

## Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it's half term already and the children have been in school for 7 weeks! It's been lovely to see the Reception children settle in so well, as well as our families who have joined us since the beginning of term.

It's been a busy but exiting half term; Year 6 are working hard on their Shakespeare rehearsals and looking forward their performance at South Hill Park on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Miss Garnham has been helping plant the vegetables in our Edible Playground and we've had various sporting events including several football matches. Key Stage 2 have held their Home Learning Exhibitions and today we had House Competition and Schools Photos, to name just a few things.

It was good to see so many parents at the Welcome Information Evenings and I hope you found the Parents Evenings useful.

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested, please see the email that was sent out last week, or contact the school office.

Have a restful half term and see you on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Michael Dillon - Headteacher**

## Reception



It has been another exciting week in Reception as the children have been learning about 'People Who Help Us'. In the outdoor role play area, the children have enjoyed the doctors' surgery where they have been pretending to be doctors, nurses and receptionists.

In Literacy we have been retelling the story of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" using actions and a story map for cues. During the Literacy sessions the children made amendments to the story by changing the porridge to a bowl of Weetabix and the bed to the bear's swimming pool. They have really enjoyed repeating "Who's been swimming in my pool?"

## Nursery

Nursery have been experimenting with paint recently.

We really enjoyed getting messy hands when we made handprints!

We also experimented with painting on the table and making lots of marks with our hands and fingers. Then we printed our marks onto a piece of paper. It was like magic!





### **Sapphire Class**

Another wonderful week for us in Sapphire Class. We have been very focused on our learning relating to 'Instructions'. We have practised listening to and following instructions and talked about times that this is important and *why*. The children have been great at giving each other instructions and remembering to use sequencing words to help give a sense of order.

We have put our learning to good

use and created our very own healthy pizzas and fruit kebabs, which we very much enjoyed – it was brilliant that so many members of our class tried some new foods!

In Maths we have also continued our quest to become experts at sequencing numbers and working with 'tens' and ones'. We have enjoyed physical activities to help us with this, and have used range of equipment to support ourselves too.

We have also even managed to fit in some beautiful Autumn craft for a classroom display. Well done Sapphire Class – we are proud of all of you.

### **Rainbow Room**

In the Rainbow Room the children have been settling back in after our summer break.

We have been lucky enough to visit the Edible Garden with Miss Garnham to plant seeds in our flower bed. Each child sowed their own seeds and we will look forward to looking after them and watching them grow.

The children have also been working on team building within their group. Working together to create artwork, learning to share equipment, problem solving and asking for help when needed.



## **We Want Your Old Boots!**



With our ever growing football community within the school we're introducing the 'Football Boot Recycling and Re-Use' scheme. If your child has grown out of their football boots and they are in good condition please bring them into school. This will enable other children to participate in the football sessions after school to enhance their development.



### **Book Fair**

*Thank you for all your support at the book fair. We raised **£1038** and have been able to order lots of new books for the school.*

*Thank you!*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>MONDAY 24TH—FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER</b>
Year 5 & 6 Rugby Tournament	Thursday 3rd November
Year 6 Shakespeare Performance @ South Hill Park	Wednesday 9th November (evening)
Year 4/5/6 Cross Country Competition	Friday 11th November
Reception Family Learning - Busy Bags (more information to follow).	RA—17th November— 9.00-11.00am RW—24th November - 9.00-11.00am
Asthma Parent Drop-In Morning	Tuesday 22nd November - 8.30am
Year 4 Oxford Castle Trip	Thursday 24th November
Reception Nativity	Wednesday 7th December—2.00pm Friday 9th December—9.30am
Key Stage 1 Nativity	Wednesday 7th December—9.30am Thursday 8th December—9.30am Thursday 8th December—1.30pm
Resilience Workshop for Parents	Thursday 8th December—1.30-3.15pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14th December
<b>END OF TERM</b>	<b>FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER</b>

### **Attachments:**



***Please note that Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 14th December***