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Values of the term: Unity, Courage, Peace

'For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.'
- 2 Timothy 1:7

Dear Parents,

A super busy week in school – lots going on! Here is some of the work the children have been doing in class -

Curriculum

Acorns have been busy practising their cutting skills with different autumn-based craft activities. The Big Acorns have started learning new sounds in phonics and have been sorting objects in maths. The little Acorns have been making and copying cube patterns in Maths and have enjoyed mark making on the whiteboards.

Beech have learnt about recounts in writing and wrote amazing recounts of the Harvest Festival – please see below for two of them. In Maths, year 1 have been doubling numbers within 10 while Yr2 challenged themselves to double numbers within 20. In other subjects Beech have studied weather patterns here and in Africa, and rules for internet safety.

Sycamore children have been working hard on their writing. They have been writing a narrative telling the story of Arthur's journey to the land of the Viking Gods, based on the story 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd-Stanton, which they are currently studying in English. They have also been learning about using water colours in art - painting Viking longboats in preparation for our special Viking day next week.

Oak have started to add/subtract fractions (Y6) and identify equivalent fractions (Y5). We have also read biographies on Simone Biles and Monet in English, shared our dreams and goals in Circle Time, researched countries heavily involved in World War II and discussed the role of women before, during and after World War II among many other areas of learning.

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Playleaders – On Wednesday, a group of Year 6 children visited FCC to attend playleader training – they learnt how to lead structured play for our younger children and will be on the playground most breaktimes – please talk to your child about looking out for playleaders if they want to know how to play some new games. We will be talking about it in Worship on Monday, but always good to have a discussion at home too. Many thanks to Mrs Eastburn for taking them and well done to the children who represented our school so well.

Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest service and for the generous donations of produce. Liz Spain, our guest from the Rosehill Community Cupboard, was thrilled with the contributions, which were delivered to Rosehill by Liz and Mrs Lines. A special thanks to Sycamore class for helping carry everything to Mrs Line's car, and to Mrs Lines for so kindly organising for Liz to join us. During her visit, Liz also spoke with Oak class about the vital work she and her colleagues do in Rosehill, where 20% of the community is considered economically deprived. Their efforts are invaluable in supporting families in need. It's essential for our children to learn about local needs, to understand how we can all help, and reflect on the Good Samaritan story that embodies our core values as well as how, as a Rights Respecting School, we can take action against the injustices we encounter.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bunting for organising the Harvest Service – the songs were amazing!

Year 6 SATS

Year 6 will be doing practise SATS assessments next week, in line with other Trust schools. The results will be shared during parents' evening.

Mr Stevens will be hosting a Year 6 SATS meeting in Oak class on Wednesday, 23rd October. If you have a child in Year 6, we encourage you to attend to learn more about the SATS tests, including when and how they are conducted, and to take the opportunity to ask Mr Stevens any questions you may have.

School photos

Thank you for being so understanding about having to rearrange the school photos due to one of the photographers being unwell. The photos will be taking place next Tuesday - the 22nd of October.

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Staffing

Our amazing Office Administrator, Sam, has been presented with an exciting opportunity to join her brother in the fitness industry and will be leaving us at the end of November. Additionally, Carla, who has done the most fantastic job as our School Administrator, has earned a super promotion at another school, and will be leaving in December. While we will greatly miss both Sam and Carla, this presents an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in applying for these roles. Please share these opportunities with family and friends – links below. Thank you!

Admin assistant role - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2024-BCEPS-36579>

School administrator role - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2024-BCEPS-86241>

Mental health and wellbeing

Attached to this week's newsletter is an A-Z of mental health tips. The children will see this poster around school next week. Sometimes we as adults need to remind ourselves of them too!


This week's mental health message is from Cora (Y6):


"It's OK to not be OK."

FOBS


 Get Ready for the FOBS Spooky Disco! 


The FOBS Spooky Disco is happening next week, and it's going to be a fang-tastic time! Don't forget to grab your tickets here: [Get Tickets](#).

 Date: Thursday 24th October

 Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

 Location: Buckland Memorial Hall

 Dress Code: Spooky costumes! Prizes will be awarded for the most creative outfits.

 Cost: £5 per child, which includes a delicious pizza snack and full access to the disco. We can't wait to see all the spooky costumes and dance moves!

The FOBS Team

Cars

Last week I shared the school travel plan, thank you to all who are taking it into account. However, we have had a few occasions this week where cars have stopped on the zig-zag lines outside school to drop children off. This is strictly prohibited – the zig-zag lines are there to help protect children and adults on their way to and from school. We must all work together to keep our community safe – if you are coming down Summerside with a car, please can I urge you to reconsider your travel plans as it is still causing issues during

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drop off and pick up. We have also had instances of cars driving too fast through the village after dropping off – there are many children walking around the village at drop off and pick up times – please drive at 20 mph max. Thank you for your help with this.

Mighty Me - Life Coaching for Children – please find attached information regarding a Wellbeing Retreat for children on Wednesday 30th October in Brize Norton.

Vacancies in the Trust

The trust is currently looking for a Lead Practitioner (Teaching & Learning - Curriculum-Secondary Specialism)

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/3083/EDV-2024-CLT-42102>

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	83	83	70
Running total	437	362	451

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Alexander M and Daisy M

Beech – Indigo and Betsy

Sycamore – Eddie and Ethan

Oak – Niah and Cora

Congratulations to all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.

Here are some lovely recounts of the Harvest Service written by Tudor R in Year 2 and Georgia VM in Year 1 – thank you both.

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When I got to school
I went to the toilet,
ticked my lunch and finally
went in the classroom, I
had to keep my coat on because
it was the harvest festival.

We sang: The big blue tractor
which went like this: Out of the
way there's work to do, the
big blue tractor coming through
down to the fields, over the
mud to get the turnips, fresh
turnips. Chuga chuga did you
see the big blue tractor.

Out of the way no time to waste
there's work to do so let's
make haste, down to the
fields, over the mud to get the
onions, fresh onions and the
turnips, fresh turnips. After that
that there were some poems, prayers
and speeches. After the festival we
got 30 minute break.

We went to the
church to day.
we did songs.
we did the tangow
and we did pig
blue track and we
did Thank you for sylvia.