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## October 9th 2020 Newsletter

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### World Mental Health Day Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

For some years now, we have used resources from **Action for Happiness** to promote happiness in our school community. Our vision; seeking, serving, soaring, incorporates all ten keys and our school values promote **Giving, Relating, Trying out, Direction** and **Resilience**. Children have lots of opportunities for **Exercising** outdoors in our beautiful school grounds and our daily collective worship encourages them to develop **Awareness, Acceptance** and **Meaning**. Given the difficult times we are all living through, learning about keys to happier living has never been more important and we have set aside extra time this term to focus on pupils' **Emotions** each day; to encourage them to *See life as it is but focus on the good bits!* <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys>

It has been lovely to see the children responding so well to the additional support we have put in place to support their mental health during this time. Whether they are 'cooking' in the mud kitchen, grappling with fractions, constructing cardboard castles, sprinting across the rec, discussing current affairs or building dens on the field; their zest for life, learning and laughter is a tonic for us all!

Please click on the link to take part in a short survey to provide feedback about your child's return to school (click the **Finish** button to submit your views).

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=3542138f-7fe3-40ae-bc8a-cf6ca19cab3f>

Warm regards,  
**Gillian Seymour**

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### Thought for the Day



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### Pictures of the Week

**Owlet Class** made baked apples using apples from Mrs Wortley's garden.



# More Information

## Class Reps Required

**CH.I.P.P** is looking to recruit class reps for YR, Y2, Y4 and Y5. To understand what the role involves please see the description attached. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Kate Pullan via [kate.pullan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kate.pullan@yahoo.co.uk) Thank you.



## Operation Christmas Child goes Online



If you would like to pack a shoebox for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal this year, you can do so ONLINE (of course they are still collecting physical boxes and these can be taken to a drop off location). To see how it works take a look at their website: <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> Why not take a look at this great online option and see the variety of toys and items you can pack? Children and their families can still choose the gender, age and items to

go in the box as well as including a personal note and photograph. More information attached.

**Happy Birthday** to **Holly (Monday), Oscar (Wednesday) and Zoe (today).**



**Thank you** to the parents of Matteo, Rafe and Oscar for their help recently with rubbish removal, fence repairs and hedge cutting. We really do appreciate your kindness and support.



## Sunday Church Services – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Please see this coming Sunday service choices below. For Zoom Meeting IDs and Passwords please refer to <http://langtreechurches.org/sunday-services/>

10am Holy Communion with Revd John. A chance to share in the sacrament together.
10am Worshipping Together with Caroline Older An informal service with hymns and a short talk.
11am Holy Communion with Revd Kevin. Hymns, a communion, and a longer sermon from Revd Kevin.

## Dates for your Diary

20 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	End of Term (school ends at 3:20pm)
31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Closing date for on-line secondary school applications</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Inset Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Day 1 of Term 2
15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Deadline for returning flu consent forms</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations

## And Finally....

Q: What is a mummy's favourite kind of music?  
A: Rap!



This week in **Owl Class** we have been enjoying the Autumn weather! Lots of leaves have fallen from the trees and we have had great fun sweeping them up



**Owl Class** making castles and an example of a finished product!



This week **Panda Class** have been learning about the Iron Age, discussed and made Iron Age roundhouses, comparing them to Stone Age and Bronze Age homes.



## Rhino Class making



replica blood with the key components: plasma, platelets, white and red blood cells

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