

6th October 2023

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome so many family members to our Harvest service on Wednesday where we were able to join together in song to say thank you for the harvest. Thank you all so much for your extremely generous donations to the local food banks, we know that the food is gratefully received.

I also have some amazing news regarding the funds raised by the Autumn Fair....

The grand total for the Autumn Fair is an incredible £4,787.97 !!!!

Thank you all so much for supporting the fair and making it such a fantastic event. We are delighted to share that we now have sufficient funds to go ahead with the Forest School developments. Work is scheduled to start in mid November which we are so pleased about. We have also been able to purchase a wellbeing resource called 'Hamish & Milo Well Being Intervention'. The complete Hamish & Milo Wellbeing Intervention programme includes ten emotion theme packs supporting children with difficulties with; friendship, resilience, anxiety, diversity, angry feelings, change, conflict, loss, sadness and self-esteem. The programme costs £995 and will be used to help children across the whole school. We couldn't buy these resources with the hard work of the PTA and families supporting the events.

We look forward to seeing you for the parent consultation evenings over the next few weeks.

Mrs Boyle

Headteacher

Class updates

Reception classes Acorn and Chestnut

This week Reception classes have been discussing the changes that happen in autumn and they have learned seasonal songs for autumn.

They have enjoyed their first trip to church and sang Big Red Combine Harvester. The teachers were very proud at the maturity of all of the children while walking to church and also how they joined in with the service.

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Year 1 Willow and Hawthorn

This week Year 1 in Maths they have been learning about greater than and less than and the symbols that represent these.

In English they have been reading The Tiger Who Came To Tea and have started to think about what characters they could change to re-create the story which will continue into next week.

Year 2 Sycamore and Maple

Year 2 went to Wrest Park this week to explore how it was used as a hospital during World War 1. They had lots of fun trying on the soldier's uniform and thinking about the jobs that the nurses did.

They also learnt that the biggest tree in the country is in Wrest Park.

Here are some reviews of our trip.

Our School trip

We went to ...
Wrest Park.

I saw ...
Lots of buildings

I learned ...
Lots of wrest

I enjoyed ...
Lunch and exploring

My drawing of something I saw ...
 education

I didn't enjoy ...
nothing

First name
Year 2

Our School trip

We went to ...
Wrest Park

I saw ... the education room

I learned ... that WREST PARK WAS A HOSPITAL.

I enjoyed ... the talk about nurses -

My drawing of something I saw ...


I didn't enjoy ... the walk there

First name
Year -

Year 3 Pine and Palm

Year 3 have had an exciting week learning lots about the prehistoric wonders that we can still see in the UK today. They have explored Skara Brae and the evidence it shows about how Stone Age people lived and they have discussed the theories behind why Stonehenge was built all those thousands of years ago. In English, they have written some informative instructions about how to wash giant animals including Godzilla, King Kong and even a Great White Shark!

The children loved visiting the church for our Harvest service and were all very generous with their donations. Well done Year 3!

Below are some of our reviews from our school trip last week to Celtic Harmony.

Our School trip

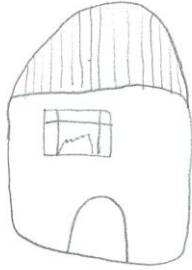
We went to ... *Celtic Harmony.* ✨

I saw ... *the Stone age, Iron, bronze and things.*

I learned ... *the people made Pots and bread.*

I enjoyed ... *making the Pots and bread making.*

My drawing of something I saw ...



I didn't enjoy ... *the bus ride back.* 😞

First Year oe

Our School trip

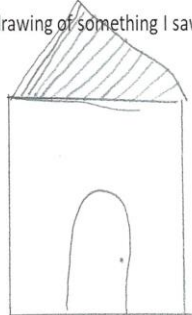
We went to ... *Celtic Harmony,*

I saw ... *straw house is tall and Big*

I learned ... *that they had patterned pots*

I enjoyed ... *✗ make a card out of ✗ soap*

My drawing of something I saw ...



I didn't enjoy ... *making the Bread because it was sticky*

Fir: Yes

Year 4 Oak and Elm

This week Year 4 have tested materials in Science to see if they conduct electricity. They went on a Geography field trip and decided that roads such as Mander Farm Road and Ampthill Road need pedestrian crossings.

They have enjoyed looking at photos from last year's Grafham residential and saw they had a great time, did lots of fun activities and they looked at some photos of the bedrooms as well.

Below are some photos of our Art which are monoprints using acetate sheets.



Conifer Class

They have had a busy week in conifer class, some of our children have been working on maths and place values. Some children have been working on phonics and improving their knowledge. A group of children have also been working on their DT projects that they started designing last week.

Together the whole class has made carrot soup and enjoyed trying this together.

General information

SENCO

Mrs Long our SENCO is currently away from school for 2 weeks on Jury service, if you do contact her over the next couple of weeks there could be a delay in her being able to respond but she will ensure all emails are replied to once she returns to work.

Scholastic books

All the children have been enjoying using the new dictionaries and thesauruses bought with the money raised from the Scholastic Book Fair last academic year and have now had even more books purchased with the remainder of the money. Each class have chosen a 'read for pleasure' story that will be read over the next half term. The books arrived today and the children can't wait to get started with their new exciting text.



PTA events

Over the next few days your child will come home with a bag and leaflet about Bag2School collection which will take place on 19th October. Please leave all bags in the bike shelter by 9am.

On the 9th November there will be a disco if you would like to book a place please click on this link.

<https://forms.gle/CJ5WMEzGQQ6EnVqo9>

Please contact the PTA for any further questions about these events.

Harvest collection

Thank you for all of your donations for our Harvest festival. We are delighted to confirm that the appeal has raised a cash collection for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal is £119.17.

Some card donations were also taken, grand total to be shared in due course.

All the Harvest gifts were put into 40 carrier bags.

Twenty bags were collected by The Need Project who help people who live in social housing in Silsoe.

Twenty bags were taken to the Preen Food Bank in Biggleswade who are there for the people of Central Bedfordshire including Silsoe residents.

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Climbing Frame

Please can we remind all parents/carers that children are not allowed to use the climbing frame while waiting for drop off or collection. The climbing frame and equipment in the playground is there for use during school hours and with teacher supervision. We have often seen a large number of children on these items who are not supervised and this could lead to accidents. Thank you for your understanding.

Parking in the car park

We have noticed a number of parents have been parking in the school car park, please can we ask that you do not park in the car park. Using the car park while children are coming into and out of school can be unsafe for the children as they will often run and could not be seen. Please use alternative parking spaces which are in the local area to park and safely walk your child into school.

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School Uniform

This is just a reminder of our School uniform, children should wear grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress. White shirt or polo shirt, maroon cardigan or sweatshirt. Pale blue and white gingham dresses or grey shorts may be worn for the Summer Term. White or grey socks complete the uniform.

Trainers **should not** be worn as general school footwear. We also ask that boots of any type are not worn in school. If bad weather conditions necessitate the wearing of boots whilst travelling to school please ensure school shoes are sent in to change into on arrival.

All uniform can be purchased from **Prestige**. Pinafores, skirts, shorts and trousers can also be purchased from most department stores/supermarkets.

Our PE kit is plain black shorts or girl's skort, the school's PE Polo Shirt or plain white T-shirt and trainers are required.

Black tracksuits may be worn for outdoor activities during the winter months.

PE items of clothing must not display logos (other than the school logo), branding or embellishments.

On PE days children are asked to come into school dressed in their PE kit. They will be allowed to wear this kit all day.

Please make sure that **every** item of clothing is clearly named.

The PTA also holds regular pre loved uniform sales where uniform can be bought at a small cost.

NON UNIFORM DAYS

On awarded non uniform days we respectfully ask that pupils come into school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear for the school day. Dependant on the season please ensure outerwear such as coats and jackets are also provided. **Team sports kits of any kind are not permitted to be worn.**

Vacancy

Midday Supervisory Assistant

Hours: Monday to Friday – 11.45am to 13.45pm, term time only plus 5 training days

Salary: £10.60 per hour

Start date: as soon as possible

Closing date: The vacancy will close when a suitable applicant is found, early applications are therefore advised

To apply please visit <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/109605/EDV-2023-SCVLS-55018>

Please note change of times this was an error last week.

Lost Property

We have an extensive amount of lost property being left at school on a daily basis. At a time when we are all mindful of the cost of things, we ask that to help in returning items to their owner **all** items that come into school should be named with first and surnames- e.g. snack pots, lunch boxes, water bottles, cardigans, jumpers and coats etc. All lost property has been on display in the main playground for a few days and will be displayed again this afternoon. We encourage children to be responsible for their own property and for ensuring they look after it at school and return home with it each day. We do not have the storage space to keep lost property for extended periods therefore going forward we will only hold things for one week and then they will be disposed of/recycled.

Please can we ask parents to check that children are leaving school with everything that they brought to school.

Parents evening

Parents evening sessions will be released at 6pm today and are available to book. All classes are available to book on the 12th October and all classes except Oak are available to book on the 17th October. Oak have a second date of the 1st November due to Mrs Long being out of school on Jury service we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. If you are struggling to book an appointment please contact the school office but you should be able to access this via SCOpay.

Diary Dates

Please find below dates for the rest of this half term, also please note dates which have changed or been added for the year which have been highlighted.

02/10/2023	All Day	Y2 Wrest Park History visit – details to follow
02/10/2023	TBC	Y4 Geography Field Trip
04/10/2023	9.30am	Harvest Festival (approx. 1 hour) – parents invited Reception, Year 2 & Elm Class. More details to follow
04/10/2023	2pm	Harvest Festival (approx. 1 hour) – parents invited Year 1, Year 3 & Oak Class. More details to follow
11/10/2023	All day	School Photographs – pupil portraits
12/10/2023	4pm to 7pm	Parent consultations – More details to follow
13/10/2023	Morning	Y4 Arnold Academy taster session – More details to follow
16/10/2023	Morning	Y3 Resilience Workshop
17/10/2023	4pm to 7pm	Parent consultations – Reception to year 3
01/11/2023	4pm to 7pm	Parent consultations – 2 nd Day for Oak Class only

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