



The summer holidays seem like a distant memory! We welcomed 2 new children from Albania into our school this week - Anea and Gesa. We have had fun trying to help them learn English as well as picking up a few Albanian words and phrases. We're extremely proud of how caring everyone has been and helped Anea and Gesa to have a really good first week.

We have also been trialing a new routine in the school day. Children no longer line up on the playground at the end of break and lunchtime but instead make their way sensibly back to their classroom. The children have responded to this extremely well which has improved behaviour at these times of the day.

Just a reminder that there is a bank holiday on Monday for the state funeral for Queen Elizabeth II so we shall see you bright and early on Tuesday morning.

Lucy Cowgill and Dan Turull



After taking over from Ms Orange as Maths lead, I just wanted to take the opportunity to promote Doodle Maths. As many of you are aware, Doodle Maths is something that we as a school pay a fair amount of money for. It is also a really useful tool for deepening understanding of Maths and can pinpoint areas that children may struggle with. If you do not have a login for Doodle Maths, please get in contact with your class teacher and we can sort that out.

As extra motivation, the class with the highest Doodle Maths percentage at the end of each week will win the extra astro slot on a Friday!

Mr Rideout

School Photos

Apologies but the date for school photos has had to change. These will now take place on Tuesday 27th September. Any Year 6 children who are intending to go to a secondary school open morning on this day are welcome to come into school at 8.30am to have their photo taken.

Clubs

We have had an overwhelming response regarding places for archery and cross-country clubs. In consultation with Mr Rideout we have decided to run cross-country this term for **Years 5 and 6 only** and children in **Years 3 and 4** will have a place in the cross country club in **Term 3** (after christmas). Archery club has been divided into 2 groups. **Group A** will have a place in the archery club in **Term 2** and **Group B** will have a place in archery club in **Term 4**. If you have signed up for archery club, you will be contacted to let you know whether your child will be in Group A (Term 2) or Group B (Term 4). For all other clubs please assume that your child has been allocated a space unless informed otherwise.



Certificates of the week

Head Teacher Certificates

The children who have received the Head Teacher's Award this week are: Lottie, Alithea, Esther, Joshua and Fraser. Congratulations!



Doodle Maths & Doodle Tables

Top Doodlers this week are Connie, Harrison, Phoebe, Albie and Millie. Top for Doodle Tables are Connie, Maddie and Finley. Well done everyone.



The children have elected their school council to represent them this year. The council members were awarded their yellow council badges in assembly today and wore them proudly. We think the school will be in very safe hands this year.

Reader of the week

The reading pod is open at lunch time every Tuesday & Thursday for anyone that wants to go in and is hosted by the Year 6 librarians, who read with (or to) the children and help them select books. The Librarians have awarded reader of the week today to Molly for Key Stage 1 and Lola for Key Stage 2.



Other Awards

Hannah, Maddie and Pippa brought their Summer Reading Challenge certificates and medals in to show today. Along with the swimmers who brought their medals and certificates in for their swimming achievements. Well done Millie, Scarlett, Alithea, Alice and Thomas. Alice also showed her gymnastics awards.





Bistro Buddies

We would like to introduce you to our Bistro Buddies James, Ruairi, Albie and Oscar. At the end of lunchtime they are a fantastic help to Mrs Garrett in tidying up the hall. They help clear the tables and put them and the chairs away. Their sweeping skills are getting better every day and we hope they are practising at home for their parents too! Fantastic work boys, you are carrying out your roles superbly.

Diary Dates

Monday 19th September
Tuesday 20th September

Monday 26th September
Tuesday 27th September
Thursday 29th September
Friday 30th September
Tuesday 4th October
Thursday 13th October
Thursday 20th October
Friday 21st October
Monday 31st October
Tuesday 8th November

BANK HOLIDAY
Reception children in full time
School extra-curricular clubs start
EYFS (Cherry Class parents) phonics meeting 2.30-3.15
School photos
Yr5/6 cross country @Odd Down 3.30 - 5.30pm
9:00am - 10.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning in school
Nasal Flu Vaccinations at school
2.30pm Oak Class Learning Exhibition
END OF TERM 1
INSET DAY 3
TERM 2 BEGINS
Open Day for prospective parents

Notices

- **Dinner Menu Choices** - These must be made by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day. Please note that if you book a meal and then your child brings in a packed lunch on that day you will still be charged for the booked meal if you pay for school lunches, unless your child is ill.
- **Mobile library** - This will be in the pub car park every other Tuesday 3-4pm. Please make sure that you take advantage of this fantastic resource.
- **School gates** will open from 8.40am each morning for children to enter school and from 3.10pm to allow parents to come into the playground for pick up at 3.15pm
- **Volunteering** - If you have an hour or two free a week and are able to come and volunteer in school, whether it be sharing books with children, helping in the classroom with art or DT projects, we'd love to hear from you. Please pop into the school office for further information.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be organising the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 30th September in The Orchard. Everyone is welcome to join us for tea, coffee and cakes from 9:00am to 10:30am in order to raise money for this very worthwhile charity.

We would appreciate any donations of cakes to be brought in that morning. Many thanks.

