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'Knowing each child, growing each child, in God's love'

Friday 22nd October

Dear parents,

We have had a very busy couple of weeks and cannot believe the half term holidays are here already!

I would like to congratulate our cross country team who competed in a 1-mile race at Haileybury earlier in the week. They were up against some heavy rain and slippery conditions. We entered two combined teams with children from Tonwell and Thundridge. This was our first joint sports event and it was extremely successful. It was lovely to see the children supporting each other so well. Our boys' team came 4th overall and our girls' team came 7th overall (out of 12 schools). An extra special well done to George and Leo who came first and third in their race.



Children have enjoyed Forest School sessions where they have been learning about shelter making. Pine class worked together to make a ridge-line shelter and Oak class investigated temperature changes in storm shelters. All activities are developing our children's independence and resilience.

Well done to our more-able writers in Y5/6 who joined with children from other schools on Wednesday to meet author Anne Stairmand and practice their narrative writing.



Some of you may have seen our governors visiting the school on Tuesday. They visited lessons, spoke to the children and looked at their work as part of their monitoring role. Governors noted that 'The classrooms were a lovely, well ordered, calm environment for learning. In each classroom children were being well supported with teachers or TAs, as well as being encouraged to develop independently'

Today, Oak class have been visiting the Henry Moore Foundation in preparation for their art topic on sculpture. I look forward to being able to share some of their work next half term.

Kind regards,
Mrs Bridgman

Nuts

Please be aware that we are not allowed to have nuts on the school premises. This is due to allergies.



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Autumn Pumpkin Hunt

Following the success of our ice cream treasure hunt, the school council have organised an autumn pumpkin hunt with 20 pumpkins hidden around the village. Each word had an autumn word on it. Please note down all of the words and return your sheet to the school office or post box by the purple gates. There will be a prize for every correct entry!

Online Safety

We have been made aware of a safeguarding issue affecting some primary aged children. There is a Netflix Korean drama which has gone viral and has growing popularity with some younger audiences called 'Squid Game'. It is certified 15 and includes extreme violence, self-harm and suicide, bad language and scenes of a sexual nature. You can find more details about setting parental controls at: <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/114280>

Dragon's Apprentice Project

Children in Oak class have been invited to take part in the Dragon's Apprentice Project with local businesses. The project has a similar format to the TV show Dragon's Den with the children designing a product or service to raise money for charity. Our charity will be the local food bank. Children will be given £50 seed money and challenged to make as much as they can for the charity. We look forward to being able to share more details after half term.

Key Dates

Please note that these may be subject to change and some activities will be risk assessed nearer the time to check they can still go ahead.

25 th Oct- 29 th October	HALF TERM
22 nd Oct-2 nd Nov	Village Autumn Pumpkin Hunt
Monday 1 st November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 9 th November	8.50am Parent Forum
Wednesday 10 th November	8.45am phonics workshop EYFS
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need
Monday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 15 th ODD SOCK DAY)
Monday 22 nd November	6pm Parent Forum federation meeting
Friday 26 th November	FOT Christmas Event
Friday 3 rd December	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th December	Open the Book worship for children
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas Service @ Holy Trinity (we hope!)
Thursday 16 th December	Y1-6 to Pantomime
	Whole school Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 21 st December	1.15pm End of Term