



AUTUMN

21st October 2022

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

Dear Families,

The half term holiday is nearly upon us and already thoughts of Christmas have infiltrated the building! 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 £437.55. Thank you for supporting this event and thank you Mrs Hill for organising the cake raffle – well done to Esmay, 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. The School Council decided, again, to support the Witney Food Bank and your generous donations will enable many local families to receive food packages.

Already, classes have been out on visits and, as always, positive feedback has been received. Lovell have visited the Ashmolean Museum to further their understanding of Anglo-Saxons (as well as seeing first-hand the Minster Jewel, which our school logo is based on). They then went on to the Botanic Gardens to support their learning on classifying. Dovecote and Wenrisc have been to the Cotswold Farm Park to learn all about farming and harvest. Next term, Charterville and Cotswold will be exploring The Living Rainforest and Key Stage 2 will be off to the cinema as part of Intro Film Festival to watch *The Railway Children Return*.

October is Black History month, and in school, we have been listening to a broad spectrum of music, from an eclectic mix of black composers and performers, ranging from classical to popular and everything in between! I have discovered a new artist, Alexis Ffrench, who is a British classical and soul musician, composer, producer and pianist.



BURFORD SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

This year, we have joined the Burford Sports Partnership. Earlier in the term, KS2 children competed in a cross country competition. I am really proud of everyone who attended and huge congratulations go to Hector, who came second in the U11's and will now be going to represent us at the West Oxfordshire Final. On Monday afternoon, two teams from Lovell participated in a football competition. They played brilliantly, working well together and supporting each other. Both teams played 6 matches. The boys won 2, drew 1 and lost 3. The girls won 2, lost 1 and drew 3 - congratulations to the girls, who came third. There are many other events planned throughout the year, offering all children the opportunity to compete against other schools. We'll keep you posted. GO ST KENELM'S!

Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom

CLUBS

Clubs have resumed this term and we are thrilled with the uptake. Clubs take place both after school and during the lunch break. Many have been extremely popular and all are oversubscribed. Sorry if you were disappointed; there will be further opportunities. If you have a skill or a talent, and would like to run a club, please get in touch – we would love to broaden our offer.

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

At St Kenelm's Primary School, we take attendance very seriously and recognise the impact that absence and lateness has on learning. Our overall attendance for this half term is 95.7%.

We have recently reviewed our Attendance Policy, in line with the Local Authority, and would encourage you to view it on the School's website. There are a few changes in the way that we will be handling lateness and absence.

Pupils with poor attendance (approaching 90%) will be placed on Attendance Plans.

Pupils, who arrive late for the school day, will have to be signed in at Reception by a parent or carer.

Your child's class teacher will discuss attendance with you at the upcoming Parents' meeting.

Week Beginning	Little Minster	Dovecote	Wenrisc	Charterville	Cotswold	Lovell	TOTAL %
05.09.22	100%	100%	96.76%	100%	98.91%	96.59%	98.35
12.09.22	100%	100%	100%	96.09%	94..17%	98.79%	98.01
19.09.22	98.44%	100%	98.15%	94.02%	95.83%	87.5%	94.67
26.09.22	85%	96.92%	98.52%	93.04%	96.67%	90.61%	93.6
03.10.22	100%	98.46%	97.78%	93.91%	95%	100%	97.5
10.10.22	90%	100%	97.04%	97.83%	100%	93.94%	96.4
17.10.22	76.25%	96.92%	92.22%	89.13%	92.5%	96.06%	91.25%

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parents' Evening is planned for 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.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable holiday. Please find attached to this newsletter some useful information for the half term.

Best wishes.

Catherine Souck.

Year 5/6 Football team



Andy Goldsworthy inspired art



Year 5/6 Football team



Dovecote onion inspired art



Lunch at the Botanic Garden

KS2 visit to St Mary's



KS2 Art club

Lovell trip to the Ashmolean



After school club