



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter: September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. I hope you have all had a good summer holiday.

I am sure the last few days have been a mixture of the excitement of returning and nervousness about the next few days ahead. This may have been your children, you, or the whole family. Just remember you are not alone as you re-adjust back to "school life." It is not unusual for children to go through a range of emotions after the summer holiday and to be reluctant to get up in the morning and come to school. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

The school has been a busy place during the summer holiday with Willow having a new carpet fitted, new Eco-friendly lighting fitted across the school, Maple have a new interactive whiteboard and Mr Clayton has been repairing and tidying lots of things outdoors. The school is now looking in good shape to welcome you all back.

I would also like to extend a warm Ampney Crucis Welcome to all our new families who join us this year. Not only do we have new children joining us in Maple but in Willow and Chestnut as well. I hope you will enjoy being part of the Ampney Crucis family and get to know children and parents very quickly.

Second Hand Uniform

The Friends will be holding a Second-Hand Uniform Sale next week after school, on **Tuesday 13th September. CASH only please.**

Clubs

Letters regarding Clubs were sent out before the summer holiday. There are lots of children signed up for clubs so if you have been put on a waiting list, please be patient and we will endeavour to enable your child to join after the half term.

Emily Bird will be running a mindfulness Club for Year 5 and 6 children, who have previously had experience of mindfulness in class, on a Wednesday. Children will be able to sign up for this in school this week.



Communication with school

Class teachers will still be sharing photos and reminders with you using Class Dojo. Though you can drop the class teacher a brief message about something, please **DO NOT** send lengthy messages at 8:00 in the morning expecting

replies before school. This is the time teachers are preparing for the day ahead. If it is urgent or brief speak to the teacher on the door/gate or send a message to the office and Heather will pass it on.

The main way of communicating with staff is through the Office, whether speaking directly to Heather or sending an email or phone call.

If your child is going to be absent from school or unable to attend a club **then please email, phone, or speak to Heather**, do not send a message via class dojo as this is in danger of not getting through in the right enough time.



Invitation to join us for a Reading Café and meet the teacher session.

We would like to invite parents from Willow, Chestnut, and Oak class in to join their child for an afternoon session of reading, refreshments, and a chance to talk the class teacher and ask any questions. Maple children's parents will be invited in when their child has had chance to settle in full time.

Willow- Wednesday 14th September at 2:15pm

Chestnut – Thursday 15th September at 2:15pm

Oak – Friday 16th September at 2:15pm

Volunteers in School

We were extremely blessed with so many parents volunteering to help in school last year whether that was to hear readers, help with Chestnut's Garden and run the library sessions in the afternoon.

If can volunteer your time again or if this is something you are now able to do, **please email Mrs Wood with times and days and any preferences of what you would like to volunteer with.**

It saddens me to mention in my first newsletter the ongoing and future crisis we all face due to the rising costs of energy, food, petrol, and many more daily items. We recognise many of you will be worried about what the future might hold, and I want you to **remember that our school is for you as much as your children. My door is always open for you to come and have a cup of tea or coffee and talk about any concerns you might have.**

Schools are not exempt from all these rising costs from photocopying paper to electricity, but there is no extra money coming from central or local Government to pay for any of these. There are hard times ahead for us all.

On a joyous note, there are many events planned over the next half term and I will send out a diary dates letter early on next week.

Have a wonderful week and enjoy perhaps some peace and quiet!

Kind regards,

Mrs Wood

Head Teacher