



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter 10: Summer Term 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun has finally shone this week (well on Tuesday anyway) and we are so looking forward to some warmer weather. However, I have now jinxed this by writing that and have been faced with monsoon rain today!

Thank you to all of you who attended the chocolate bingo night. It seemed to be enjoyed by all and we raised £200 which will go into the Friends funds for future school resources and events. The new Friends committee is well and truly up and running with lots of plans in place. Without the Friends we would not be able to subsidise the class trips or afford new resources such as the trikes, they are an invaluable part of our school.

Coming up this term...

It is a very exciting term with lots of trips and events. Maple and Willow Class have already enjoyed 2 great trips to Abbey Farm, where they got to explore, meet all the animals and people who work and live on the farm. Chestnut Class have just returned from a very exciting Anglo-Saxon trip in the Forest of Dean. The joy and happiness on the children's faces when they got off the bus were priceless so I can't wait to hear more about it in the next day or two. With classes going out and about over the next few weeks it's a very busy time.

We wish our Year 6 children good luck as they take their SATS tests in 2 weeks' time, starting 13th May. They have all worked extremely hard this year and must remember a score on a test does not define who they are and what they will become.

We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children and their families (though many of you we know very well!) An induction evening and play and stay sessions will take place later in June and July.

Volunteers- Can you help?

We are extremely grateful to any parents who can give up some of their free time to volunteer in school. If you can help in anyway now or in the future, please get in touch.

We currently need volunteers to.

- Hear readers – on a weekly or fortnightly basis – this might not be in your own child's class.
- Run a chess club -either at lunchtime or after school – we have lovely brand-new chess sets but unfortunately, I do not know how to play. Can you help?
- Run a football club after school for KS2 children!

Creative arts week & exhibition

Our Creative arts week in school will begin on **Monday 10th June – the theme is "connections."** In school each child will produce a piece of work which we will display in our art gallery the following week on **Tuesday 18th June.** Parents and other visitors will be invited in to join us and see all the amazing work. An invitation to this giving precise timings will be sent out closer to half term.

In previous years we have an art exhibition where children have produced work at home to exhibit. If children would still like to do this and produce additional work, they can do so, and it can be added in. We would ask though that is work is also based on our theme of connections and is created using mediums we are not doing in school. This could therefore be, photography, 3D models made from anything or textiles and materials.

Walk to School Week- 20th to 24th May.

Our school is taking part in **Walk to School Week (20-24 May)**. The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.

This year's challenge, The Magic of Walking, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (**walk, scoot, cycle**) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged. I know that parking in the village is often difficult and even more so to park away and walk or ride up but please try.

Nature Quiz Round 2

The team did extremely well in a tough second round and I was very proud of the efforts they had put in at home to learn so much about wildlife. Unfortunately, we did not win the round, but we put up a good fight. Well done to Oli, Rowan, Xavier, Oliver, and our amazing scorer Noah. Here's to next year!

Remember it's a long weekend! So back in on Tuesday.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Wood