



## WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents

This week's value has been "thoughtfulness" and it was lovely to reward a few of our exceptionally thoughtful pupils with their Stars in assembly today, it is a value we see much of around our school. Some of our children have talked about the tragic incident that happened in Manchester on Monday evening, if you have concerns about how to discuss it with your child if they ask you about it there is useful information from the British Psychological Society: <https://beta.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/british-psychological-society-statement-manchester-bombing> and for older pupils there is a video from the BBC Newsround which can help, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>.

Our older children and staff were offered the choice to join in with the national one minute of silence for those affected by the Manchester attack by sitting in the safe space of our hall, focusing on those who help at times of great need and distress. I was so proud of their ability to make the choice (for many it wasn't appropriate and it wasn't offered to KS1 and Reception pupils) and of their thoughtfulness when we were together.

Last week our value was "Cooperation" and we heard in assembly of the excellent skills and attitude demonstrated by Tom O and Oliver B, Kirit, Belle W, Niall, Akaalsimar and Tom W and also Sophia S in Reception for the value of 'Excellence'.



I had the pleasure of joining our Year 5 Maths team for a Mathematics Challenge in Oxford this week. The competition was very intense and Pranit, Izzy, Emily and Jack can be very proud of their achievement and positive attitude.

Please can I remind parents that if their child has a mobile phone, it would be safer kept at home. If you child has a mobile at school, please could you let me know the reason why they need it. We cannot take responsibility for children's phones in school. Thank you for your support.

Some of you are already aware of the Fairer Funding for School organisation which has a strong voice here in Abingdon, I have received the following information to share with you:

"Please be reassured that we are apolitical - we would be concerned about the government's cuts regardless of who was in power. There is a national day of action on Friday 26 May, however, due to different issues we're focusing on Saturday 27 May here in Oxfordshire.

# School News

1. Saturday 27 May, 9.30-12 noon, stall in Market Place, Abingdon - chance for parents, school staff to pick up general election posters/information sheet as well as sign petitions to ALL candidates asking for a focus on funding/pledge to defend school budgets. One candidate has already confirmed that she will pop along.
2. Saturday 27 May, 2.30-5pm, Wesley Memorial Hall, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford, teaching unions/parent organisations workshops in Oxford (open to all! There is a children's conference running alongside which all children are welcome to attend, so very family friendly) - workshops on education issues and campaigning. Book places here: <http://oxfordeducationday.eventbrite.co.uk/>

My thanks to FOLF for organising a fun-filled Beetle Drive last week, it was lovely to see so many families joining together. Thank you too to Badger Club for enabling our children to share the use of their new table tennis table and providing the bats and balls for us to do so! It has been very well used since it was installed.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and that we continue to see lots of sunshine!

Best wishes

**Mrs Carol Dunne**  
Headteacher

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you would like to order new school uniform for next year there are a number of ways to do this:

- Through the school office—please collect an order form from the leaflet rack outside the school office and return, with payment by **Monday 12th June**. Orders should be with you by the end of the summer term.
- Direct from Brigade— [www.brigade.uk.com/direct](http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct) Orders placed before **7th August** will be delivered to your home before the start of term.
- Direct from Tesco—<https://www.tesco.com/direct/ues/>
- We will sell school uniform in school on **Tuesday 5th September** from 2—3pm

## COMMUNICATIONS THIS WEEK

Library Newsletter	Main School	Mon 22nd May (ParentMail & Hardcopy)
Light and Laser Day	Year 5	Mon 22nd May (ParentMail)
Production at St Helen & St Katharine	Year 5	Tues 23rd May (ParentMail)
PJ's and Carrier Bag	Year 5	Tues 23rd May (ParentMail)
No Spellings	Year 1	Thurs 25th (ParentMail & Hardcopy)
FOLF Summer Fete	Whole School	Thurs 25th May (ParentMail & Hardcopy)
Online Safety Session	Main School	Thurs 23rd May (ParentMail & Hardcopy)
New Footballs	Year 3– 6	Thurs 23rd May (ParentMail)
Harry Potter Change Of Date	Year 5 & 6	Thurs 23rd May (ParentMail)

## COMING UP ....

Next week is half term week and **Monday 5th June** is an inset day so pupils do not return to school until **Tuesday 6th June**.

Year 5 and 6 will enjoy a Harry Potter themed day on **Tuesday 6th June**—we look forward to seeing their costumes!

On **Wednesday 7th June**, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a QUAD kids Sporting House event. Please could pupils in these classes have their PE kit in school on the day as well as their House T-Shirt.

We end the week with a Year 2 class assembly on **Friday 9th June** at 2.30pm in the school hall.

# Community News



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# COUNTY SHOW

ABINGDON'S FARMING FESTIVAL



**Sunday 28th May 2017**    
**10am – 5pm**

Location: Earth Trust, Little Wittenham OX14 4QZ  
Under 5's free, 16 & under £5, Adults £7.50, Family £20

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