



*Start small., dream big*

### A message from Mrs Cave...

What a busy first half term we have had! I hope you all had wonderful, relaxing half-term breaks and that the children are ready to take on the challenges of the next half term. Apologies in advance for the Nativity songs that I am sure will become 'ear worms' for you all in the not-too-distant future. Please keep an eye on your emails and the children's book bags as I am sure scripts, song words and costume letters will be coming out shortly.

The mornings are definitely feeling chillier (and wetter!) and we are now well and truly into Autumn. With this in mind please make sure your children come to school with a coat every day. As the temperature continues to drop, a scarf, gloves, hat etc will also be useful. Please make sure everything is named!

Thank you as always for your on-going support!

### Meet our new School Council!



Year One



Year Two

### Reading at home

All children should now have reading books and reading records that will come home on a daily basis. Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and sign their diary each time they read. Regular reading helps children make good progress and will support their learning in school. Sharing stories at bed time is just as important and a lovely way to share a love of reading! Remember that you can access Oxford Own online, which has hundreds of free e-books. Thank you for your support!

### Fresh food Friday

Remember that there is fresh food available in the Oak Rooms every Friday between 10.30 and 12.30. Feel free to bring a bag and stock up and it's all completely free! Mrs O'Regan and Mrs Samuel are also available during this time and are up in the Oak Rooms for you to speak with if you fancy a chat. They might even make you a cup of tea!



### Breakfast and after school club

A reminder that school offers wrap-around care for children before and after school. Breakfast club is available from 7:30 to the start of the school day and After School club runs from the end of the school day to 6:00pm. If you would like your child to attend, you can book sessions through your Scopay account.



### Volunteers

We warmly welcome any volunteers who would like to come and help in school. If you are interesting in volunteering, please contact the office.

### Dates for your diary:

- 17.11.23—Children in Need (mufti for £1 donation)
- 01.12.23—NATIVITY! Year R performance (younger siblings welcome) 9:15am
- 04.12.23—NATIVITY! Year R adult-only performance 9:15am and KS1 adult-only performance 2:15pm
- 05.12.23—NATIVITY! KS1 adult-only performance 9:15am
- 06.12.23—NATIVITY! KS1 performance (younger siblings welcome) 2:15pm
- 07.12.23—Nursery Carol Concert 9:15am and 3:00pm
- 08.12.23—Save the Children's Christmas jumper day (£1 donation—wear Christmas jumper with normal uniform)
- 12.12.23—Santa Dash! Fundraising event. Details to follow.
- 14.12.23—Christmas party and lunch day (Children can wear party clothes to school)
- 15.12.23—Last day of term.  
1:30pm finish.



# Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to the winners of our reading raffle!



Our new Nursery outdoor area!



Congratulations to our Exciting Writers and Marvellous Mathematicians!



Meet our new Reading Champions!



This month's attendance award goes to:



Hedgehogs



## Nursery news

We have been learning about our body and starting to use a range of materials to create ourselves and members of our family. As the weather has changed, we have been on a walk to spot the signs of Autumn such as golden leaves. We have been learning how to put on our own coats and helping our friends with theirs.



## Reception news

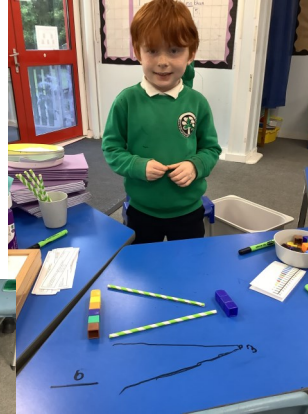
We have been working on our physical development, we worked on our finger muscles by using different tools to explore a pumpkin and we worked on our whole body strength by creating and testing out our own obstacle courses. We also had a dentist visit us who taught us all about how to look after our teeth.





## Year 1 news

Year 1 have had a very exciting month! In English, we explored the book 'Oi Frog!'. We thought that the story was very funny and learnt lots of new animals. We also learnt about rhyming words and created some of our own rhyming words before writing our own versions of the story.



## Year 2 news

Year 2 really enjoyed their carnival dance workshop earlier in the month. We learnt all about the different carnivals in Brazil and the different costumes and headaddresses they wear. We then got to learn a samba dance as a whole class and had lots of fun performing what we had learnt to our grownups. We also enjoyed using the ink and printing tools to create our own rainforest leaf prints, inspired by Georgia O'Keefe. They came out looking very bright and colourful!

