



NEWSLETTER NO 3 - Tuesday 11th October 2022

	Term Begins	Finish	Half Term	Return	Term Ends
Autumn 2022	Monday 5 September	Friday 21 October		Tuesday 1 November	Tuesday 20 December
Spring 2023	Thursday 5 January	Friday 10 February		Tuesday 21 February	Friday 31 March
Summer 2023	Monday 17 April	Friday 26 May		Tuesday 6 June	Friday 21 July

Inset Days: 31 October 2022, 4 January 2023, 20 February 2023, 5 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As much as I am enjoying all the Autumn colours at the moment, Winter is definitely on the way! The children should now all be wearing a coat and jumper to school every day. We are still aiming to keep the school well-ventilated and, over time, keeping heating and associated bills to a minimum. Challenging but we will do our best. With fuel and energy costs being ever-present in the media, as well as ecological factors, it is also important we do our part as a school community and set an example for the children. As the mornings and evenings get chillier, please can I respectfully request that we do not leave engines running in our parked cars around the village. Everyone is much warmer after a brisk stroll through the village or perhaps from the sports pavilion car park?

Harvest

Thank you again for your generous support of the Harvest Service and all the donations for the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse. As mentioned in our update last week, around 130kg of food was collected from the church - thank you!

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal

Asking of that generosity further still, we have launched the Link to Hope Shoebox appeal again and have already received quite a few boxes ready to fill. We are looking for the following items for each box: gloves/scarf or hat, toothbrush/toothpaste, sweets/chocolates (best before June 2023 EU Origin), soap & flannel, candles & holders, small games (eg travel size draughts/dominos/playing cards). As well as the above items you can also donate any of the following items to make up either a family box or elderly box:

Family - colouring pad (A5), crayons/pencils (with sharpeners and rubbers), small toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars), soft toy/teddy (with CE label), tape measure, head scarf (lightweight), shampoo (300ml), solar-powered calculator, hair brush/comb, safety razors.

Elderly - reading glasses/magnifier, mug/wooden spoon/cutlery, sensory items (eg lavender bag), hot water bottle, work gloves, pen/paper, wind-up radio/torch, scissors/nail clippers, socks/tights, safety razors

Even if each pupil brought one item in, we would still have enough to fill around 20 shoeboxes. Please send in your donations as soon as possible but before half term ready for packing.

We would also appreciate monetary donations as each shoe box requires £3 to cover transport and processing costs. For more information visit <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2022/>.

Library Project

After months of planning and discussions, we are ready for the first phase of our Library Project. It has been our intention for some time to improve our library space but understandably not everything has gone to plan this past couple of years. One of our current school priorities is the importance of reading - for pleasure, for learning and to inspire writing. Previously we have explored the difference between being able to read a text and genuinely understanding it, and now we are highlighting that although a useful tool, using phonics can also affect children's enjoyment of reading in a negative way if not used carefully. You will have noted at the Meet the Teacher that we highlighted the shared reading approach which does not rely on phonics or having to remember all those strange sounds and meanings; spilt diagraph, anyone?

Over half term, Phase 1 will begin and establish a larger library space and a fresh canvas in which to install Phase 2, bespoke shelving and seating. We want to create an open and welcoming space where children want to come and hear a good story, read and research. Reading should be fun and not a chore, however we understand for some children this provides a challenge either because of learning barriers or because they would rather be doing something 'far more exciting'... By making reading sociable in a more appealing setting, we can switch mindsets and address barriers more easily.

The overall timescale is uncertain due to supply and demand but over the coming term we are very excited about the transformation ahead. We are also looking forward to involving the children in making decisions around new books, and artwork and artefacts to display to bring the finishing touches. If you would like to know more about our plans or think you could support this project in some way, please do contact us in school. We look forward to sharing more details as the latest designs filter through!

Mr M Tomson
Headteacher

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Phoebe, Tristan, Reggie, Nathaniel	Year 3	Emily, Olivia, Alyssa, Rosi
Year 1	Ellis, Jack, Elsy, Judah	Year 4	Emile-Grace, Alby, Charlotte, Charlie
Year 2	Molly, Hattie, Oliver F, Ted	Year 5	John, Evie, Matty, Eloise
		Year 6	Livie, Vova, Ruth, Stevie

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

13 Oct	PTFA Disos, – EYFS & KS1 5.00-6.00pm, KS2 6.15-7.30pm
17 Oct	Deadline for completing online flu immunisation consent forms, yes or no, by 12.00 noon
18 Oct	Whole school NHS flu immunisation
20 Oct	Years 1 & 2 trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
w/c 24 Oct	Half term
31 Oct	Inset Day
1 Nov	Children return to school
3 Nov	Wheels at Work Charity Day
15 Nov	Open Classroom, 3.15 – 3.45pm
18 Nov	PTFA Christmas Shopping Evening, 6.30 - 9.30pm
25 Nov	No Game On clubs
7 Dec	Cookery club ends
8 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
9 Dec	Game On clubs end
13 Dec	Infant Nativity, 1.30 – 2.30pm & 6.30 – 7.30pm
14 Dec	Infant Nativity, 9.30-10.30am
13 Dec	Drama club ends
13 Dec	Last Year 3 swimming lesson
14 Dec	AIP Christmas lunch
20 Dec	Church Christmas service, 9.30 – 10.30am

Attached with this Newsletter:

Wingrave Warm Spaces
Huzzah Oct Half Term Drama Activities
SmartRaspberry Cookery Oct Half Term Activity