



Newsletter
Friday 21st June 2024
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Dear Families,

1. Water Bottles

Now that the weather is (finally) getting warmer it is really important that the children can drink water throughout the day. Please check that your child has a school water bottle in school each day. We sell them for just £1.00 each and they can be ordered via Parent Pay.

2. Headlice

We have had a few instances of headlice in both schools recently. Please don't be offended if we give you a call to let you know that we have spotted some little visitors in your child's hair. If you can comb live lice out as soon as you see them with a nit comb and plenty of conditioner you may have a chance to prevent them from laying their eggs (nits) which are much harder to remove as they stick to the hair shafts.

3. Household Support Fund

Applications are now open for the next round of additional financial support for families. Just contact Mrs Snape (phone number at the top of this letter) and she will make an appointment for you to pop in and complete the application with her.

4. Nursery Ofsted Inspection

The new school term started with a bang with a phone call from Ofsted first thing on Monday morning! It was a very useful visit and we hope to share the full report soon. In the meantime, I am allowed to tell you that the two inspectors said lots of lovely things about your children!

5. Early Birds and Night Owls

We are delighted to let you know that from September we will be offering term-time child care for Nursery children from 3 years old upwards alongside our Primary School provision. Our Early Birds club starts at 7.30am each morning and Night Owls is open until 6.00pm each afternoon. More details to follow soon.



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6. Staffing for September 2024

We will be saying a few goodbyes at the end of this term and welcoming some new staff to our team in September. The outline class plan for the next academic year is:

Nursery Catkins	Mrs Kerrie Wood Doyle and Mrs Rachael Kennington
Nursery Conkers	Mrs Hazel Walmsley, Mrs Wendy Bruce and Mrs Donna Kenny
Reception Acorns	Mrs Lyn Malik and Miss Joanne Crossland
Year 1 Silver Birch	Miss Toni Bruce, Mrs Steph Clarke and Mrs Carolyn Waude
Year 2 Willow	Miss Abi Gordon and Mrs Emma Kidd
Year 3 Holly	Miss Clare Dangerfield and Mrs Tracey Delaney
Year 4 Chestnut	Mrs Jenny Parker, Mrs Kirsty Taylor and Mrs Kerry Parkin
Year 5 Elm	Miss Ashleigh Martin, Miss Lydia Regan, Miss Dawn Stevenson and Mrs Emily Stanton
Year 6 Oak	Miss Emma Brown and Mrs Jemma Dixon
Class Cover	Mrs Katy Clubb and Mrs Karen Barton (Higher Level Teaching Assistants)
Orchard Apples	Mrs Michelle Roscoe, Mrs Julie Banner-McGrath and Mrs Gemma Fewtrell
Orchard Cherries	Mrs Cath Priestley, Mrs Louise Amesbury and Mrs Shelly Winterbottom

7. Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our recent stars who are:



Friday 17 th May 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Independent	Isabella is always organised for school and sorts out her bookbag and equipment each morning without adult help.
Reception Acorns	Independent	Lola works in an organised way throughout the school day, making sure she has everything she needs to be independent.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Independent	Harry is an independent worker in our math lessons.
Year 2 Willow	Independent	Alfred is showing great independence in his writing and is producing some great pieces of work.
Year 3 Holly	Thoughtful	Emma is a kind and thoughtful friend to everyone in Year 3 Holly Class
Year 4 Chestnut	Thoughtful	Archie is such a thoughtful and caring member of Year 4 Chestnut Class.
Year 5 Elm	Brave	Flo is a determined young lady who doesn't let any anxiety or worry hold her back!
Year 6 Oak	Brave	Emily tackles everything Year 6 throws at her (including the SATs tests) with a very pleasing "can do" attitude.
Orchard	Independent	Jaxon has been impressing us with his independent reading skills.



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Friday 7 th June 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Brave	Lilah is brave and determined and tackles everything in school with a positive attitude.
Reception Acorns	Brave	Ella has such a super attitude to everything in school and is willing to give everything a go.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Creative	Darcy loves learning and will find innovative and creative approaches to tackle new ideas.
Year 2 Willow	Creative	Harvey demonstrated his creative skills when he planned and built an amazing model of a mosque from a pile of recycling!
Year 3 Holly	Motivated	Annabelle is such a motivated learner and as a result of this great attitude, she is making super progress.
Year 4 Chestnut	Motivated	Alaska gives 100% to everything she does in school and always wants to do her best.
Year 5 Elm	Patient	Charlie demonstrates patience and respect in his dealings with everyone in Elm Class.
Year 6 Oak	Patient	Aaliyah always waits her turn and is kind and respectful to everyone.
Orchard	Brave	Ethan is showing great bravery in starting to work with different adults in readiness for his transition to secondary school.

Friday 14 th June 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Honest	Lolah is always helpful in our class. She looks out for everyone and always gets a grownup if someone has a problem or needs extra support.
Reception Acorns	Honest	Alfred always tells the truth and because of this he has lots of friends who trust him.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Confident	We have been delighted to see Jessica develop more confidence in class and ask and answer questions in front of everyone.
Year 2 Willow	Confident	Cody has developed such a balanced approach to his learning. He always tries to complete tasks independently but also has the confidence to ask for adult support when he needs it.
Year 3 Holly	Grateful	Olivia is always pleased and grateful when she is learning
Year 4 Chestnut	Brave	Millie has not allowed a broken arm to stop her joining in every aspect of school life and working really hard!
Year 5 Elm	Curious	Lilly asks some great questions to extend her learning.
Year 6 Oak	Curious	Isaac has shown great interest in this term's history project: "Britain at War".
Orchard	Kind	Alfie is so kind to everyone in Orchard and is brilliant at sharing his toys.



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Very well done too to the last two weeks' curriculum stars who were:

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Nursery Conkers	Reading	Sharu knows our class library very well and chooses favourite books to read.
Reception Acorns	Maths	Beau listens so carefully in our maths lessons, answers questions and joins in the learning.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Hunter is an enthusiastic mathematician who is always motivated to learn new concepts.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Marley is committed to reading regularly both at home and in school and he has just achieved 50 reads again!
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Mittziee has been working incredibly hard on her reading and is so proud of the great progress she has made – and rightly so!
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Sienna makes great contributions in our maths lessons and is making very pleasing progress.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Annabella has such a positive attitude towards learning in her maths lessons and is making great progress.
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Dexter worked so hard in his maths test this week.

Friday 7 th June 2024		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Bonnie-Rae loves books and tells us all about her reading at home.
Reception Acorns	Reading	Llando loves stories and is also working very hard to hear his sounds in our phonics lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Ruby loves her maths lessons and is making great progress.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Adchu is working so hard to develop his reading and is beginning to develop a deeper understanding of the texts he reads.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	This week Franky very quickly grasped the concept of acute and obtuse angles.
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Archie loves his maths lessons and is making such pleasing progress.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Dolcie is focused and motivated in all our maths lessons and is making very pleasing progress.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Darcie is developing a very good understanding of vocabulary and as a result is becoming a fluent and skillful reader.



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Reception Acorns	Maths	Oliver has such an interest in numbers and really enjoys our maths lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Riley is making very pleasing progress in his phonics group.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Connor has discovered the joy of reading for pleasure and always has a book in his hand.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Adam-Lahsean is making such good progress in his maths lessons.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Sienna is becoming a fluent reader and making great contributions in our guided reading lessons.
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Thomas is developing very pleasing fluency and expression when reading aloud.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Amelia just loves books!

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 28 th June 24	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day: 12.00pm
Friday 5 th July 24	Year 3 Holly Class visit to Poole's Cavern
Tuesday 9 th July 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Lytham St. Anne's
Wednesday 10 th July 24	Reception Acorns 2024 transition afternoon: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Thursday 11 th July 24	Year 3 Holly Class take part in "Victorious Voices" choir concert.
Tuesday 16 th July 24	Year 6 Production 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 18 th July 24	Reception Acorns 2024 transition afternoon: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 23rd July	Schools close for Summer Holiday
Wednesday 4th September	School Opens for start of Autumn Term
Monday 14 th – Wednesday 16 th October 24	Year 6 Oak Class residential trip to Whitehall Centre.
Monday 25 th to Wednesday 27 th November 24	Year 5 Elm Class day trips to Whitehall Centre

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith