



Dear Parents,

This week has been all about Harvest. Our collective worship focused on the meaning and importance of Harvest, using the many parts of a combine harvester as a metaphor for teamwork and community.

We ended the week with a wonderful Harvest Service in school. Thank you for your generous donations to the Bicester Food Bank and for joining us to celebrate this special occasion. I hope you enjoyed the children's performances as much as we did. A special thank you also goes to Reverend Cortney for leading us in worship. Some members of our Ethos Team will accompany me to deliver your donations to the food bank.

This week also marked the start of our out-of-school sporting events, beginning with the Year 3-6 Cross Country at The Cooper School. Twenty children represented our school, showing great determination and team spirit as each group completed their race. We are now waiting for the results to see who has qualified for the next stage — I'm hopeful that one or two of our Year 4 pupils may have made it through! If your child took part, please could you ensure their cleaned kit is returned to school next week so we're ready for our next sporting event.



Please could I ask parents to help by ensuring children do not run, climb on fencing, or play on the bike racks at the start and end of the day, as these activities could lead to injury. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe. Signs are being prepared for the playground to remind everyone.

Looking ahead, on Monday we'll be hosting our Harvest Tea, welcoming many of the older members of our local community. It's always a joy to see their delight when they receive the handwritten invitations created and delivered by our Year 5 and 6 pupils (with a few kind helpers delivering to those further afield!). Thank you in advance for your cake donations and support in making this cherished event possible.

Wishing you all a warm and restful weekend,

Nadia Gosling

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### **Forest School Plea!**

We are looking for some large logs to use at Forest School. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

Thank you!



### **Diary dates**

- **13th October—Yr5/6 Harvest Tea (for invited members of the community)**
- **16th October— Year5&6 Pickle Ball Trip**
- **20th October—Parents Evening**
- **23 October—KS1 Football Festival (during school time)**
- **23rd October—Parents Evening**
- **24th October—Inset Day**
- **27th-31st October—Half Term**
- **4th November—PTA AGM**
- **6th November— Y3&4 Girls Football Festival (during school time)**
- **14th November—PTA Non-uniform day**
- **14th November—PTA Winter School Disco**



### **Class Attendance Winner**

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

**100% attendance**

**Whole school attendance**

**93%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

### **Breakfast Club & CAST**

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am  
8:30am—8:40am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm  
or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

### **PTA**

We hope you liked the Christmas card designs sent home with your child.

The cut off date for ordering is

**16th October**

So, if you haven't already ordered and don't want to miss out—order today to receive your cards in time for the festive season!



## FSU

It has been a wonderful week exploring our senses in EYFS. We have tasted lots of various foods including something sweet, salty, sour, hard, soft, chewy and juicy. Also, we smelt various different herbs and discussed our favourite things to smell. To finish the week, we went on a walk around the school to see what we could hear, smell, see and touch.



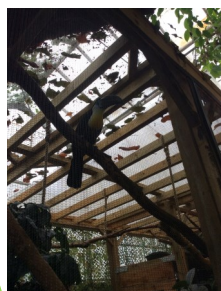
## Year 1 & 2

We have continued to work hard in Year 1 / 2 this week. In English we have been learning about features of a story, with a particular focus on adjectives. In Science we went on a Senses Walk inside and outside the classroom and thought about how each of our senses is important. And in Maths we have been using different methods to add and subtract, using various practical resources and 'Part-Part-Whole' models to help us.



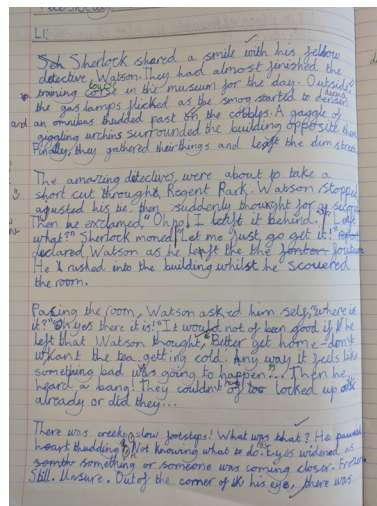
## Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 had a wonderful and very interesting trip to the Living Rainforest last week to accompany their learning about rainforests. The children (and staff!) learnt all about the layers of the rainforest and what animals and plants we would find at each level. There were many highlights but the poisonous blue frogs, the stick insects (did you know that they can detach their limbs for predators?!), the sloth, tarantula and iguana were certainly among the children's favourites.



## Year 5 & 6

The children have enjoyed writing mystery stories about Sherlock Holmes this week. They have focused on creating suspense in writing but using short sentences, ambitious vocabulary and ellipses to create a dramatic pause. Everyone has tried really hard and produced some amazing work!



## Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.

# HARVEST SERVICE

