

Friday 18th October 2024

**We are a Caring, Celebratory, Courageous, Christ-inspired
Community, rooted in love.**



Dear All,

Well, here we are at what is incredibly, the penultimate week of term one. I am certain that schools have their own unique time vortex and hours pass more quickly within an education setting!

There is only one way for me to begin this newsletter which is with today's Open Classroom Afternoon. It was absolutely marvellous to see so many of you in school this afternoon for our first of these. The atmosphere in classrooms was wonderful and the happiness on children's faces when their adult walked in was priceless. We really hope that you enjoyed coming and having that quality time with your child to share in their learning, as well as having a natter with the class teacher. Some of you have asked about whether the day for these will always be a Friday. That had been my intention so that busy parents will know 'where they are' in terms of planning ahead and making arrangements but I appreciate from your feedback, that this means for some of you, a Friday may never be possible due to work commitments. Therefore, we shall keep the Open Classroom Afternoon for next term on a Friday but vary the day of the week for terms 3-6.

Sporting Events for Term 1 – from Mrs Gough

We kicked off the school year's sport events with the School Games Values Invasion Festival held at Towcester Rugby Club on the 27th September. Year 5 and 6 were represented by Harry, Juan, Jack, Noah, Mason, Asher and John who practised a range of skills around stations linked to netball, rugby and football. They showed great respect and sportsmanship when following instructions from the Sports Leaders and playing new games whilst following new rules. Well done boys for representing our school so brilliantly.

Yesterday, Connie, Effie, Seren, Kaya, Gram, Zeco, Romilly and Sophie attended Brackley Rugby club to play four matches against local teams. They picked up the rules and tactics incredibly quickly and watched other teams for hints and tips! Mrs Ruff and I were incredibly proud of their perseverance to score tries and pull off the tags, as well as their positive attitude in trying a sport they haven't had much experience of yet.

Next Friday 25th October, our athlete, basketball player Chris Tawiah, is joining us for our first School Values Day during which we focus on the value of **Courage**. We are asked to have all cash sponsorship money in school by Tuesday 22nd of October in a named envelope with the completed sponsorship form. If you have donated via Crowdfunder (using the QR code) please return the completed sponsorship form with the amount and donator's name. This will enable us to complete certificates for the children who have raised substantial amounts. We must have all donations logged on a sponsorship form. If you have lost the form please contact Mrs Gough on Monday.

PTFA

Just a reminder that a letter about the disco will be sent home on Friday 25th October. A payment of £4.00 per child will need to be made in cash (correct money only) and returned to school, together with the completed slip, in an envelope marked **FAO the PTFA**.


Uniform

Please ensure that your child is dressed in the appropriate school uniform and brings the appropriate PE kit as well. If you wish to see the School Uniform Policy, it is available on our school website. All children should be wearing plain black footwear. Coloured trainers are fine for PE lessons but not to be worn within school. Please also ensure that all clothing is named - thank you.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Information about these will be coming home to you on Monday of next week.

School Attendance:

CLASS	SINCE 4 TH SEPT.	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE . . .	CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .
3JE	96.3%	. . . currently stands at 96.73%. Thank you! <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">The national expectation is 95%.</div>	
3EG	95.82 %		
4LF	97.16 %		
4AW	97.82 %		
5MM	96.14 %		
5PR	96.06 %		
5BFG	96.67 %		
6KW	96.88 %		
6LS	97.75 %		

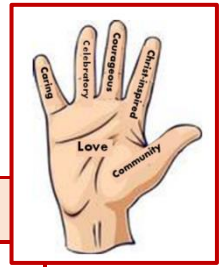
Thank you to those of you who have already sent in Harvest donations in support of Brackley Food Bank. Please do send donations in next week if you are able to. Below is the link again to see the non-perishable items Brackley Food Bank would appreciate and are in desperately need of.
<https://www.brackleyfoodbank.org/donate-food>

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Akers
Headteacher

Our BJS Stars of the Week

A mighty well done to . . .



Date	11.10.24	18.10.24
Year 3	Gram, Lucy, Hailey & Archie	Leila, Georgina, Dylan & Benjamin
Year 4	Dave, Tre, Chloe & Arthur	Martha, Romilly, Ethaniel & Poppy
Year 5	Thomas, Scania, Sebastian, Mason, Chloe & Hope	Jacob, Ruby, Evie, Lottie, Emily & Nuria
Year 6	Noah, Annabel, Frankie & Millie	Harry, Lily, Lola & Liam

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE TERM			
Date	Event	Where	Time
22 nd October	Harvest Service	St. Peter's Church	9:30am
25 th October	Last day of term 1		3:10pm
8 th November	Flu Vaccinations	In school	All day
8 th November	School Disco	School Hall	4:30 – 5:30
Week beginning November 11 th	Pupil Progress Meetings	Online	TBC
13 th November	Open session for new starters Sept. 2025	In school	11:00-11:50
29 th November	Christmas Fayre	In school	3:30 – 5:30
13 th December	Open Classroom Afternoon	Your child's classroom	2pm
20 th December	Last day of term		3:10pm