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Newsletter—October 2016

What a brilliant start to the academic year. We have welcomed many new children to the school who have all settled in well and have made lots of new friends. We have had a lots of exciting activities already this term, we send a big thank you to all of those parents who have helped.

Robins

Will take part after the
spring term

Owls

Aisha, Darcy, Esmé, Isla,
Millie, Samuel

Puffins

Henry, Jaden,
James, Kitty, Mia,
Sienna

Woodpeckers

Nashiya, Michael, Isobel, Fraser,
Buddhil, Ethan

Osprey's

Layla, Bridget,
Alfie, Sofia,
Ivy

Eagles

Poppy, Eva,
Chloe,
Jaden,
Marley,

As part of our vision and values for this half term the values champions have received a golden ticket. This ticket is for our Values Champion's Tea



Party on Monday 31st October in the school hall, 2.45-3.15pm. If your child has been awarded a golden ticket they are invited to attend a tea party with a special guest (for example, grandparent or parent). Unfortunately other school age children are unable to attend.



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What have we been up to?

EYFS—Robins and Wrens

Tea and Tissues—Thank you to the friends committee for hosting a welcome morning with tea and cake for our new parents. It was a wonderful way for the new parents to get to know each other.

EYFS phonics workshop— This was an excellent workshop explaining how we teach phonics in the foundation stage. We hope to hold similar events in the near future.

Harvest activity afternoon—The Robins and Wrens had a wonderful afternoon accompanied by family members. All were able to participate in exciting autumn outdoor activities such as scavenger hunts, marshmallow toasting and scarecrow making.

Key Stage 1— Owls and Puffins

Jordan's Close—Owls and Puffins had a fantastic day at Jordan's close taking part in various team activities which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all the parents who helped.



Puffins Assembly— Puffins performed a brilliant assembly about Katie Morag following their topic about 'an Island Life.'



Key Stage 2—Woodpeckers, Osprey's and Eagles

Eagles and Ospreys visited West Stow and learnt about the Anglo-Saxons and how they built their houses. They also listened to live Anglo Saxon music played on a lyre as well as visiting the museum where they viewed and held artefacts.



Jordan's Close— The Woodpeckers, Ospreys and Eagles went to Jordan's Close for a fantastic outdoor activity day. They took part in a range of activities including, cooking, parachute games, bubble blowing, a crystal star challenge and environmental art and en building to name but a few! They loved the challenge of working in and engaging with the outdoors. They were able to develop important skills such as team work and problem solving. A brilliant day was had by all and they are looking forward already to their next visit!

Key Stage 1 + 2

Owls, Puffins, Woodpeckers, Ospreys and Eagles all visited All Saints church, Great Barford, for our Harvest Festival Celebration. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the walk to and from the church and also for all of your kind donations. The food collected this year will be donated to the Bedford Foodbank.



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Things to look out for next half term!

All years will be participating in Christmas Activities. Below are some dates to help you plan for these activities:

Xmas Bonanza— Saturday 26th November 11am –2pm

Mufti Day— Friday 2nd December - contribution for Christmas hampers

Children's Movie Night—Friday 2nd Dec—6pm—7.30pm

Foundation Stage Xmas Performance—Wed 7th Dec/Thurs 8th Dec—9.30am

Carols by Candlelight—Owls and Puffins— Mon 12th Dec—All Saints church –6pm

Christmas Performance—Woodpeckers/ Ospreys/Eagles— Mon 12th/Tues13th/
Wed14th Dec—school Hall 2pm



Parent Governor Election

Due to unforeseen problems the Parent Governor election will now re-open after the half term break.

Polite Reminders

Dinner Money—All monies to be placed in a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name, class, the value of money enclosed as well as the days that the payment is to cover.

Cost £2.15 per day £10.75 a week £75.25 for the half term

Attendance—It is important that you child is in school. If your child is unwell please contact the school the morning of each day they are absent. Unexplained absences will be investigated.

Uniform—We will no longer be holding stock, therefore, if you require new uniform please order by the last Tuesday of each half term to ensure delivery during the first week back at school.



Dates for the new half term

Date	Event	Year Group
Fri 21st Oct	Teacher Training Day - No School	All Years
Mon 24th Oct—Fri 28th Oct	Half Term—Holiday Club Available—please book in advance	All Years
Mon 31st Oct	Values Champions Party—2.45pm in school hall	Guests of children who have a golden ticket
Tues 1st Nov	Y3 + Y4—Life of Jesus exhibition— interactive performance of the life of Jesus	Woodpeckers/Ospreys/Eagles
Tues 1st Nov	Y3/Y4 VyMy Dance Club Starts—3.20-4.15	Children who have been advised of placed allocated
Wed 2nd Nov	Y1 –4 Play Active Club 3.30—4.30	Children who have been advised of placed allocated
Fri 4th Nov	Y1—4 Gym Club 3.15.-4.30	Children who have been advised of placed allocated
Mon 7th Nov	Y3 + Y4—Gripping Yarns - Tom and the Trolls story telling	Woodpeckers/Ospreys/Eagles
Wed 23rd Nov	Y3—Chembokali Workshop—view South Indian artefacts and take part in Chembokali activities	Woodpeckers
Fri 24th Nov	Christingle / Festival of Light - children only Foundation—am Y1—Y4—2.45 in hall	Foundation—am Yr1 –4—pm
Sat 26th Nov	Xmas Bonanza—11- 2pm	All welcome
Fri 2nd Dec	Mufti Day—in exchange for a gift for Xmas Hampers	Whole School
Fri 2nd Dec	Children's Movie Night—6pm—7.30pm	All welcome
Tues 6th Dec	Last VyMy Dance Club for this half term	Children with allocated places
Wed 7th Dec	Foundation Stage Xmas Performance -9.30am Parents Welcome	Wrens/Robins
Wed 7th Dec	Y4—Barn Nativity	Eagles/Osprey
Wed 7th Dec	Last Play Active Club for this half term	Children with allocated places
Thurs 8th Dec	Foundation Stage Xmas Performance—9.30am Parents Welcome	Wrens/Robins
Fri 9th Dec	Last Gym Club for this half term	Children with allocated places
Mon 12th Dec	Y1—Y2 Carols By Candlelight - All Saints Church –6pm Parents Welcome	Owls/Puffins
Mon12th/Tues 13th/ Wed 14th Dec	Xmas Performance—2pm Parents Welcome	Woodpeckers/Eagles/Ospreys
Fri 16th Dec	Last Day of Term	Whole School
Tuesday 3rd Jan 2017	First Day of Spring Term	Whole School