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Newsletter 19th October 2023



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the first half term of the new academic year. Our Reception pupils have settled into school life really well and this week they enjoyed their first trip out of school! Across the school, our pupils have shown a positive focus to their learning and have continued to show the high expectations we have for behaviour.

I have been lucky enough to visit all the classes this week, where I have asked the children their highlights of the autumn term. Their comments reflect their enjoyment of the broad and balanced curriculum that we offer.

RECEPTION: *Maxwell and Oliver:* We love playing outside. *Joey:* I like playing babies.

CHERRY: *Noah:* I enjoyed learning my number bonds and writing stories. *Jaime:* I enjoyed playtimes and playing tag with my friends.

OAK: *Esmee:* I enjoyed writing Mabel's diary in English. *Elijah:* I like phonics lessons as writing in my booklet makes me happy.

Daisy: I enjoyed the dot painting we did on pumpkins.

ASH: *Arthur:* I like maths and learning about all the new words linked to take away. *Chloe:* I enjoyed using paints and charcoal in Art.

MAPLE: *Edward:* I enjoyed the tag rugby we played in PE. *Isabelle:* I liked making the collages in Art - I made my picture using tissue paper.

JUNIPER: *Fae:* I have enjoyed learning more about subtraction in Maths. *Emily:* I liked making the collage in Art. *Gouher:* I like my Maths lessons and doing sums.

HAWTHORN: *Phoebe:* I enjoyed Forest School because I learnt lots of new things like S-lashing to make stretchers. *Filip:* I enjoyed my maths lessons and learning with my friends.

ACER: *Millie and Morgan:* We enjoyed our bench-ball PE lessons as we built teams and played in Houses. *Alice:* I have enjoyed my English lessons and having the freedom to be creative in my writing.

CEDAR: *Charlie:* I have enjoyed spelling lessons and the new challenges. *Henry:* I like my swimming lessons.



REDWOOD: *Emmie:* I liked the Art focus on collage where we used newspapers. *Adyan:* We have put lots of work into the library and it is now a nice place to go. I am proud of this.

I hope parents found this week's parents' evening informative and helpful. If you feel there is anything we could improve, please do let us know through the office or your child's class teacher.

Wishing everyone a restful half term break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 30th October.

Have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



Is your child
**STARTING
SECONDARY
SCHOOL**
next year...

Secondary Admissions
Y6 REMINDER
Deadline for applications is
31st October 2023



Visit Newbury Event

Visit Newbury invites all local families to tackle Newbury's very own Ghost Town Shop Trail this Halloween, between **25th & 28th October**. Newbury, a town steeped in history, is home to many eerie tales, and some of Newbury's most beloved shops around Bartholomew Street will be transformed into hauntingly delightful destinations for children to trick or treat as they hunt for Halloween posters in shop windows. With free face painting at the Kennet Centre each day (10am-2pm), sweet treats available at each stop, and fantastic prizes to be won, the trail offers local families a great opportunity to experience trick or treating in a safe and welcoming environment.

To find out more or register your interest, please visit:

<https://visitnewbury.org.uk/ghost-town-family-trail>



FAREWELL, READING, ATTENDANCE AND AWARDS

GOODBYE AND GOODLUCK

It is with great sadness that we say
goodbye today to Mrs Canning.

Mrs Canning has dedicated 22 years to
Speenhamland working in our Keevill unit.

She will be fondly remembered by
both staff and pupils, and
we wish her all the best in her
future endeavours.

THANK YOU MRS CANNING!

Thank
you
so
much
FOR EVERYTHING

Congratulations
WINNER!

HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this WEEK are:

- 1st Azul 363
- 2nd Verde 258
- 3rd Laal 179
- 4th Zolty 167

Congratulations to Azul!



Keep reading!

A huge well done to Acer and Hawthorn for
achieving 100% of children logging 3 or more in reads!
Cedar and Oak aren't far behind on 90%.
Will they achieve 100% next week?

READING LOGGED 09-10-23 to 15-10-23

Class	Number of children	Percentage
Acer	31	100%
Ash	19	75%
Cedar	27	90%
Cherry	20	80%
Hawthorn	25	100%
Juniper	13	50%
Maple	19	70%
Oak	23	90%
Redwood	26	85%
Willow	6	30%
Wisteria	2	110%

The Winner is!

HOUSE WINNER THIS TERM

The Dragon's Eggs results for this TERM are:

- 1st Azul 25
- 2nd Verde 17
- 3rd Laal 16
- 4th Zolty 12

Congratulations to Azul!

WE ASPIRE, WE CHALLENGE, WE SUPPORT

SPECIAL HALLOWEEN LUNCH

Aspens



October 31st

*Spooky fingers with
baked potato wedges*

*Spooky veg fingers with
baked potato wedges*

OR

Blood thirst pasta

Halloween Cookie

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