



**Charlton-on-Otmoor CE Primary School**

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## **NEWSLETTER**

**This term we will be looking at the following value:**

**LOVE**

Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic first week back of the school year. I have been incredibly impressed with the children's attitude towards their learning and how quickly they have adjusted to the new routines and expectations.

On Tuesday we were visited by Tony Wilson, Director of Education for the Diocese. I would like to share with you an extract from the email which Tony sent across to the school following his visit:

*'This was my first visit both to the school and the village and I was so impressed with what I saw and heard. Relationships are incredibly warm and the positive culture that you are building within the school was palpable from the moment I arrived. Pupils were readily engaged in their learning and there was a sense of enjoyment in all of the activities I witnessed. Despite this being only the second day of the school year, children were settled and responding well to routines both in and out of the classroom.'*

I have very exciting news for the families of children in Early Years and Year 1/2. We have bought new 'Book Bag Books' which children will be taking home to help develop and improve their reading. The new books are aligned directly with the school phonics scheme, Read Write Inc.

We have been trying all summer to get these books and I would like to thank the Bustin family and the PTA for their incredibly generous donations to the school to make this happen. Together they have donated £2000 which is an incredible feat!

This morning, the children presented their ideas for the new house names. We have had lots of creative and exciting suggestions and I look forward to sharing these with you in the coming weeks.

Next week, I will be talking to the children about the new school council. This year, we are striving to become an eco-school. Achieving this status will require the school to set-up and establish an eco-council with eco-warriors driving change and improving environmental awareness throughout the school, local community and beyond. Children from reception to year six will be able to apply to join the new school council. Election day will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Finally, you will have seen in the newsletter that the awards for celebration assembly have changed. This year, in line with the new behaviour policy which I will be sharing with you, we will be looking for behaviours from pupils who reflect one or more of the six school values: love, kindness, honesty, respect, forgiveness and resilience.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Griffin

## - LUNCHES

If you need any help with booking your child's lunches on Eduspot, please give me a call as I will be happy to guide you through it. If your child always has a packed lunch, please continue to book them to make it easier for the teachers on duty at lunchtime. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

## ASSEMBLY



<b>EXPLORER OF THE WEEK</b>	Resilience	Oliver	For being resilient and coping with full days and changes to his routine.
<b>PATHFINDER OF THE WEEK</b>	Kindness	Anna	For showing kindness and friendliness to all of her new class friends and for settling in so well.
<b>ADVENTURER OF THE WEEK</b>	Respect	Brody	For always being polite and helpful to all.
<b>NAVIGATOR OF THE WEEK</b>	Love	Zak	For showing love to his other classmates.

# Outside School

## Kidlington All Blacks rugby open day

The club is having an open weekend on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Saturday, there will be two men's games to watch, including a junior guard of honour, a touch rugby demonstration and a hog roast and barbeque. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

On the Sunday, the open day is all about the youth section. There will be a free hotdog for every child (and sausages and chips to buy from the kitchen!). Time to show your mates how cool it is to play rugby and get them to join in the fun!

For our younger players (Small Blacks to U10) training will stay at 9:30 every Sunday, whilst from age 10 (U11 and up) kick off is at 11:00.

You may also be interested to know that Junior Touch is back on, for those interested in touch rugby and aged over 9, they train on Wednesdays 6-7.