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Newsletter 7

Head Teacher's News

This has been a long and tiring half term but, as we move towards the final week, the children have maintained a very impressive focus on learning throughout. I had the pleasure of spending some time in classrooms yesterday and was absolutely delighted to see how the children had been guided, helping them to grow and then truly shine in their learning.

Our Year 6s have been working hard in their new leadership roles, and have been generating some truly exciting ideas. This week, Eddie, Finn, Oliver and Jamie arranged a meeting with me to discuss their plans for a children's Rugged Radnage on Friday 19th November. By the end, plans were in the mix for an EYFS and KSI event around the school grounds, and a KS2 event through the nearby woods. The children had also already decided that they wanted to use this as a way to raise funds for Cancer Research - a charity they care a great deal about. It is so inspirational to see the children grasping these opportunities to make a real difference to our school lives. We will release more details about this nearer the time, but we will be asking for some volunteers to help 'marshall' the KS2 runs!

The School Development Plan is the key document that drives our progress. All elements of school improvement are driven by it, and the governors focus on monitoring how effectively we are using it to improve the educational offer for all of our school community. This year's plan has a focus on four key areas: further embedding and strengthening our school vision; continuous curriculum development; enhancing our systems for professional development and generating opportunities for leadership throughout the school community. A summary is published on our website here and we will update our progress towards the objectives at the end of each term and upload it.

Next week, we are holding our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. We are very excited about getting the chance to celebrate in our local church. Today, you will have received an email about how we will be helping our community with a One Can Trust collection over the next few weeks.

Finally, I am delighted to share some fabulous news regarding Mrs Farnworth, who has been awarded a distinction for her dissertation as part of her Masters in Education. This is an incredible achievement and one that is thoroughly deserved. Well done, Mrs Farnworth!

I hope you have a fabulous weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday. Please remember that next Friday is an INSET day for staff training so there is no school that day.

Sam Browne

'It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches Nurture. Grow. Shine that the birds can perch in its shade.'



Star of the Week

Luna for being resilient and always giving 100% in her learning

Emma for persevering when work gets challenging – always with a smile on her face

Svana for cheery perseverance in maths and helping her classmates

Sebastian for working hard all term and being a good role model

Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
October 2021			
Weds 20 th - 9:00am	Harvest Festival KS2	St Mary's Radnage	KS2
Weds 20 th - 2:00pm	Harvest Festival EYFS + KSI	St Mary's Radnage	EYFS + KSI
Thurs 21st	Break up for Half Term	Whole School	Everyone
Fri 22 nd	INSET Day	Whole School	Staff
November 202 I			
Mon I st	School restarts	Whole School	Everyone
Tues 2 nd	Parents Evening	School Hall	Parents
Weds 3 rd	Parents Evening	School Hall	Parents
Thurs 4 th	Parents Evening	School Hall	Parents
Fri 19 th	Children's Rugged Radnage	School	Children
Sun 21 st	Rugged Radnage	Village Hall	Everyone
Fri 26 th	PTA Film Night	School	Children
December 2021			
Weds I st	Flu Vaccinations	School Hall	Children
Tues 7 th	Nativity Dress Rehearsal	School Hall	Children
Thurs 9 th	Nativity	School Hall	Children and parents
Fri 10 th	Secret Present Room and Pop	School Hall	Children and parents
	Up Café		
Tues 14 th	Christmas Crafternoon	Whole School	Children
Thurs 16 th	Reception and Year 1/2 visit to	Norden Farm	Reception and Year
	Norden Farm		1/2
Fri 17 th	Christingle	School Hall	Children
Fri 17 th	Carol Concert	School Hall	Children and parents
Fri 17 th – 1:30pm	Break up for Christmas	Whole School	Everyone

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