



*Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School*  
*Together we live, learn and flourish*  
**Newsletter 4: October 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the half term.

**What's been going on in School?**

All classes thoroughly enjoyed their trips to the Literature Festival and were extremely lucky to all have sunshine while we were there.

Maple and Willow have had amazing Forest School sessions with Rowan Wynne- Jones. A BIG thank Rowan for stepping in and making the outdoors magical for our children.

We welcome Mr Matthew Bennett to Oak Class. Matthew is a PGCE student and will continue to be with us after half term, working alongside Mr Pugh.

**A Farewell and Goodbye to Mrs Holloway**

Mrs Holloway will be leaving school this week so she can pick her studies (that were on hold on during COVID). Mrs Holloway has been a wonderful member of our staff who was originally only meant to be here for a short space of time and has ended up doing numerous roles from tutoring to being a Teaching Assistant in class, but Becky has been much more than this and mucked in when needed. The staff and children will miss her greatly, but we wish her well for the future.

**Welcome to Mrs Tyler**

We welcome to school, Mrs Mandi Tyler, who will be starting this week with us, working with a child on a 1:1 basis but also supporting any other children in Willow class.

**Our School Council**

The school council had a very productive meeting with Mr Beddoe, a school Governor, as their guest last Monday. One of the things they are going to do is introduce suggestion boxes in each class for children to write their own ideas in, the councillors will then collate these together and share them at our meetings.

One of the suggestions from one of our School Councillors was whether we could support the **Operation Christmas Child project**, where we fill shoe boxes with gifts for boys or girls. Our values and vision are not only about supporting and enabling us as a school community to flourish but also the wider Global community. Details for this project are found here:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Our nearest drop off point is the Baptist Church in Cirencester, and the collection week is **November 14-21<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like to take part, please read the information on the website, and then pack and decorate a box and bring into school on November 14<sup>th</sup> and I will deliver the boxes. Half Term week might be a good time to do this and have a sort out of toys at the same time!

### **Reminder – Pyjama Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

The School Council would like to remind everyone we are having a Pyjama Day this Friday for monetary donations. (50p or more if you can.) All funds raised will be put towards something of the council's choice.

### **Beech Tree Club**

As a trial we have decided to run Beech Tree Club on a **Friday afternoon for 1 hour until 4:15 from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. If this is something you would like to book for your child going forward after half term, then please contact Mrs Chadwick in the office.

### **Our School Library**

We are now up and running with our school library and the children are enjoying bringing books home to share.

Within the library is a spotlight display sometimes focused on a specific author or festival or event. This is kindly put together by Elena Dix. This week's focus is Black History Month.



In Worship this week we have been thinking courage and learnt about



Harriet Tubman, a slave, who escaped and went back 13 times to save over 70 other slaves. She then continued to lead a very courageous life, as a nurse in the civil war and then as a military leader. An amazing lady!

### **Parent Governors needed!**

The Governing Body is a vital part of the school's leadership team. The Full Governing Body meets 6 times a year, but Governors also visit the school during school time looking at particular areas.

We currently have 2 vacancies on our Governing Body and would like to invite any parents who might to be interested to have a chat with our current Chair, Mr Ian Smith about what the role involves. Please see Mrs Wood to express your interest.

### **Diary Dates**

Some key dates for your diary, there will be extras added after half term

Wednesday November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Book Fair arrives for a week</b> (details will be sent out after half term)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Nativity Performance in the afternoon (letters and tickets for performances will be sent out after half term.)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Nativity Performance in the morning
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch KS1
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch KS2
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Finish for Christmas Holiday at <b>1:00pm</b>

We look forward to seeing you all back on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Wood,  
Head Teacher**