



# NEWSLETTER



October 6th 2023

## Dates for the week ahead:

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Clubs today for children in Y1,2,3,4,5,6 Collection at 4pm P.E. OAK CLASS: come in PE KITS Piano lessons for named children
Tuesday	Beach Trip for entire school: see below Woodwind lesson for named children
Wednesday	Forest School for Y1,2,3,4 old clothes please
Thursday	
Friday	P.E. Years 1,2,3,4,5,6 : Tennis coaching Guitar lessons for named children Clean up Friday *
Saturday	OPEN DAY 10.15 – 2PM

### Beach Trip

We are all very excited about the trip next week. **Just a few reminders:**

**All children** should wear home clothes: trousers / shorts /joggers and t/shirts and a jumper/hoodie and trainers/strong shoes and bring a thin rain coat if it looks likely to rain – currently the forecast is great.

**All children** should bring a spare pair of socks and trousers / shorts / joggers, in a carrier bag for when we return to school. We are not swimming – but just in case we have some exuberant pool splashing etc!!

**All children** should ensure they have sunscreen on them before they arrive.

Children in **WILLOW and OAK** classes need to wear wellingtons – if they are in school, they will change into them before we leave. If their wellingtons are at home rather than school, please send them in a carrier bag.

Children in **BEECH** class need to wear trainers / strong shoes – they will **not** change into wellington.

The children will have a drink and snack provided for them at the beach and we will have school lunch when we return at 12.45 pm.

### Clean up Friday

Can you offer some time between 3 and 4 pm next Friday? The following day we have our Open Day and it would be great to ensure the school is looking as smart as possible. The children in school will spend some time helping with some cleaning / clearing in the classrooms and patio areas during the afternoon.

We need some help with sweeping, cleaning window frames, planting some new bedding plants and a little weeding and to ensure the library is looking tidy too – Mrs Goodge has been doing a great job – but it is never ending! If you also have tools / equipment of your own that would be even better!

We will close the playground gate, so children will be safe. Mrs Radley is going to look after any children in the hall with a film and a small snack – leaving adults free to work their magic!

*Thank you*

## Poet in School

The fact that I have seen children walking to and from school, at playtime and round and about with AF Harold's book of poetry tells me all I need to know about the impact of his visit! Harriet from Year 5, turned to me at the end of the afternoon and said "that was the funniest and most exciting afternoon EVER!"

I think every child and adult in school would agree with Harriet. AF Harold captured the children's imagination with his poetry, his gift of performance and his slightly 'naughty' sense of humour.

Bookfest, who organise and book the authors, paid the author fee and we paid for the books. It was wonderful to be able to fulfil this event, at no cost to our families and for it to be such a great success too.



*Worship* Music this week: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DS5UPLH8s4E>

This week we have been **thankful** for our food and clean water to drink. In a drama acted out by the staff, we met 3 children who were very ungrateful for their meal and water to drink.

As the story unfolded we shared the following statistics:

- 300 million children in the world go to bed hungry each night
- millions of children live only on rice and only sometimes have vegetables
- 400 million children in the world have no clean water to drink

This week the children are writing new Graces to say before lunch. Year 6 table leaders lead Grace every day and we are looking forward to having some new ones to say together – written by the children.

## Golden Book

Today we celebrate Evie Houlding (YR) for her excellent behaviour and showing that she already understands how to be a brilliant learner – always listening, always waiting her turn and always polite – well done! We celebrate Davyd (Y4) for his interest and enthusiasm in his learning over the past couple of weeks – he is retaining knowledge and then sharing this with different adults – brilliant! Mathilda (Y5) for her fantastic use of drama, to retell a section of a wordless book and then create an excellent passage of writing – well done! I would like to put Macey (Y3) in the book for her constant care for the younger pupils on her lunch time table. She instinctively helps, without being asked or seeking recognition. I am thankful for your help Macey!

Have a great weekend

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