



*Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School*  
*Together we live, learn and flourish*  
**Newsletter 4: November 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term.

Last half term was full of hard work and some great achievements, and I am incredibly proud of all the children. I have seen some great writing across the school, heard singing and music almost every day and enjoyed watching children's cricket skills grow as well as many other things.

I want to say a particular well done to Maple Class who seem like they have been in school a lot longer than just a half term. They have settled in so brilliantly and are enthusiastic about everything!

### **Recent Events**



#### **Our School Council's Pyjama Day On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

This was a great initiative and raised £72.00 to put towards equipment of their choice. The school council have also been very active, a reading club and board games club is running every week, and a feelings box has been set up in the hall for any children to post in and share any worries/ concerns or feelings of happiness. Members of the school council will be checking this box regularly and passing on messages to staff.

### **Fundraising Raisins! For the Friends.**



Thank you to everyone who filled their raisin box with coins. We raised an overall total of **£220** and the winning class was Chestnut who had an extra break last Tuesday afternoon.

### **Parents Evenings**

It has been lovely to see so many parents attend parents evening. Remember if you want to speak to a Class teacher about anything just drop an email to Ms Chadwick and she will pass your message on or see the teacher before or after school.

### **Winning House for the half Term**

The competition was close over the last few weeks between which house was going to win overall. The results were double checked by Mr Pugh to ensure all were correct.



Third Place: Newton with 1648 points



Second Place: Dodd with 1660 points



**First Place: Wilkie with 1726 points- Dress Down Day for all in Wilkie on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **Sports Morning Competitions**

The Thursday morning before finishing the Sports Captains in Year 6 organised a competition morning for all the classes. They did a great job particularly coaching and umpiring the Netball Matches for Chestnut and Oak. Well done Sports Captains and to everyone who took part. The overall house winners were Newton, Dodd second and Wilkie.



For a full write up and more photos please see the section under Sports Captains and Sport in Our School on the website.

### **The Great Fire of Ampney Crucis!**

To finish off Willow's History topic on the Great Fire of London, the class watched in awe as their cardboard houses burnt down (in safe conditions under supervision of course!) The children have been investigating the question, why did the fire spread so quickly? And were able to see this in action for themselves.



### **Year 6 attended a session on Spirituality**

As part of our work with the small schools locally, we were invited to attend an outdoor session at Hatherop C of E Primary School, lead by one of their staff. The session was on the awe and wonder of nature and how sometimes we should just pause and focus on the things around us. The session involved team work, exploration and art.



### **Events outside School**



A few of our children took part in the Well Run fun run on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, and despite the weather had a great time.



And finally, a massive well done and thank you to Abigail Webber, who completed the 26 mile (and some) Snowdonia marathon and was still smiling at the end. This together with the previous fundraising Abigail and Matt did on behalf of our school, they have raised nearly £2700, and this will be spent on a climbing wall structure for all the children to use.

### **Dates for your Diary**

The Christmas term is always extremely busy and exciting with lots of events going on during the school day. There are cooking days for Willow and Chestnut, Forest School for Willow every Friday, Mindfulness sessions with Emily Bird for Willow and Chestnut to name but a few events.

Key events are listed below but please check the website's calendar as well as the class newsletter.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – we will be making Christingles in school as it is the **Christingle Service in the evening at 5:30** – all are welcome to join us.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December both at 2:00** will be Willow's Nativity- Maple children will be helping this year as well as doing their own tableau in the church in our Christmas Service. (A separate letter will go out about tickets for the Nativity)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school trip to the Pantomime

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – School Disco

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole School Christmas Service **at 9:30** in the Church- all are welcome

-Christmas lunch

-Christmas Parties

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – finish for Christmas at **1:00pm**

### **Office notices**

A reminder that the NHS flu vaccination team will be visiting our school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. If you have not already done, can you please consent or decline asap, by referring to the letter already sent out.

If you haven't already, please remember to sign your child up for Atlas Sports after school for this term. KS1 will run for 7 weeks (Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov to 17<sup>th</sup> Dec) and KS2 will run for 6 weeks from Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov to 12<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Have a good week,

Mrs Wood