



Newsletter

28 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our open morning today. We hope you enjoyed your time in the classroom, sharing your child's learning, an opportunity which the children very much enjoyed sharing with you.

We also thank you for your contributions to our MacMillan Coffee Morning. Cake was enjoyed by many, and we will let you know how much was raised soon.

Do take a look through all the information we have for you in this newsletter, and please note the diary dates for upcoming events.

Many thanks

Mr Rob Morley-Smith
Head of School

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DIARY DATES

Please take note of any dates which are relevant to your child. Curriculum newsletters, sent out last week, also have the dates of any class collective worships that your child will be involved in.



- Harvest Collective Worship – Friday 5th October (9am)
- Maths Evening for Parents Tuesday - Thursday 11th October
- Flu immunisation FDN2 to Year 5 - Friday 12th October
- Parents' Evening - Tuesday 16th October (3:30 – 5pm)
- Parents' Evening - Wednesday 17th October (3.30 – 7pm)
- Parents' Evening- Thursday 18th October (3.30 – 5pm)
- Cross Country Competition at MK Bowl - Saturday 20th October 9am
- Break up for half term - Thursday 25th October
- INSET DAY – School closed to pupils - Friday 26th October
- All children return to school - Monday 5th November
- Healthy Schools Week – Monday 12th to 16th November
- Children in Need Day – Friday 16th November

There may be additional dates added as the term progresses. Please keep checking the newsletters for updates.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Friday 5th October - 9am

Wheat Class are leading our Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday 5th October at 9am.

If you would like to join us in giving thanks for what we have, then please consider donating to our collection for the Food Cupboard, benefitting families in our own city.

Bring in items such as:

Cartons - long-life milk or juice...

Tins- rice pudding, fruit, tuna, soup, meat, tomatoes, beans...

Jars - jam, pasta sauce...

Packets - tea bags, dry pasta, cup-a-soup, rice, sugar, biscuits, breakfast cereal, dried fruit...

Please send into school on either Wednesday 3rd or Thursday 4th October so we can display our offerings. We would also like natural flora such as fallen leaves, conkers, or homegrown pumpkins. Or can you bake a harvest loaf?



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP QUINTA HALL

Most of our Year 6 children have been away this week on a residential trip to Quinta Hall in Oswestry, Shropshire. Many of you will have been following the 'tweets' that Miss Underwood has been updating the school Twitter account with. Some of the exciting things that they have been doing includes:

- ◆ Night walks
- ◆ Climbing
- ◆ Canoeing
- ◆ Rafting
- ◆ Circus Skills
- ◆ Low Ropes
- ◆ Fencing
- ◆ Bush craft including building shelters
- ◆ Walking to Chirk Castle in Wales

There is more, but we'll wait for them to get back and tell us all about it. It sounds like they've been having an amazing week!

THE GOLDEN BOOK

The following children have been in the Golden Book over the last three weeks:

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Nursery	AJ
FDN2/Reception	Willow-Rose
Year 1	Olly and Emily
Year 2	Omarian and Ruby
Year 3	Paige and Jack
Year 4	Charlie and Sumayyah
Year 5	Kayden and Summa-Star
Year 6	Amber and Gladys

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Nursery	Massima
FDN2/Reception	Micah
Year 1	Fahim and Nissi
Year 2	Vidip and Conor
Year 3	Adonaya and Isabella
Year 4	Joshua A and Miracle
Year 5	Rebecca and Angelika
Year 6	Isaac K and James

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Nursery	Lilly-Belle
FDN2/Reception	Jaxon
Year 1	Isabella and Micah
Year 2	Matilda, Maja and Tobias
Year 3	Harry and David
Year 4	Hafsa and Emily
Year 5	Alexander and Millie

Well done to all of you!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Following elections in the past two weeks each class has elected a representative for the school council. The school council will meet regularly and they will have a range of exciting responsibilities, the first of which will be naming the new attendance bears. Watch this space for future updates soon.



CENSUS DAY MENU CHANGE

You will have had a letter from our Chef, Mrs Lowther, to ask for your help on Thursday 4th October - Autumn Census Day. You can help us secure more funds for your school by ordering a school meal for that day.

The menu has been changed to a favourite of many children—Bockwurst (pork) Hot Dogs for the Main choice, Quorn Frankfurters for the Vegetarian option. Both are served with seasoned potato wedges and sweetcorn, with a choice of a Chocolate Cookie, fresh fruit or yoghurts to follow. There is also the option of choosing a jacket potato, or we can make ham or cheese sandwiches as part of the packed lunch choice.

If you have already ordered, thank you. Please be aware that the menu will change automatically to Hot Dogs.

If you wish to change, just email the chef and she can sort this out for you



Email: chef@ctsmk.org.uk

PARENTS' EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION / COLLECTION AFTER SCHOOL

Please ensure that you have advised us of any recent changes of address or mobile telephone numbers so that the office staff can contact you quickly in the case of an emergency.

Please also ensure we have been informed who has been given authority to collect your child from school each day.

If someone different comes to collect your child and we haven't been notified, we will not be able to let them go.

If your child is in Years 5 or 6, you may wish to give them permission to leave the classroom rather than being collected from the door at the end of the day. A letter has been sent home with a slip to complete if you wish to inform us of your wishes. We ask you to complete this permission form as soon as possible please.

APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

All Year 6 parents will already know that they need to apply now for their secondary school places for September 2019. This is a reminder that you only have until midnight on Wednesday 31st October to make your online application. This is in the Half Term Week, so don't forget - apply now!

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions>

STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEPTEMBER 2019

Children born between 1 Sept 2014 to 31 August 2015 are due to start their statutory schooling in September 2019. The process to apply is open via the MK Council website, and the closing date for applications is 15th January 2019.

There will be a presentation and tour available to book on for prospective parents for admissions in October 2019 on the following days:

**Friday 19th October
Tuesday 23rd October**

Both presentations about our Foundation 2 and school ethos will start at 1.00pm and we expect them to last approximately one hour which includes a school tour and chance to ask questions. If at all possible, we would ask you to make childcare arrangements for your child(ren) to get the best out of this meeting, however we do understand that this may not always be possible.

CHAPLAINCY

Mrs Feil and the Chaplaincy Team have asked for the following to be included in your prayers:



As we prepare for Harvest, a time of thankfulness, please join us in giving thanks for...

- amazing blessing during the Year 6 visit to Quinta
- aspects of our school that we really appreciate
- the fruitfulness of the earth, particularly this Autumn

Please also pray for those within our school and city community who are in need of food and shelter this autumn.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

There is a citizen portal to help you find out if your child qualifies for free school meals. Please visit to sign up, even if your child is in year R, 1 or 2 and receiving universal free school meals, or if you have applied before and do not think you are eligible. In doing so you will help us to find out whether we can claim pupil premium for your child. This is additional funding to spend on resources such as extra staff, books or school trips for eligible children. The system is quick and simple to use and can be accessed via a smartphone or hand held device. If you qualify, you will receive a reference number that you simply bring in and show us at school so you can order your meals for free.

It only takes a few minutes, so please register at https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE

