



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th September

Discussion of the Week

We were all disappointed to have to cancel our planned afternoon sporting extravaganza! The weather has really conspired against us again. I know that fundraising has started in earnest and we look forward to the next two weeks of lapping the field at school to help us raise a great grand total to invest in our outside space. The children really appreciate your help with this as they have been so patient and tolerant (following their initial shock and frustration) about what had happened during the summer. It is really important that children see the impact that their ideas and enthusiasm can have on changing the future. Soon we will be electing what we have previously called our **School Council**. This year we would like our class representatives to have an even bigger role within school, and even beyond.

Handwriting

This year, we are changing our whole school approach to handwriting. This will start initially with YR – Y2. The children have begun to practise ‘charging their power packs’ through lion, meerkat, penguin, lizard and gorilla positions. We are excited about what impact this will have and look forward to sharing our improvement with you all at a later date. I am sure your children will be soon able to tell you all about it.

Choir Club (KS2)

Starting next week, Mrs Watling, our music teacher, will be running a lunchtime club on Wednesday from 12.30 for children from Y3 – 6 interested in all things singing. She would very much like to see lots of children there!

Instrumental tuition

We have had a much larger uptake than in previous years for instrumental tuition from our visiting peripatetic music teachers. Numbers this year have increased to one for flute, one for clarinet, one for saxophone, eight for drums, nine for guitar and four for piano. It is fantastic to be able to promote music in our school through music lessons as well as instrumental tuition. Coming to Y4 – 6 is a flyer regarding very reasonably priced lessons for either tuba or trombone, instruments being called ‘Endangered Species’. This is being hosted at Wildern and is therefore a great value, well located opportunity for those who might be interested.

The weather...

Autumn seems to have arrived in style this week. We have dodged the showers and encouraged children to be outside. The YR children in our new Acorn/Conker classroom bases have been outside in their rainsuits. Please ensure your children brings a coat, even if they are coming to school in the car and it is dry first thing in the morning. This weather has been so unpredictable and continues to be so, but we want children wear appropriate clothing.

This evening is the TEAM Kings Copse disco and BBQ event, so I hope to see lots of you there. Next week, we have Meet the Teacher, and Parent Forum. I hope that we see lots of you at these events too, they help us to continue to build an effective working relationship where we can share our thoughts and ideas, both positive and negative. This is really important to us at our school.

How can you stride into a book?

Famous birthday of the week



Julia Donaldson
1948 -

**“I opened a book and in I strode.
Now no one can find me.”**

MERITS

Bronze

Evie M & Sophia F (Y1)
Oliver M (Y2)

Silver

Henry G (Y2)

Gold

Harrison (Y3)

Diamond

Tyler S (Y4)

Emerald

Leah W (Y5)

Amethyst

James C (Y6)

Well Done!

Dates for Diary

30th Sept	Bikeability (Y6) Osmington Meeting 6pm
2nd Oct	Meet the teacher Y1-Y6 6/6.30pm YR- 5.30/6.30pm
3rd Oct	Parent Forum (2.30pm)
15th Oct	Harvest Assembly
11th Oct	School Photos
14th –	
16th Oct	Book Fair
28th Oct –	
1st Nov	Half Term

This week's winning team

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INSET dates 2019/20 November 28th and 29th, February 24th, June 1st and 2nd

