



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of a busy term, we finish with our parent evenings. I hope these meetings have been helpful in giving you a clearer understanding of how your child has settled into their new year group. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or your child's class teacher via the school office.

As we are finishing our focus on the school value – Love. We focused on another new word – Agape. This term describes the highest form of love, often understood by Christians as the love between God and humankind. We also discussed the difference between conditional and unconditional love and reflected on which we felt was more meaningful!

Looking ahead to next term, we're excited to begin introducing the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme during break times. You will have received a letter outlining some of the items we are collecting to help us expand and develop our play resources. If you, or anyone you know, might be able to donate or source some of these materials, we would be very grateful for your support.

As part of the OPAL initiative, we are also delighted that our FSU class will be joining the rest of the school during lunch breaks. We have trialled this over the past few weeks, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing together.

After half term, our Thursday Forest School sessions will be changing. It will now be Years 5 & 6 and Years 1 & 2, with FSU continuing with their weekly sessions all year round. Please note that Forest School for FSU and Years 1 & 2 will start in the second week of term, as some staff will be completing First Aid training in the first week.

Wishing you all a restful and (hopefully) dry weekend,

Warm regards,

Nadia Gosling

Charlton-On-Otmoor

Dance club!

Fridays with Miss Ashley straight after school - 4.15pm. Parents to pick up from school hall. Open to reception-Yr 6.

£30 for 6 sessions starting on the 7th of November.

Payable via the Arbor app.

10 spaces available on a first come first serve basis.



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

100% attendance!

Whole school attendance

94%

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.

Diary dates

- **4th November—PTA AGM**
- **6th November— Y3&4 Girls Football Festival (during school time)**
- **7th November-12th December—Dance Club 3.15pm (Reception-Yr6 limited spaces, booking via Arbor)**
- **11th November—Remembrance Service at St Marys Church 9.15am**
- **14th November—PTA Non-uniform day**
- **14th November—PTA Winter School Disco**
- **16th November—Charlton Meetup at Junior Park Run (more info to follow)**
- **16th December—School Pantomime Trip for Reception-Yr6**
- **17th December—School Christmas Lunch**
- **18th December—School Nativity at St Marys Church 5.45pm**
- **19th December—School Nativity at St Marys Church 1.30pm**



PTA

We have lots of exciting events coming up next term. Please check your emails for more details!

Wishing you all a great half term!



FSU

We celebrated Diwali this week. The children all decorated a diya, they made lots of rangoli patterns and used paint to create a mehndi hand. We have had a fab last day to the term watching each other's talents. Thank you so much for working with the children at home on these. I can't believe I am so lucky to teach such a talented bunch of children. I hope you have a brilliant, spooky half term!



Year 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 were a little disappointed that today's Cooper School Football Festival was cancelled, but we made up for it by spending the morning doing various Autumn activities, including: working as a team to create a big Autumn tree, using play dough to make things such as pine cones, leaves and hedgehogs, and hunting for interesting Autumn leaves in the playground to draw and write about back in the classroom. I hope you all have a wonderful and well-deserved half term break!



Year 3 & 4

This term in D&T, Year 3 & 4 have been working on planning, designing, creating and evaluating photo frames. They used their own ideas to create stable structures from pipe cleaners and then designed a frame to attach to it. They have worked so hard and were very proud of their finished products. Hopefully many are already displayed at home with a photo in!



Year 5 & 6

This week, we enjoyed finishing off lots of this term's topics. That included printing our William Morris style wallpaper using printing tiles and making periscopes to explore reflection in science. It has been such a fabulous term and I am so proud of all the children for their efforts!



Safeguarding

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