



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter 9: Summer Term 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after Easter. I hope you managed to get out and about despite the monsoon weather at times. I can only hope that this Summer Term is not washed away as we have many events planned.

Individual newsletters will be coming your way this week and booking slots are open for parents' evenings next week so make sure you book a time to talk to your class teacher and see your child's work.

Reflection on last half term

A lot was packed into the last half term. World Book day saw an amazing array of wonderfully created Dioramas – well done to all the children who took part and well done to the Reading Ambassadors who launched our day with a brilliant assembly. Science week was a great chance to really get stuck into being Scientists and explore many investigations successful or not. Easter was celebrated by a wonderful Church service, Easter bonnet parade and decorated eggs. Thank you to the friends who provided an end of term treat for all.

The school raised **£166 for Comic Relief** through donations for dressing down and the cake sale- so thank you to all who contributed.

The Winning House was.....

The House with the most House points this term was Dodd, so their non-school uniform day will be this **Friday, 12th April**.

What's been happening during the Holidays?

For the last year, the wooden fencing that separates the concrete part of the playground with the grass area has been in disrepair. Though Mr Clayton has spent time replacing broken panels and trying to secure the foundations of the fencing, it was obvious to see that it was not going to last much longer and would become a health and safety hazard. We have paid out of our building capital money to have the fence replaced and it is now extremely robust and looks great!

This term's Value

Our Value for this term is **COMPASSION**. Jesus showed compassion to those who were sick or needed healing or feeding and we will be focused on how we can all show compassion even if it is through the smallest gesture.

Fire Drills and Procedures for Intruders on site.

Fire Drills are practised every half term and though some children find the continuous bell a bit alarming, we do talk to the children about how important these practises are.

Unfortunately, there have been several incidents both within the county and elsewhere in the country, where schools have had intruders come onto the site or have incidents occur within the school when the rest of the school has had to "lockdown" to keep the children safe. We intend to over the next few weeks practise our school's partial and full lockdown arrangements to assess how we can improve them. We will talk to the children about what they need to do when the alert sounds and reassure them afterwards. We will email you on the day of the practise to let you know that your child may want to talk about it when they get home.

Staffing update

Mrs Hopkins has made the decision **from September** to reduce her teaching days and go back to what she used to do, which is 3 days a week in Maple class. We will be advertising for a teacher for the other 2 days.

Mrs Hopkins will remain the Early Years Lead and if you have a child starting in Maple in September, Mrs Hopkins will be your main contact and will be running the induction evening, conducting nursery visits and the play and stay sessions. A letter with all this information on will be coming your way after **allocation day which is 16th April**.

Nature Quiz

A BIG well done to our Nature Quiz team made up of Oli, Oliver, Rowan, Xavier and assisted by Noah, who won the first round on Monday against Powells and Bibury and are now through to the second round. A great achievement on the first day back!

Dates for the Term

Lots of dates are on the calendar on the website. Please keep checking for any updates.

Dates for this week

Wednesday 10th April – Maple Farm Trip

Friday 12th April – Willow Farm Trip

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Wood