, he has been really missed by us all. His experience and wealth of knowledge are a real asset to the school.

I would also like to wish a warm welcome to Mrs Morris, who joins us as our new SENDCo. Mrs Morris is a highly experienced practitioner with a passion for inclusion and supporting children to achieve their full potential. We are excited to have her as part of our team and look forward to working together to further strengthen our inclusive provision.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S WORK ACROSS THE SCHOOL

I have been delighted to receive some visits from children who have produced exceptional pieces of work and shown great motivation with their learning, from excellent calculations in maths to great writing in English. Well done to all children who are demonstrating our behaviour for learning and being a Motivated Meerkat!

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Faith, values and wellbeing

THE GOLDEN RULE

In Collective Worship this week I shared the Golden Rule with the children:

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."
(Matthew 7:12)

The Golden Rule taught by Jesus reminds us to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. This idea is not unique to Christianity. People of many different faiths believe that kindness, respect, fairness and compassion should guide the way we treat one another. This shared value helps us build strong friendships, inclusive communities and a peaceful world.

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HELLO YELLOW – WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Thank you for supporting **Hello Yellow** today. By wearing something yellow, you helped raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing, and the value of talking openly and supporting one another. It was wonderful to see our school brightened by a sea of yellow as we came together for this important cause.



THE BIG QUESTION

Throughout the academic year, members of Clergy will be visiting classes to answer some 'big questions' the children have about God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, faith, Church, prayer, or anything else they may wish to discuss! Father Josh visited Year 5 on Wednesday. Jonny will be working with Year 6 next month. Thank you to all our visiting Clergy for their support!

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Safeguarding and Community

FRIENDS NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 28th November, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the school.
More details will follow soon!

Get Involved & Plan With Us

Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting: Join us for our planning meeting at the school on Wednesday 14th from 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM. Everyone invited! You are very welcome to bring your children along!

Class Hampers Donation

This year, we are hoping to put together fantastic class hampers as raffle prizes!

What to bring: Please send your child into school with a small, new item to add to their class hamper (food, drink or non-edible item).

When to bring: Thursday 22nd October or Friday 23rd October.

A quick note: Please bear in mind that hampers will be handed out at the fayre on 28th November and will be stored safely in a cool, dry place in the meantime. No out-of-date or opened items please!

We will also be collecting items for the Christmas Fayre tombolas next half-term, like previous years. Details will be shared closer the time.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

Please ensure you have notified the school if your child has any allergies. This will ensure we can keep your child safe during food tasting and cooking activities. Thank you.

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Dates and useful information

WED 14 OCT	New Parents Open Morning — 9:30-11.30am
WED 14 OCT	Friends Meeting in school — 3:30-4.15pm
THU 15 OCT	Yr 3 Chiltern Open Air Museum trip
MON 19 OCT	One Can Trust donations collected all week
FRI 23 OCT	Break up for Half Term 3.15pm
MON 02 NOV	School reopens for 2nd half of Autumn Term

LATER DATES

04 NOV – Year 1 Zoolab Visit
Cake sale Rec, Yr 3 & Yr 5
17 & 18 NOV – Parents Evening

USEFUL LINKS

Website: www.hwce.co.uk
Calendar: News & Events → Calendar

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