



AUTUMN

20th October 2023

Nurturing each and all. Guiding, Trusting, Inspiring and Celebrating.

Dear Families,

It has been a very busy start to the school year, with much learning and enrichment taking place. It was so lovely to see so many of you at our open afternoon / Macmillan Cancer fundraiser, back in September. We raised an amazing £416.40. Thank you for supporting this event and thank you Mrs Hill for organising the cake raffle – well done to Jaxon, who had the winning ticket.

We have recently celebrated Harvest in school, with each class contributing to our assembly. The Reception children joined us for the first time and we were very impressed with their confidence and singing performance. Thank you for your generous donations towards the Witney Food Bank, which will enable many local families to receive much needed food packages.

Already, classes have been out on visits and, as always, positive feedback has been received. Lovell and Cotswold have visited the Ashmolean Museum to further their understanding of the Ancient Greeks. Key Stage 2 children have represented us in the Partnership Cross Country event, where the U11 girls secured 3rd place – well done! Year 6 have been to Junior Citizen, an initiative aimed at giving children the skills to deal with a range of emergency situations. Everyone participated in a Science day from Science Oxford at the very start of the year, which proved to be great fun as well as educational – thank you Mrs Tudge for organising this.

Science Oxford



Ashmolean Visit



SENDCO Drop In Sessions

Our SENDCO, Mrs Hannah Staniford, will be offering a drop in session every half term. The second one for this year, will be on Wednesday 22nd November from 2pm – 3pm. This is an informal drop in time should you wish to catch up with her or seek advice.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parents' Evenings will continue after half term. Please sign up to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher. These are invaluable opportunities to find out how your child has settled and to look at the work they have done.

Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom

School Council

School Council elections took place earlier this term and we were really impressed with the number of children who put themselves forward and the level of effort that they put in to their speeches. We know that our new council will do a fantastic job. They have already been incredibly busy, helping at the Macmillan Coffee afternoon and organising the food collection for the Witney Food Bank. School Council meetings take place in Wenrisc Classroom, once a fortnight at lunchtime, with Mrs Tudge as the link teacher.



Attendance

Attendance for the this term is currently 96%.

Week Beginning	Little Minster	Dovecote	Wenrisc	Charterville	Cotswold	Lovell	TOTAL %
04.09.23	97.3%	100%	91.96%	97.62%	99.11%	97.41%	97.53
11.09.23	97.89%	97.5%	90.17%	96.67%	98.57%	98.62%	97.17
18.09.23	89.47%	96.25%	91.43%	98.1%	94.64%	99.31%	95.35
25.09.23	98.95%	92.5%	99.29%	92.86%	99.29%	95.52%	96.46
02.10.23	98.5%	93.75%	97.14%	99.52%	93.93%	96%	96.36
09.10.23	92%	98.12%	95%	99.05%	93.21%	96.67%	95.58
16.09.23	94%	90.63%	100%	95.71%	91.43%	96.67%	94.81

DIARY DATES

Thursday 2nd November: School photographs

Friday 7th November: School Disco

Christmas Dates

Monday 4th December 9.30 am: Little Minster Nativity Play

Monday 4th December 2 pm: Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th December 2 pm: Key Stage 2 Christmas performance

Wednesday 13th December: Christmas dinner and parties

Tuesday 19th December 1.15pm: End of term

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Best wishes.

Catherine Souch