
September 18th 2020 Newsletter

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We have been counting our blessings this week as we enjoyed this lovely sunny weather and our beautiful school grounds. If you follow the school on Twitter, you'll have seen some great photographs of children making the most of our outside space. We are very grateful to one of our governors, Sunelle Nel, for managing the school Twitter account.

Our safety arrangements continue to work well, although we would like to speed up the 3:20 collection if possible. We're also exploring the option of substituting hand-sanitizing for handwashing after PE lessons and at the end of the school day. Our current procedures require the children to wash their hands six times daily and, as you can imagine, this is very time consuming. There will be an update about this in due course.

As the number of locality lockdowns increases and there is talk of countrywide restrictions being introduced once again, there is inevitably some anxiety about the impact this will have on us all. As a head teacher, I receive daily email Coronavirus updates from the DfE and monthly briefings from Oxfordshire County Council to ensure that schools can be as prepared as possible for the next phase. With our large airy indoor spaces and wonderful school grounds we are as well placed as we can be to provide a safe learning environment for adults and children. We are all working hard to maintain a whole raft of safety measures in school; please support our efforts by following government guidance about out of school socialising. Thank you



Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day



This Week's Pictures

Lara watering the plants in the garden outside Owlet Class.



More Information

Music Update



Music club is back!!!
Please see attached for more details.



Does anybody have a standard size violin they are looking to sell? If so, please contact the office so we can put you in touch with the parent who is looking for one – thank you.



Reading Books
Please ensure that all school books are returned on Fridays so that new packs can be provided on Mondays. This is particularly important so that the books can be quarantined over the weekend.

Birthdays this week..... Many happy returns to **Matteo** (Monday), **Saskia** (Tuesday) and **Lara** (today). Happy Birthday also to **Clio** who will be 7 on Sunday ☺



Polite reminder As part of our Covid 19 safety arrangements, **all** children in Y1 – Y6 should enter and exit the school building via the main front door. There is no entry to children in these year groups via the door next to Rhino Class. Thank you for your support.

A Note from Revd Kevin Davies – Sunday Worship

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	Open door service with Revd Linda. A friendly service to explore your faith.
11am	Family worship with Revd Kevin. An informal service with the music group and a chance to chat.

Dates for your Diary

21st September	C.H.I.P.P AGM via Teams 8pm
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)
31st October	Closing date for on-line secondary school applications
November 2nd	Inset Day
November 3rd	Day 1 of Term 2

And finally..... Why couldn't the bike stand up? It was too tired.

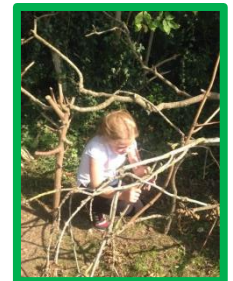


Owlet Class have been very busy this week learning about their senses. They have been on a sound walk around the field, explored the water beads, created textured pictures, and tasted lots of fruit and veg. They have also been very busy making our hands strong in our finger gym!

Owl Class making music



Persie in Panda Class enjoying den building in the sunshine.



Rhino Class
Some of the boys making the most of our outside space at lunchtime!

