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Newsletter 7th October 2022



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have truly risen to the Forest School challenge which was set in the last newsletter. Heavy bags packed full of conkers have been dragged into school and the classes have worked together to count their hordes. The last day for conker collecting was today so next week we will be able to announce the winning class. The challenge has been a huge success as it has spurred children to adventure into the outdoors and appreciate their environment. Look out for the next challenge coming soon!

This week, two teams of upper school pupils have also represented their school in the Newbury Weekly News School Quiz. This was an exciting, enrichment event which enabled the children to showcase all of their superb general knowledge whilst working collaboratively as a team. The event was a huge success with all the children. A special thank you should go to Mrs Waterfall and Mrs Earl who gave up their evening to support the children. Below, are a couple of comments from our quiz team!

Tommy: "The quiz challenged us to work out different dog breeds, the meaning of different symbols and there were questions on a range of subjects. Some questions were quite easy but some took lots of thinking. We managed it as a team though."

Chloe:

"I found it really enjoyable because there were lots of schools there and it was bringing us all together. Our two teams worked well and we finished in the top five!"

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



SCHOOL PHOTOS

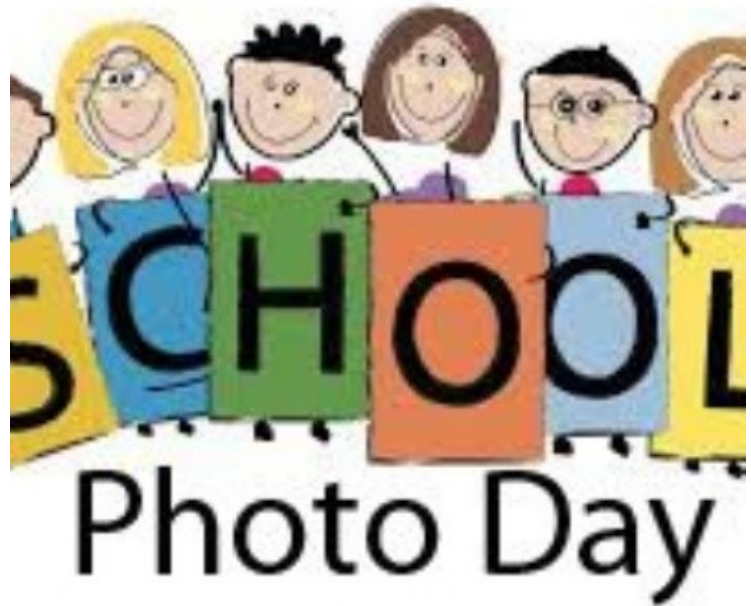
Our school photographer is in school next Monday to carry out individual portrait photos.

Pre school sibling family photos will take place at **8 am.**

All other photos, including school siblings, will be taken in school time.

Requirements for the day:

Smart full uniform, to include school cardigan/sweatshirt, school shoes and tidy hair!



TERM DATES

Term 1	05-09-22 to 20-10-22
Half Term	24-10-22 to 28-10-22
Term 2	31-10-22 to 16-12-22

Spring Term	
Term 3	04-01-23 to 09-02-23
Half Term	13-02-23 to 17-02-23
Term 4	20-02-23 to 30-03-23

Summer Term	
Term 5	17-04-23 to 26-05-23
Half Term	29-05-22 to 02-06-23
Term 6	05-06-23 to 21-07-23

Staff Training:

21-10-22
05-12-22
03-01-23
10-02-23
31-03-23
23-06-23



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Achievement and PSHE Awards

Wisteria
Cherry
Oak
Ash
Hawthorn
Juniper
Maple
Acer
Redwood
Cedar

SCHOOL

Peter Raven
Erick Bancu
Scarlett Prout
Alisha-Rose Ballard
Chloe Flitton
Sarwar Rahman
Sham Alharbat
Angie Liu
Reis Ballhysa
Lauren Tipler

PSHE

Toby Andrews
Ainara Viasus Arevalos
Bright Ninson
Rafee Rahman
Emilia Stosak
Charlie Alston
Ava Lane
Oscar Little
Isla Silva Robinson
Paveen Jeyaseelan

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PARENTS' EVENINGS

17th October 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
18th October 2022 3.30 pm to 6.20 pm

Invitation links have been sent out to enable you to book your appointment/s.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress and achievements, as well as identify their next steps for learning.

We look forward to seeing you all.

HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Azul 269
2nd Verde 252
3rd Zolty 181
4th Laal 179

Congratulations to Azul!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 95.02%
Last week's attendance was 95.86%

Last Tuesday, we went to Stockcross Primary School to participate in an Upper Key Stage quiz.

There were about 8 other schools each with 2 teams, so the Hall was a babble of noise.

We had a wide variety of questions: General Knowledge, Sports, History, Maths and Science as well as a picture round based on dogs and a round based on symbols. Our favourite round was one based on Paddington Bear, which we felt we excelled at (we also particularly enjoyed the squash and biscuits!)

Unfortunately, we were not in the top 2, as Stockcross won for a 3rd time, but we still had a lovely evening out, and it was great to represent Speenhamland.

By Alfie M, Alfie B, Oliver B, Alex T, Alec D-G, Reis B, Chloe R, Joseph B, William F, Tommy L.



CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

Acer class made 'papyrus' in preparation for creating Egyptian headdresses.
By Alex



Children in Cherry class carried out problem solving using practical equipment.



Year 2 children completed paired reading this week.

**problem
solving**

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This week in Wisteria class, the children have enjoyed their art sessions, using the skills we learnt at the beginning of the term to create beautiful water colour paintings.



Lower Juniors have been exploring their own science investigations about sound and pitch.



FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE



Forest School

This week at Forest School, we have been practising using a claw hammer to insert and remove nails correctly and safely from logs as well as lots of teamwork to move our workbench logs into position.



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