



NEWSLETTER NO 9 – Monday 10th May 2021

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Summer 2021	Monday 19 April	Friday 28 May	Term Half	Tuesday 8 June	Wednesday 21 July
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 September	Friday 22 October		Tuesday 2 November	Friday 17 December
Spring 2022	Wednesday 5 January	Friday 18 February		Tuesday 1 March	Friday 8 April

Inset Days: 7 June, 1 September, 1 November

Dear Parents/Carers

Parking

Thames Valley Police have been in contact with the school after concerned parents and residents provided photographs of dangerous and irresponsible parking at a recent school collection time. The local PSCO has since made a site visit and has spoken to several drivers. As the school have no authority on road and parking matters, we are in full support of number plates being forwarded to the Police as we must work together to be vigilant in such matters - we and the Parish Council continue to be in regular contact in the interests of the local community's safety, especially that of the children.

Forthcoming Events

Whilst local statistics regarding Coronavirus are encouraging, schools are being advised to remain cautious and wait for official guidance before confirming any events for the summer term. Consideration is already being given to Sports Day plans, school trips, transition and leaver occasions and will be given the maximum possible notice in line with national restrictions and local authority guidance. We have every intention of making the most of this summer term with the children and hope to involve parents as much as possible with suitable measures in place.

Scarecrow Festival

Thank you to the PTFA and the local community for the organisation and support of the village Scarecrow Festival - so many of us were transported back to our childhoods with the 80S theme! Everyone's creative efforts got the attention of a local newspaper at the following link: www.leightonbuzzardonline.co.uk%2Fnews%2Fin-pictures-how-et-star-wars-ghostbusters-a-smurf-billy-idol-and-many-more-boosted-funds-for-village-school-near-leighton-buzzard

WaterAid Appeal

The Parish Lenten appeal this year for WaterAid has been fantastic. The school contributed £225.51 to the overall total of £849.25. A special mention to Elsie-Jane (Year 4) and Melissa (EYFS) who raised £63.25 by selling their toys. It costs just £15 to provide clean water access for a person in the world who has no access to clean water so this will make a big difference to many people's lives.

Book Token Competition

In assembly this afternoon, Mrs Brown introduced a National Book Token Design competition details for which can be found here: https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=create&utm_campaign=20210506_schools

We will print and provide templates for the children on which to complete their design at home so please support them in uploading their designs online. Not only is there a chance to win vouchers for their classmates and school, it reminds the children how important regular practice and reading skills are in their learning.

Changeable Weather

With the weather forecast being so changeable over the coming weeks, please can you make sure children are sent to school with a coat should PE lessons or playtimes be affected by sudden showers. The children need their fresh air and chance to run around whatever the weather and so please help them be prepared by keeping a waterproof coat in their school bag, for example. Thank you

Congratulations

Following the success of Abigail (Year 5) at the Dressage Championships at Wing, where she rode a beautiful dressage test and was placed 8th, Daisy recently competed in the NSEA grassroots show jumping at Bury Farm. It was a large class, competing against riders from schools based all around Southeast. Daisy had two successful clear rounds (not knocking any jumps down) and was placed 4th! Well done Daisy and Monty for doing a fantastic job of representing our school. If you would like to know more about the NSEA school team, please speak to Mrs Neaves or Claire Jackman (Daisy Yr5).



Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Callie, Peyton, Chloe, Matilda, Nicole, Teddy	Year 3	Eloise, John, Toby Arnav, Emily, Kobi
Year 1	Lilly, Henry, William, Tiarra	Year 4	Barnaby, Morley-Jack, Ahmed, Lydia, Adam, Samantha
Year 2	Archie, Alfred, Cailin, Imi, Ella, Alby H	Year 5	Donnie, Phoenix, Charlotte, Toby, Daisy, Daniyal
		Year 6	Bill, Mikael, Liliyella, Filip, Peyton, Ashton Year 6 for the excellent writing

School Census

Each term the school has a school census, from which data is used to calculate funding from the local authority and Government. This includes funding for free school meals (Years 3 to 6) and universal free school meals (EYFS to Year 2). If your child is entitled to either of these, please order a meal on Thursday 20th May to ensure that the school receives the maximum amount of funding possible. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY (New items or amendments in bold)

20 May	Class photos
20 May	Census Day
21 May	No Year 3 & 4 Game On football club
28 May	No Year 5 & 6 Game On football club
31 May – 4 Jun	HALF TERM
7 Jun	INSET DAY
8 Jun	Children return to school
28 Jun – 2 Jul	Year 5 & 6 Residential trip
6 & 7 Jul	Year 6 secondary transition days
8 Jul	Years 3 & 4 Southend trip
11 Jul	Wingrave Village Fete
12 Jul	Annual reports to parents
14 Jul	Last Year 3 swimming lessons
15 Jul	Last Smart Raspberry cookery club