



## WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear All

At this time of year, I have the privilege of showing prospective parents around school, and I feel enormously proud to showcase the great work that is going on. Our children are always well-mannered and when we peep into classrooms we can see all of them hard at work.

Our School Council has met and have chosen the charities for this year. They choose a national charity, which is Roald Dahl and a local charity which is Oxfordshire Mind. I look forward to hearing their fundraising plans soon! The Eco-Council has also been busy, their review is now on display on their board and they have already made an improvement in the dining hall with their suggestion of how to reduce the queue when disposing of food.


Today sees the first House Event of the year when our Key Stage 1 and Reception children were busy working on a team building activity- successfully working together to build towers using a range of edible items. I'm hoping that not too many of the components were eaten along the way!

Next Wednesday, the Key Stage 2 House event will take place, when children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in a cross country competition. As these events are organised by Houses, it is lovely to see the children working together as a team, encouraging each other. The Houses in our school are named after different creatures, Yellow Cheetahs, Green Turtles, Blue Dolphins and Red Scorpions. When children join us they are allocated to a House. During the year, there are different House events organised to enable the children to work together. On a daily basis children may earn individual merits (also know as House points). Each week the House Captains total those earned during the week and these are read out in assembly on a Friday. Of course, the final House event of the year is our Sports Day held in the summer term.

At the end of this half-term, we say goodbye to Miss Kerr who has to return to Canada. Miss Kerr is a valued member of our team, particularly in Year 4 and I wish her every future happiness. Mrs Lane is also to leave us to give herself more time with her family. Her final day with us will be December 16th. We will miss her very much as she has been here for many years and is highly regarded by colleagues, parents and children. I will particularly miss the personal support she has given me since I returned to Long Furlong especially as we were both here at the same time (far too) many years ago!

# School News

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Last week's Value was Forgiveness and when members of Christchurch came to lead an assembly for us, the children enjoyed their performance of Joseph's Coat of Many Colours. I was delighted to present Star of the Week awards to Ieuan Thomas-Lopez, Isabel Willberg, Guille Vila Lladosa, Kanisha Panch, Lewis Townsend (who was nominated by another pupil), Catherine Newton and Ryan Murphy.  Headteacher certificates are awarded to Belle Walker (Bronze), Amy Pizzey (Bronze) and Robert Digby (Silver).

This week's value has been cooperation and it was very much in evidence during the House event! I look forward to seeing many of you at FOLF's Bingo evening today.

My very best wishes

**Mrs Carol Dunne**  
**Headteacher**

## COMMUNICATIONS THIS WEEK

Book Fair	Whole School	Mon 10th Oct (ParentMail)
Staffing Changes	Year 4	Weds 12th Oct (ParentMail)
Parents' Evening	Main School	Fri 14th Oct (ParentMail & Hardcopy)
Residential Meeting	Year 6	Fri 14th Oct (ParentMail)
Secondary Schools	Year 6	Fri 14th Oct (ParentMail)

## COMING UP ....

Ten of our Year 6 pupils will take part in a Primary Leadership Academy next **Tuesday 18th October**. At the Academy young people from the Vale receive training from outstanding Young Ambassadors at King Alfred's. The event is to give pupils training to help them become leaders who could make a difference in school.

On **Wednesday 19th October**, pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take part in a cross-country house event. Pupils should bring their house t-shirts into school and should ensure they have their PE kit in school.

The last day of school before half-term is next **Thursday 20th October**. School finishes at the usual time of 3.15pm and school re-opens on Monday 31st October.

## THANK YOU!



A big thank you once again for your generous harvest donations for the Abingdon Emergency Foodbank. The donations were collected last weekend.

# House Event - KS1

*The challenges were to build the tallest and strongest tower (to withstand a 10 second earthquake!) from marshmallows, gum drops, cocktail sticks and spaghetti! Yellow Cheetahs and Blue Dolphins had the tallest tower while Yellow Cheetahs and Green Turtles had the strongest.*

*We definitely could see some engineers in the making!*



# House Event - KS1





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## HALLOWEEN HAUNT

24TH - 29TH OCTOBER 2016

Follow the trail around Abingdon Town Centre using the clues and find the letters that reveal the secret code!

Don't miss out on your chance to **win £100** to spend in Abingdon Town Centre.

Pick up the clues and submit your entry forms in  
THROWING BUNS, 8 MARKET PLACE, ABINGDON

WWW.VISITABINGDON.CO.UK



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### Primary Times Oxford

Here is the link for the October 2016 Oxfordshire Primary Times

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/56006522/ptoxon-oht16-lo>



# Oxford <sup>op</sup> Philharmonic Orchestra

Sunday 23 October 2016  
Oxford Town Hall, 3pm

## **FUNomusica** Family Concert **Just the Job!**

Alasdair Malloy presenter

From athlete to zookeeper, scientist to spaceman, ballerina to builder and farmer to firefighter, come dressed for your dream job and join in the fun!

Most suitable for ages 4-8  
Pre-concert craft activities at 2pm

Supported by the D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

Tickets: adults £10 children £4

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# Community News



## U6 Kennington Athletic Academy

Kennington Athletic is a Charter Standard Football Club, which is dedicated in delivering youth football throughout the village of Kennington and it's surrounding area and we are always on the lookout for new players, with both boys and girls welcome. All coaches hold DBS certificates and are all qualified to a minimum of Level 1 coaching, which includes first aid.

The forthcoming season will see the U6's training together on Saturday mornings 10.00am – 11.00am at Forest Side, Kennington. Our aim in training is to first have fun, meet new friends and be confident with a ball at their feet.

Training will start 05 November - 10 December. Resuming 15 January - 12 February 2017. Cost £20, first taster session free.

If you are interested or require further information, please contact: -

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