



# Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I look forward to seeing you all at Parent's Evening next week. This year, as well as the meeting with your child's class teacher, we are also offering an opportunity for you to peruse some of our phonic's games and have an informal chat with members of the teaching staff about various aspects of the curriculum. I hope you will be able to spare an extra 5 minutes to have a quick browse and hopefully you will find it interesting and helpful.

Please would you remember in your prayers Mrs. Jo Wadsworth who died recently and whose funeral I have attended today. Jo was Finance Officer in our school for many, many years and she was a very special lady. I extend love and prayers, from us all, to her husband Eddie and to her children and grandchildren.

ST. HELEN'S DAY CELEBRATION - Please remember that next Friday 20th October, all children in school can wear a green and/or red ribbon for the day to celebrate St. Helen's Day.

*S. Rainford.*

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**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Class 7	Zofia Brzozowska
Class 8	Constanza Traina
Class 9	Joseph Olooluwabowale

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**KARATE STARS**  
Olivia Kerr  
Class 8



**WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

Class 7	George Alder	&	Elizabeth Cambridge
Class 8	Scarlett Gilley-Olive	&	Harry Howell
Class 9	Eloise Coetzee	&	Harry Everitt

**FLU IMMUNISATION - 2nd NOVEMBER**  
Thank you to all those parents who have sent in the Flu Immunisation forms. Please note that a form must be completed whether you require your child to be immunised or not and sent back to school. Thank you

**OPEN MORNING - NEXT FRIDAY 19th OCTOBER 2017**  
Open Morning (not suitable for young children), for parents of children due to start school in September 2018.  
Refreshments will be served from 9.15am. Walk around our school, enjoy a presentation by the Head Teacher and see the children working in the classrooms. For further information, please contact the school office on 01277 215626

**PARENT/TEACHER APPOINTMENTS**  
Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th October  
Please remember these consultation evenings are for PARENTS ONLY.

**Appointments**  
If your child needs to attend the doctors, dentist or has another appointment at short notice, please remember to bring in the appointment card or letter, in accordance with our Attendance Policy. The same applies if your child needs to attend a hospital appointment, as soon as you receive the hospital appointment letter could you please bring it into the office so the office staff can put the date in the school diary. Thank you

**Attendance League Table**  
Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded.

Class	%
1	98.88
6	98.81
9	98.61
3	98.53
4	98.33
8	98.15
2	98.08
7	97.90
5	94.21

**KITCHEN CORNER**  
Monday 16th October  
Menu Week 1


**TAG RUGBY STARS**  
Eugenie Dearmer - Class 7  
Liam O'Herlihy - Class 8



**MULTI SKILLS STARS**  
Jayden Rossi Reid - Class 9



**BASKETBALL STARS**  
Harry Howell - Class 7



Well Done to St. Clare's House for being this week's winner

House	This Weeks Points	Accumulative Points
St. Bernadette	33	221
<b>St. Clare</b>	<b>40</b>	218
St. Francis	37	234
St. Martin	25	253

**P.E. STARS OF THE WEEK**

Johnny Kavanagh	Class 4
Thomas Ellis	Class 5
Justin Edwards	Class 6
Harriet Miller	Class 7
Emily Rooney	Class 8
Ava Maher	Class 9

**Late Arrivals**  
There were **15** late arrivals this week. Please remember that the doors open 8.45a.m and anyone that arrives after 9.00a.m. is officially late.

**PA NEWS**  
**AGM – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Save the date! More details on how you can support us coming soon!  
**Bicester Village Shopping Trip (Grown-up's only!) Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – We are running a coach trip to Bicester Village Shopping Centre on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November from Brentwood Station. Tickets cost £20. Parents, grandparents, friends, and family are all welcome! More details on how you can book a place will follow shortly.

## Year 2

**ENGLISH** - This week the children have been looking at the 4 different sentence types: **statement, command, question** and **exclamation**. They have been identifying the different sentence types and writing examples of their own.

**MATHS** - Year 2 have been using a variety of vocabulary to create subtraction questions, such as 'take away/minus/less than/find the difference between'. The children have begun to use the column method to solve subtraction questions. They take away the Ones first (8 - 5)

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{T} \quad \text{Ones} \\ 3 \quad 8 \\ - 1 \quad 5 \\ \hline 2 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

**COME AND SEE** — Our new topic is Signs and Symbols. The children will be looking at the signs and symbols of Baptism. **\*If possible, please send in a named photograph of your child's Baptism.\*** It would be lovely opportunity for you to discuss your memories of your child's Baptism with them. Perhaps you could show them their Baptismal Candle or the white garment which they used.



## Year 1

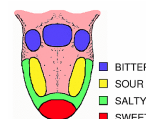
**PHONICS** - It has been lovely to hear that the children have been sharing with their parents what they have learnt about digraphs and tri-graphs in their phonics lessons. A digraph is two letters that make one sound. e.g. ea in **eat** makes an "ee" sound. The trigraph igh in **high** makes an "I" sound.

**MATHS** - The children have been using the number of the week to create spiders with different coloured legs and then write the correlating calculation e.g. 2 green + 6 red = 8 legs

**Shape of the Week** - Hexagon - A hexagon has six sides.

**Number of the week** - 6 - Do you know a shape with six sides?

**SCIENCE** - Sense of the week - **Taste**. Perhaps you and your child could try tasting something new!



## Foundation Stage

**Literacy** - This week we will be learning our sounds and letters **ck, e, u, r**. ck is a digraph that is two letters that make one sound. Have a look at "Mr Thorne Does Phonics" online to help with sounds. Look out in the reading diaries as some children will be getting their high frequency words soon.

**Mathematics** - In mathematics, we will be focussing on number formation. Keep practising at home too.

**Topic** - Next week we will start our topic of Autumn and will also be celebrating St Helen's Day on Friday just before we break up for half term. We will all be going on an autumn discovery walk around the school grounds, so if your child doesn't have wellies in school please send them in on Monday.

**Mystery Guest** - Thank you to our mystery guests this week Miss Da Silva Santos and Mrs Daly. The children are really enjoying seeing who comes through the door to speak to them every week.

**Dates for your diary**:- Please keep the afternoons of 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November free for Craft afternoons with your child in the classroom. More details to follow shortly.



### DIARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017 - 2018

17 Oct	Tue	4p.m - 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings - you will only attend one evening either 17 <sup>th</sup> or 19 <sup>th</sup> October.	All Years	NO CHILDREN
19 Oct	Thurs	9.15a.m for 9.30a.m start	Open Morning Prospective Sep'18 parents	Prospective Sep'18 parents	Parents of children due to start school in September 2018
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20 Oct	Fri	During School Day	St. Helen's Day Celebration	All Years	Children can wear Red and Green Ribbons
<b>AUTUMN HALF TERM - Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct (inclusive)</b>					
30 Oct	Mon	Open at 8.45a.m	Children Return to School	All Years	ALL YEARS
2 Nov	Thurs	3.20pm - 3.35pm	Book Look	All Years	Parents of All Years
3 Nov	Fri	8.45am - 9.30am	Drop,Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents of All Years
3 Nov	Fri	During School Day	St. Martin House Celebration	St. Martin House	For children in St. Martin House. Children can wear 'Green' ribbon.