
September 11th 2020 Newsletter

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Haven't we been lucky with this September sunshine? I have been on breaktime supervision every morning and it's great to see the children **relaxed and happy** enjoying our wonderful school grounds. Although it's been hard work for us all this week – back to full time teaching and learning in school; I have been very impressed by the children's **enthusiastic responses to lessons** and their **thoughtful care for each other**.

Alongside teaching of core subjects and baseline assessments, we have introduced a **recovery curriculum** to focus on the restoration of relationships, engagement of parents in transition, closing gaps in learning, re-building pupils' confidence as learners and providing space to play and just be. Naturally, many of us are experiencing heightened anxiety during this period and members of staff are being provided with training and resources to support these needs. If you have any **suggestions of ways we can safely improve our engagement with parents**, do get in touch; we welcome your ideas.

Our arrangements for playtimes and lunchtimes are going smoothly and **we're starting to think about re-introducing extra-curricular clubs** if we can do so safely. I am meeting with club leaders to discuss safety measures in the next couple of weeks so there'll be an update in due course.

It would be great if we could complete drop-off and collection of pupils a little more swiftly. I appreciate that it's more difficult to communicate with class teachers during this period; however, passing messages via office staff at the school gate can be time-consuming and slows down the entry and exit of pupils. I would be grateful; therefore, if parents would **email or phone the office and ask for class teachers to ring them back**. This will allow direct parent-teacher communication, which is always preferable, and will allow the queue to move on unimpeded.

Thank you for your support.

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day



This Week's Pictures



Marley and Flo making towers to practice counting back.





More Information

Music Update

Emma has spaces available for piano lessons before school, lunch time and after school. She is able to offer face-to-face or



Zoom tuition. Please contact daviesepiano@gmail.com for further information. **Watch this space for the re-introduction of music club and choir.**

Further to an email sent from the office yesterday, please be aware that Elestr Lee is offering online violin lessons with immediate effect. For more information, email: elestr.lee@btinternet.com.

Rights Respecting Schools - Article of the Week

As children and young people return to the classroom it is a good time to explore Article 3: Best interests of the child. Over the last few months many decisions have been made that impact on students' lives, often in ways that may have long lasting consequences. Article 3 states that the best interests of children and young people must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect them. And it is important that as adults and duty bearers we communicate to children and young people the need to act in their best interests and seek their involvement in those decisions.



Dates for Your Diary

21st September	C.H.I.P.P AGM – Time and venue tbc
21st September	Stone Age Day (Panda Class only)
W/C 5th October	Autumn Parents' Evenings via Teams
23rd October	End of Term (school ends at 3:20pm)
November 2nd	Inset Day
November 3rd	Day 1 of Term 2

A Note from Revd Kevin Davies – Sunday Worship

You can come and worship again in your parish church. It is early, simple, safe and short. Woodcote at 8.30am or Checkendon at 9am, on Sunday mornings. However, if you prefer to attend a Sunday service via Zoom, please see this coming Sunday service choices below. For Zoom Meeting IDs and Passwords please refer to <http://langtreechurches.org/sunday-services/>

Description of Service
10am A service of the word led by Revd John. Readings and prayers to start the day with God.
10am Morning praise with Revd Linda. Songs, prayers and readings to share.
11am Holy communion with Revd Kevin. A modern communion service with hymns and a short talk.



And finally.....

Q. Why is arithmetic hard work?
A. All those numbers you have to carry.



Owlet Class

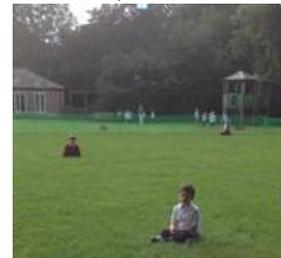
Owlet class enjoyed the visit from PCSOs Maria and Claire on Tuesday. They had a lot of fun looking at the police car and finding out all the different jobs that PCSOs do to help keep us safe.

Owl Class



Oscar and Deiniol solving a hundred square jigsaw

As part of their Science lesson on vibrations, **Panda Class** went outside



and sat in the glorious sunshine, listening to the huge range of sounds

around us. Matteo and Trey showed really calm listening skills.

Rhino Class

Sophia celebrating her birthday in class this week.

