



*Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School*  
*Together we live, learn and flourish*  
**Newsletter 4: Autumn Term 2 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term.

The first week went by incredibly quickly and started in a wonderful way with lots of parents coming to join us for Willow's whole class violin session. The children have got 4 more weeks to go and are doing well and I know some children have already taken up the challenge to learn the violin on a more individual basis.

### **Remembrance Service**

We held a very short but meaningful Remembrance Service in the hall this year. All the classes shared what work they had completed on Remembrance, from artwork to research and poems. Our Value this term is **RESPECT** and the children demonstrated this extremely well both in their presentations and during the 2-minute silence.



### **Today is the start of Anti- Bullying Week**

I hope as many children as possible have started the week off wearing odd socks. To visibly remind ourselves it is ok to be different and unique and that we must treat each other with Respect.

### **What has been happening around school?**

There have been some very impressive Egyptian Pyramids making their way into school made by children in **Chestnut class**. The Egyptian scrolls they finished in the last week of half term also look very authentic.

Art has been a strong theme throughout all the classes in the last week with a focus on developing the children's sketching skills, drawing natural objects in Willow and poppies in Maple and Oak.

### **Trips to Stroud Literature Festival.**

As part of our involvement with the Year of Reading Project led by the Corinium Education Trust we were fortunate to be given tickets to Stroud Literature Festival. Year 5 children visited on Thursday and 9 children from across the classes visited on Friday.

Our Reading Ambassadors are working extremely hard with Mrs McKay creating a wonderful Literature Festival for the whole school on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. Further details to follow.

### **Building Work**

Please remember that building work has begun this week and will be ongoing until sometime in January. The **library door** will remain open for a few minutes after Maple class have gone in but after that the only way into school will be to call the office and one of us to come round and let you in the side gate.

To get into a routine all clubs and Beech Tree will be dismissed from the side gate as will **Willow Class at the end of the day**.

### Cyber/ Online Safety Workshop for parents – all welcome.

Thank you for all responses for this. Simon Williams, Cyber Intelligence, Protect, Prepare & Prevent Officer, will be here on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1:45**. The session will last approximately an hour and will allow for any questions at the end so you will be ready to pick up at the end of the day.

### Winter Weather- appropriate clothing in school

As we now entering the Winter months, please make sure your child brings to school a coat, gloves and hat, all of which are **named**. On PE days please make sure your child is wearing or has with them, extra layers especially if they feel the cold, so they can take some off if needed. The children all need to be wearing trainers. Thank you.

### Dates for your Diaries

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>For Whom</u>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Workshop for parents – invitation only.	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Willow Cake Sale after school	All children – cakes from Willow please.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Class Photos	All
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Book Fair arrives in school will be open after school on Wed and then during the day Thursday through to Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	All, come after school or children to bring money in. (named envelope please.)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Cyber Workshop for Parents at 1:45 in the hall	All parents from all classes
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Panto Workshop for Maple and Willow Class (Funded by The Friends)	Children in Maple and Willow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Ampney Crucis Literature Festival- visiting authors for all classes (Funded by the Friends)	All classes
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Making Christingles in School Christingle Service at 5:30 in the Church – all are welcome	All children and parents – information about things needed for Christingle will be sent out separately.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Chestnut Class Trip to Oxford	Chestnut Class
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Nativity	Willow children & parents- details will follow shortly
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Nativity	Willow children & parents- details will follow shortly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto Trip	Whole school- all children to <b>be at school for 8:30</b> .
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Maple & Willow Christmas Lunch Whole School Christmas party in the afternoon.	All children can wear Christmas jumpers over uniform to school.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Service a 9:30 in the Church. KS2 Christmas lunch	School uniform for all please.  Chestnut & Oak can bring in a Christmas jumper/top to change into for lunch.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Finish at 1:00	Whole School pick up at 1:00 please
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	INSET DAY	