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NEWSLETTER: Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last two weeks have been tricky at school with many children and staff members ill. I am really hoping now that we are through the worst of it and next week will be back to business as usual.

This week I wanted to talk to you all about Class Dojo. Our new communication/social media tool for classes. Firstly, I wanted to update our communications so that parents and carers can be in direct contact with teachers. I also wanted something that allows parents to see some of what goes on in children's classes. Class Dojo is a tool that can fulfil both functions and, my hope is, it will make some of the communication between school and home a little less formal and more friendly. We will, of course, continue to use Parent Mail for whole school communication but messages from class teachers, like a change of PE day for a class, can now come through Class Dojo. I would also like to point out that Class Dojo is free for parents too. When you first sign up, as with many apps, it does try to get you to pay but this is not necessary!

As I mentioned, parents can message the teachers directly through the app. This is a great tool and the teachers have been asked to check messages at least once a day. However, teachers are busy and have many responsibilities so please do not be surprised if responses aren't instant. They will get back to you as soon as they can.

This is a trial of the system for this academic year and any feedback from you would be gratefully received so please let me know what you like and dislike about it.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Jarvis

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all those who came along to our harvest festival this afternoon. It was lovely to see you all. The children sang beautifully. Thank you also to Reverend Ralph for joining us. We would also like to thank everyone for your generous donations for Witney Foodbank.

We are looking for a volunteer to deliver our collection to the Foodbank, if you can help, please speak to the school office.



Polite Reminder

Please try to be considerate when parking outside school during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Please can you ensure your engines are not left running whilst waiting for children at pick up time Please do not park directly opposite driveways, opposite the yellow Zig Zag lines or in the school driveway. Pre School staff have been walking in between cars when bring children over from Breakfast Club in the mornings. Parking outside the village shop and coming through the back gate might be a good option when The Cross is full.

Please can adults not smoke/vape on the school site, thank you.

School Lunch Ordering for Term 2

The deadline for ordering school lunches for next term is **Wednesday 18th October 2023**. We will not be taking paper lunch orders so please ensure you respond via Parent mail for your child's lunches for term 2 before the deadline date.

Oak Class

This week in Maths Oak class we have been looking at pattern. First, we found patterns around the room, then we copied and finished patterns and finally we created our own patterns. Here is a photos of one of the patterns.



Willow Class

In Willow we have been testing different materials to see if they are waterproof. We covered a container with different things, like foil and cling film, and saw if any water made it through when we poured 30ml in. It was a messy experiment but fun!

Chestnut Class

In Art, we have been exploring different painting techniques such as dabbing, stippling, pointillism, and washes to name a few. We have also been learning

how to use shades and tints to show light and dark paint on an object to create 3D paintings. The children have used this knowledge to create a still-life painting of a few of our snacks.




Rowan Class

This week is World Space Week. To celebrate we signed up to a live virtual talk where we got to meet Benjamin who is a professor of Astrophysics at University College of London. He told us all about the leading role he plays in developing, running, and analysing some of the largest and deepest galaxy surveys ever undertaken. Benjamin is also a STEM Ambassador and was able to share lots of information about the Euclid Telescope. Euclid is the name of a new space telescope that has recently started observing millions of faraway galaxies. We got to learn about how it uses small hints in the light that it collects from these galaxies to find signs of the mysterious dark matter and see why astronomers are convinced the Universe cannot exist without dark matter. It was an interesting afternoon, and we were so lucky to be able to take part in such an unusual topic talk.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 11 th October	SEN Parent Meetings (please book via the school office)	3.30pm to 4.50pm
Friday 13 th October	Non-Uniform Day	Supporting https://shelterbox.org/
Monday 16 th -20 th October	Yerworthy Residential	Rowan Class
Friday 20 th October	Last Day of Term	School finishes 3.15pm
Monday 30 th October	Inset Day	School Closed
Tuesday 31 st October	Start of Term 2	
Tuesday 31 st October and/or Wednesday 1 st November	Parents Evening	Tuesday 3.30pm to 5pm Wednesday 3.30pm to 7pm
Thursday 2 nd November	IMPS (in school) Year 6	9am to 11.30am
Wednesday 8 th November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.30am to 10.30am (serving refreshments at 9.30am)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need 	Wear something spotty to school and bring a £1.00 to support Pudsey

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Dates	Year groups	Time	Cost
Monday	French Club – Please book direct. juliet.taylor2@btinternet.com	18th September to 16th October	4 to 6	3.15 - 3.45pm	£17.50
Tuesday	Football Club	19 th September to 17 th October	3 to 6	3.15 – 4.15pm	Free
Thursday	Yoga Club Please book direct at Natalie.meylan001@gmail.com	14 th September - 19 th October	1 to 6	3.15 – 4.15pm	£30.00 (6-week course)

Wild Club and Woolley Club

Unfortunately, Woolley club and Wild club will no longer be offered as an after-school club due to personal commitments. We would like thank Mrs Fenemore and Sarah for the many years they have offered their time.

Community News:

CHARLBURY MILL FIELD MEADOW SOWING - COME AND HELP!

Come and help Charlbury Town Council with the first stage of restoring the species-rich meadow on the Mill Field.

On **Saturday 7 October, 2pm-3.30pm**, we will be sowing yellow rattle seed on an area at the far end of the Mill Field. Yellow rattle is an annual wildflower which weakens vigorous grasses, reducing competition for a wide range of meadow plants. By sowing yellow rattle this Autumn, we aim to prepare the ground for species-rich meadow seed to be sown next Summer. This is all part of our Mill Field Meadow Restoration Project 2023-25 - and we'd love your help!

Please come along on Saturday 7 October at 2pm; the entrance to the Mill Field is at the end of Mill Lane, Dyers Hill, Charlbury OX7 3QG - we will be at the far end, a 5–10-minute walk. If possible, please bring a paper bag to hold your portion of the seed and wear wellies or sturdy footwear as we'll be trampling down the soil afterwards. If you can manage to bring a rake as well, that would be extra-useful!

RSVP to Lisa to help us plan for numbers

Thank you

Lisa's email: clerk@charlbury-tc.gov.uk

The Stonesfield Rollers

The Stonesfield Rollers are a little group of children from Stonesfield Primary School who started skating towards the end of 2021. Initially there was about 8 regulars but there are now quite a few more. We hire a hall, spend a couple of hours skating around to music, sometimes play games on our wheels and just have lots of fun. Some are still learning, and some have become great skaters over the last couple of years. Quite a few parents also join in!

We have the Sports Hall booked at Heyford Park School (Upper Heyford) on Sunday the 15th of October from 11am to 1pm. The cost is £5 per child. Parents skate for free!

You will need to have your own skates (there lots of second-hand ones on Facebook marketplace, vinted, etc, which are worth checking out).

If anyone is keen to come along, please feel free to turn up on the day or give me a shout. If you would like further information, you can message me (Michelle) on 07815 716265. We also have a WhatsApp group so please give me a shout if you'd like me to add you to it for future sessions.

I strongly suggest kids wear knee pads, elbow pads and wrist guards. Aside from the safety aspect, it gives them much more confidence when they fall to get back up again.

Information about the hall location can be found here: <https://www.heyfordparkgym.com/contact-us>.

Hedgehog Club Halloween Activity Days at Hailey Community Wood from 9.30am -3.30pm. 25th and 26th October 2023

Come and spend a day outdoors playing, building, and exploring. We will be building dens, bug hunting, natural craft activities, using tools and knives and lighting fires. There will also be some Halloween potion making, broomstick racing and pumpkin carving. Hot drinks, squash, and campfire snacks available all day. Open to 5–11-year-olds.

It costs £37 per child. There is an option of earlier drop off from 8.30pm and late pick up, up to 5pm. (Extra £10 cost)

Booking is through the website www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk
Contact: thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com



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A Stonesfield Scout Group Fundraiser
Ceilidh Dance
featuring
The Donkey House Band
and callers
Ted Morse and David Morgan
Sunday 29th October
4.30-7pm
Stonesfield Village Hall
Tickets
£15 per family (2 adults + their children)
£12 per person
£5 Under 25s
chilli supper, snacks and refreshments (including alcoholic drinks) available to purchase
Kindly organised by
Stonesfield Folk Dance Group
stonesfieldfolkdance.danceorg.uk

Spooky Family Ceilidh

Get ready for a dance at our Family Ceilidh! Come along for a dance, a drink, live music, and some yummy chilli! (spooky dress optional!).