

# Newsletter

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Over the course of this week, I have been especially impressed with the children's writing across the school. In Foundation, the children have been labelling treasure maps as they explore through their Pirates' Theme, linked to their topic 'Shiver my Timbers'. I was particularly impressed with Filip Stosak's (Class 1) and Morgan Waterhouse's (Class 1) labelled maps, where they had used their early phonics knowledge. In Infants, the children have been innovating stories based upon Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. Abbie King (Class 5) shared her work and impressed me with the progress that she has already made this year. In the Upper Juniors, the children have finished their Egyptian Sleeping Beauty stories. The extract below is taken from Tyler Jupp (Class 9):

*Cleopatra had a blissfully charmed childhood filled with love, laughter and happiness. Soon the entire kingdom gathered together to celebrate her 17th birthday at the most luxuriously decorated ball. Everyone was invited and attended, thrilled at the chance to rejoice with the royals, all except one. Evil Khudu was furious at not being invited. She was evil, vicious and spiteful.*

**By Tyler Jupp and also input from Class 9**

## Reading at Home

Reading is important to us at Speenhamland. It underpins everything that we do and is a life skill. Through reading, children are able to broaden their imagination and access the curriculum.

We are ordering many new and exciting titles for our Library, to enhance our reading scheme so that we have exciting texts that both stimulate and challenge the children's reading. We can teach and develop the skills in school, however, in order to enhance this, we need your help. Please support your child by hearing them regularly during the week and signing their reading records to show that this has taken place.

When children read three or four times in a week, they receive a Dragon's Egg. If they read five or more times in a week, they receive two Dragon's Eggs and so therefore regular reading not only helps them as individuals but also contributes towards their House efforts. Reading ten minutes every night is better than a longer period once a week.

The children will bring home two or three reading books on a Monday. These should be brought in to school each day so that staff can hear the children read and returned on a Friday to be quarantined over the weekend.

## School Photos

Next Wednesday, 07 October, our school photographer will be in school taking individual photos. If you would like your child to have their photo taken with their siblings (ONLY if they attend Speenhamland. No younger out of school siblings please), then they should come to the side gate at 8.40 am. A member of staff will then take the children round to the hall to have their photo taken before they rejoin their class.

## Temporary Lunchtime Controller

This week, we have advertised in the Newbury Weekly News for the above position. If you are interested, please email Mrs Burgess via [office@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org](mailto:office@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org) for an application pack.

**Mrs E Parish**

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