

Fleckney School Newsletter

October 2017



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This half term appears to have flown by. We are very pleased to see how well the children have settled this term into their new year groups and classes.

We have introduced a new spelling scheme into KS2 this year which compliments the phonics being taught at Foundation KS1. The children have responded to it really well and benefitted from regular and rigorous spelling sessions first thing in the morning, every day.

As you know we have also trialled a more informal first parents evening of the year. This is followed by the return of the appointment version in the Spring term and then the written reports in the summer term. Obviously, the teachers are available to see you throughout the year as and when issues arise.

I hope you all have a restful half term break. It won't be long before Years 1 and 2 begin rehearsing for their Christmas production!

Best wishes

Mr Leah

Harvest Festival

What a wonderful Harvest Festival we had in October, celebrating all that God has given us. The children were asked to bring in tins, cartons and packets and we were overwhelmed with over 350 food items being donated. The church looked amazing.

At the service, some of our Year 4 children read Jesus' parable about the rich, selfish farmer and a few of our Year 6s acted out a drama to show what this would look like today. Our Year 3s talked about the Open Hands charity which provides food, and so much more, to less fortunate people in Leicester and the surrounding areas. Father Philip's talk

helped us to remember those who are suffering further afield.

After the service the food was collected by volunteers from Open Hands, Leicester who were very grateful to our big-hearted Fleckney folk for contributing so generously to this worthwhile charity.



Mrs Fremmer

KS2 Fruit Tuck Shop

We've had a fantastic start to this year's KS2 tuck shop which is now called Healthy Heaven. The Year 6 volunteers underwent training at the beginning of term and since then they have been very busy making posters, delivering assemblies and organising the stock.

They've been doing a great job of selling the snacks at break times and I'm sure the other KS2 children have been enjoying trying them.

Miss

Panter



Application for First-time Admission to Primary School 2018

All parents need to apply to County Hall for a school place for their child, even if they live in our catchment area. If your child is 4 years old before 1st September 2018 and therefore starting school for the first time, **the closing date for applications is 15th January 2018.**

Parents are encouraged to apply online at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions where you will find an online application form and guidance notes. This is quick and easy and an emailed receipt is sent so you can be sure the application has gone through. For more information, contact School Admissions on 0116 3056684 or email: admissions@leics.gov.uk

N.B. Applications received after the closing date will be dealt with after those received on time; if the closing date is not met it may not be possible to offer your child a place at their local school if all available places have been filled.

We are already looking forward to the next academic year. We will be welcoming new parents and children into our Foundation Stage at our Open Afternoon on Thursday 9th November. They will have the opportunity of seeing the Foundation Stage and meeting the staff. They will also have a tour of the whole school, to look at our excellent teaching facilities and view some of the children's work on display.

Year 1 Fire Service Visit

On Wednesday 27th September, Year 1 were visited by a member of the Kibworth Fire Service. The children learned about fire safety and practiced 'Stop, Drop and Roll'. We had a fun time learning important skills.



Miss Bennett

Book Fair

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall and we hope that you and your child will visit together on the following days:



**Wednesday 25th
October (after school) 3.15 – 4.00 pm**

Thursday 26th October (before school) 8.15 – 8.45 am

**Friday 27th October (after school)
3.15 – 4.00 pm**

For every £1 you spend, 60p is given to the school as commission and we will use this commission to put books into our classrooms and library.

School Kitchen Award

We are extremely pleased that our school kitchen has recently been inspected and again has been given a 5 star rating by a Leicestershire County Council Environmental Health inspector. Many thanks and congratulations to all the kitchen staff on their



Labelling

Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly named so they can be easily reunited with your child if they lose them!

Lost property is placed in the KS2 pavilion. Children and parents are welcome to look there for any missing items. Please

look in the locker under the first bench on the right hand side.

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need again on Friday 17th November. Further details will follow after the half term break.



Year 1 Louis Braille Day

On Friday 29th September Year 1 took part in a Louis Braille Day and we were very excited to have a visit from Jan Turner, a member of the Fleckney community who is without sight. The children learned all about the life of Louis Braille and how he invented the Braille code.

In the afternoon Mrs Turner and her guide dog, Gina, came into to see the children and talked about what it is like to be blind.

Mrs Turner read them the story of The Gruffalo from a Braille book and

brought in games for the children to play and made the children name cards in Braille to take home.



Miss Bennett

International School Award (ISA)

GOOD NEWS! Fleckney Primary School has been awarded re-accreditation of the British Council's International School Award (full accreditation).

This award recognises the school's work carried out in the areas of; global citizenship; modern foreign languages; collaborative working with overseas schools; and global learning. The re-accreditation element to the award shows evidence that Fleckney also supports a number of other schools in the development of global knowledge, skills, values and internationalisation.



Mrs Galpin

FSA Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



The FSA raised the amazing sum of £217.51 at the Macmillan coffee afternoon on 29th September. Thank you to the FSA for organising this event and to all the parents and children who supported it by baking and purchasing the wonderful cakes.

Safety - Important Reminders

The safety of all our children is of paramount importance. Therefore parents/carers who bring children to school by car **must not**:

- stop on the yellow lines outside the school entrance
- park on the school driveway
- park on any of the pavements near the school
- obstruct the designated crossing area near to the Foundation Stage Unit.

We also ask that you park considerately and do not obstruct driveways of neighbouring houses. Unfortunately, some of our neighbours have had their cars damaged by inconsiderate driving. We have a good relationship with our neighbours which we wish to maintain. Fleckney School and the Police seek your cooperation in resolving this issue by requesting that parents park sensibly and with due consideration for other road users.

Please do not walk through the school car park with your children – cars or delivery vans/lorries could be entering or leaving the car park at any time of the school day.

We are always excited to hear from children about their pets, however, may we take this opportunity to remind families that dogs are not permitted on school premises, due to health and safety regulations. **Please could you refrain from tying dogs to the school gates when picking up and dropping off your children**

Similarly, we recognise that some children ride to school on scooters under parent supervision, this is a wonderful way to promote our 'Healthy Schools' status, although for the safety of all our pupils, may we remind you that they must not be ridden onto school grounds. **Any scooters brought to school must be parked inside the gates and collected when you leave.**

Finally, we request that school children and their siblings do not play on the climbing equipment before or after school.

Year 3 Sikh Gurdwara Visit

On 10th October our Year 3s enjoyed a trip to the Oadby Gurdwara. They learned a lot about Sikhism; the Guru Granth Sahib; the five Ks; Sikh people's love of hospitality and the importance in Sikhism of equality for all.

The children and teachers especially enjoyed sharing the Langar – delicious warm spicy vegetarian food and char!



Mrs Fremmer

Year 4 Bosworth Battlefield Visit

On Monday 2nd October, Year 4 went to Bosworth Battlefield and Heritage Centre and we had an amazing time. We went to Bosworth Battlefield to learn lots of interesting facts. This was an amazing experience.

First we observed armour and sharp weapons. The guide told us about the peasants, the rich and their jobs. Next we had a guided walk, we learnt about the flags and that Henry Tudor was Welsh and Richard III was British.

After this we went to another area and acted out the battle. This was fun yet the battle would have been gruesome!

In the Heritage Centre we looked at food and saw massive weapons. We tried a fake long bow.

I would definitely recommend going because the day was packed with facts, fun and excitement.

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Year 5 Space Month

Year 5 have had a fantastic, space-orientated month. We had a visit from Dr Jonathan Nichols from Leicester University who delivered an inspiring presentation about space. All of Year 5 (including the teachers) were shocked when we watched a video about the size of some of the biggest stars compared to the size of our planet. Dr Nichols brought along a special guest as well, Dr Suzie Imber. Suzie won the recent series, 'Do You Have What It Takes?' In this show, potential astronauts were pitted against each other in a series of space challenges. We loved meeting Suzie and we are hoping she has inspired the next crop of space explorers in Year 5.

We also had a superb trip to the Space Centre where we enjoyed learning about the different areas of space by playing interactive games and looking at items of space equipment.



Mr Scranage

Diary Dates

October

Fri 13th Loros Wear Yellow day
 Mon 16th Half term
 to Fri 20th
 Mon 23rd School opens after half term
 First gym club session
 First choir practice
 Education City Session for RT
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 Tues 24th Flu Vaccinations
 Weds 25th First Yr 3 swim session
 Yr 5/6 Football match at Great Glen
 Thurs 26th First Yr6 cooking club—group 2
 First Yr 5 cheer leading club
 ASD support group
 Fri 27th Yr 5/6 Football matches at home
 Mon 30th Yr 6 Warning Zone visit
 Tues 31st Closing date for secondary place applications

November

Thurs 9th FS Open Afternoon for 2018 starters 3.30-5.00pm
 Remembrance service
 Fri 10th
 Weds 22nd Final Yr6 cooking club - group 2
 Weds 29th Final Yr 3 swim session
 Thurs 30th ASD support group
 Final Yr 5 cheer leading club

December

Fri 1st Yr 2 trip to New Walk Museum
 Sat 2nd FSA Christmas fair
 Tues 5th KS1 performance 2pm
 Weds 6th KS1 performance 2pm
 Weds 13th Christmas dinner
 Fri 15th Christmas services
 FSA discos
 Weds 20th Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
 Last day of term

School Terms and Holidays 2017–2018

Autumn Term 2017

School Opens
 Tues 29th August
Mid Term Break
 Mon 16th—Fri 20th October
School Closes
 Weds 20th December

Spring Term 2018

School Opens
 Tues 9th January
Mid Term Break
 Mon 12th—Fri 16th February
School Closes
 Fri 23rd March

Summer Term 2018

School opens
 Mon 9th April
May Day
 Mon 7th May
Mid Term Break
 Mon 28th May—Fri 1st June
School Closes
 Fri 13th July