

# Fleckney CE Newsletter



## Headteacher update

This term has flown by and the children have enjoyed a brilliant start to the year! From the excitement of Warning Zone for Year 6 to the Harvest Festival for the whole school, it's been a busy and rewarding few weeks.

We're delighted to now have 470 children on roll, including 71 new children in Foundation Stage, who have settled wonderfully into life at Fleckney. In addition, 14 new pupils have joined us across various year groups since the start of the year and we're pleased to see them thriving in their new classes.

The change in uniform from last year has been a great success—our children are looking very smart indeed! A reminder that the new uniform policy can be found on our website for reference. Speaking of which, we've also launched our new-look website this term, so do take a moment to explore all the new features.

Attendance remains a key focus, and we continue to strive for 96%+ attendance. You'll find the latest attendance update in this newsletter, celebrating our achievements and highlighting the importance of good attendance in supporting children's learning.

This term has also seen the introduction of five new after-school clubs for Years 1-6, and we're thrilled to announce an exciting new partnership with Outdoor Explorers, a local business promoting outdoor learning and forest school experiences. This partnership will officially begin in the new year and we can't wait to get started!

There's also been plenty of sporting action, and our teams have been working hard. Check out the sports section of the newsletter for the latest updates, including news that our team has progressed to the second round, of the Rice Bowl and will face a tough match against Glen Hill away.

As we look ahead to the new half-term and the build-up to the festive season, I want to thank you all for your continued support. Wishing you a restful break and an exciting term ahead!

Mr Richards

## **Autumn 1 edition**

# Foundation Stage Open Evening



# Fleckney CE Primary School





# **Dojo Termly Winners**

We are thrilled to announce our Golden Ticket winners, who have earned the highest number of Dojo points this half term by consistently following our school rules of being kind, being safe and being ready. These children have demonstrated exemplary behaviour, and we couldn't be more proud of their achievements.

As a special reward for their hard work, the Golden Ticket winners will be treated to a delicious cakes session with Mr. Richards. This is our way of saying thank you for their continued effort in making our school a better place to learn and grow.

Additionally, this term we have integrated our Christian values into our reward system. Aspiration, Community, Compassion, Fairness, Respect, and Responsibility are now key qualities that will be rewarded with Dojo points. We believe these values are at the heart of creating a caring and thriving Church school environment and we are excited to see how they inspire our students moving forward.

Well done to all our Golden Ticket winners—keep up the fantastic work!



# **Kindness Cup**

This month, we are delighted to announce that Bella B in year 4 has been awarded the prestigious Kindness Cup, a recognition well-deserved for her warmth, positivity, and unwavering support to those around her.

Bella is known throughout the school for her relaxed and easy-going nature. From the moment she arrives each morning, she greets everyone she meets with a huge, warm smile that instantly brightens the day. Her friendly demeanor is contagious, and her kindness knows no boundaries—she is always there for her classmates, lending a helping hand or offering an encouraging word when it's needed most.

What makes Bella truly stand out is her consistent dedication to following school rules and giving her absolute best in all that she does. Whether it's in the classroom, on the playground, or during extra-curricular activities, Bella approaches every task with enthusiasm and commitment. She leads by example, showing others the importance of kindness, respect and hard work.

The Kindness Cup is awarded to students who embody the spirit of Kindness in addition to our Christian values of compassion, community and fairness. Bella is a shining example of these qualities. We are incredibly proud of her and the positive impact she has on our school community. Congratulations, Bella!

## Foundation stage

We have been busy in Foundation Stage continuing to make new friends, settle into new routines, begin our phonics lessons and take part in PE! We have been talking about Harvest Time, doing activities around the book, "The Little Red Hen" and making hedgehogs out of playdough. We visited St Nicholas Church for the first time, walking with our parents to Harvest Festival and took our donations of food with us. We sang "What have we brought for Harvest time" Some children had a special part to play in the service. We have all been very busy!





#### Year 6

The year 6 children have had a fantastic start to the year and have already been very busy. In our first English unit, the children have had the opportunity to write their own spy stories and there were many thrilling narratives for us to read! We ended the unit with 'Spy Day' where we took part in code breaking activities and watched 'Stormbreaker' based on the book by Anthony Horowitz. In Maths, we have looked at place value and been working on strategies of calculation for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have also been encouraging the children to keep up with Times Tables Rock Stars outside of school and set challenges for the children to complete, which they have embraced. It is important that they continue this enthusiasm throughout the year. In the afternoons, we have been focusing on Ancient Greece in History and Art where we



have been designing our own pots. In Science, we have been building alarms using electric circuits and building on our knowledge of electrical safety. We have had a great first half term and we are now looking forward to our upcoming trip to PGL!

#### Year 5

The children in year 5 have settled well into their new classes. Year 5 have been working incredibly hard this half term. They have enjoyed working in the new



building and developing new friendship bonds. During English lesson, we have been working on non-chronological reports and the children worked hard to create a piece based on Wild Tigers. In our History lessons, year 5 have been studying the Mayan Dynasty. We have focused on their lifestyle and how it differs from modern life. We have discovered their inventions,



festivals and how they entertained themselves. Our science lessons have been based around forces. The children have enjoyed participating in the many experiments both inside and outside of the classroom. We have enjoyed our art work this term. During this term we have been looking at Surrealism in art. We have been studying the work of Frida Kahlo.

#### Year 2



The children in Year 2 have settled really well into their new classes and have made a great start with their learning. In English, they have just finished a unit on Traditional Tales in which they explored many different versions of Little Red Riding Hood and wrote their own endings with a twist! In Maths, the children have been learning about number bonds to 10 and excitedly discovered how they can help us with much bigger calculations. In Geography, they have been comparing Kampong Ayer with Fleckney and in History have just started a fantastic topic about History



makers, considering which History maker had the greatest impact. During Art lessons, they have explored portraits and worked over a number of lessons to create their own impressive self portraits which are displayed ready for Parent's Evening.

# Sport @ Fleckney

We are pleased that so many children are taking part in the school sports clubs such as multiskills, chess, football and girls' football. Unfortunately, the football tournament on Tuesday 1st October had to be cancelled by the organisers, due to torrential rain on the day. Mrs Thurman and Mr Richards took the year 5 and 6 girls to a football tournament on 8th October where the children played 4 games in total, wining 1–0, 2–0; drawing 0–0 and losing 2–0. The girls were a credit to the school and gave everything. Well done Sophie, Eden, Bella, Beau, Bella, Charlie, Neda, Zara and Lois – you were fantastic.

The Fleckney year 6 football team took on St Peter's from Hinkley in the 1st round of the Rice Bowl this week, emerging from the tie as 10–0 winners. Goals from Louis (3), Albert W (3), Henry (2), Mason and Freddie ensuring the team advance to the 2nd round against Glen Hills next month. We are looking forward to our first Cross Country running race on October 17th.

As in previous years, it will take place on the fields behind the leisure centre in Market Harborough. It is a fun event, which gives all the children in year three and above, the chance to compete.

#### Year 3



We have had an incredibly busy, fun and productive first half term in Year 3. We are so proud of all the children as they have settled into KS2 and are showing more independence.

Under our English theme of "Magic and Wonder" we have read some wonderful books such as The Place Between, Stone Age Boy and The First Drawing. The children have already learned many new writing skills and have worked hard to produce some superb compositions.

Our Science lessons have been all about light. We have looked at different light sources and learnt all about how we see. We've worked hard on place value in Maths, using formal calculation methods in arithmetic sessions. For times table practice, we've been playing Times Table Rock Stars and using concrete equipment to help us with the skills of addition, subtraction, partitioning numbers and representing numbers in different forms. We have had some fantastic indoor and outdoor PE sessions this half term where we have been learning cheerleading and we have been practising out netball skills. Our R.E. lessons have included lots of super discussions about what it is like for someone to follow God. On Friday afternoons, we celebrate the children's successes and achievements with a celebration assembly. We started off by celebrating their reading challenge accomplishments over the summer break. It has been a joy to share all their successes this half term.

Our children have achieved so much this half term and The Year 3 Team look forward to embarking on our next half term with great gusto!

# Attendance update

Our drive for excellent attendance is continuing strongly, and we're pleased to report that so far this term, we have achieved 96.5% attendance – above the national primary average of 94.5%! A special well done to Year 1, who currently lead the way

with an impressive 98.3% attendance. Keep up the great work!

Our school target is 96%, and we are on track to meet it. At Fleckney, we are proud to promote excellent attendance because it makes a real difference – there is a clear connection between good attendance and positive outcomes for children. Thank you for your continued support in helping us reach this goal!



#### Harvest

On the 4th of October, all of our children took part in a special celebration of Harvest across four services at the church. They sang beautifully and learned about the importance of Harvest and giving thanks.

We are incredibly grateful for the generous food donations brought to the church. These will be passed on to The Well in Kibworth and then forwarded to Open Hands, a Christian charity that offers vital support to vulnerable individuals across the city and county.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make a difference in our community!

#### Year 1

In year 1, we are so proud of how well the children have settled to the new routines. They have been enjoying all the fun activities and learning, whilst exploring new subjects.

For our Design Technology project this half term, we have explored fruit by making a fabulous fruit salad. The children learnt how to hold a knife safely and also learnt about how and where different fruits grow. This has linked to our English, through the story of 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' by Vivian French. The children have been exploring nouns and adjectives when naming and describing fruit.







#### Year 4

What a fabulous start to Year 4! Overall, the children have welcomed the challenges of starting a new curriculum. We are proud of the way they have settled in to the new academic year. A huge welcome to all the new children who have joined us this half term.

This half term, the children have been exploring texts in English under the theme 'Magic and Wonder'. The children have shown wonderful talent in writing poetry, studying the works of: The Magic Box by Kit Wright, Revolting Rhymes (Roald Dahl) and song writing with Katie Melua. We have also been looking at Fairy Tales, describing settings for our stories. A big focus this term has been understanding the mechanics of writing - focusing upon writing simple, compound and complex sentences and understanding what a sentence actually needs to make it a sentence!

Times tables continues to be a key focus in maths and we are delighted with our children who are putting in the hard work with their times tables at school and at home. Keep up the fabulous work! In History, we have been studying The Romans, learning about the growth of the Roman Empire, the power of the Roman Army, and the impact which the Romans had on Britain.

This half term has been packed full. We look forward to the next half term as we transition into the colder months and of course the season of Christmas!





# **Collective Worship**

This year, we've given Collective Worship an exciting revamp! Every Monday morning, the whole school—yes, all 470 of us—gathers for an assembly linked to the liturgical calendar.

On Tuesdays, we explore one of our core Christian Values in depth. This term, the focus has been Respect. After five weeks, two members of each class will be awarded a certificate and a star pin badge for demonstrating respect.

Our next value will be Compassion, with new badges awarded to reflect that value. Each value comes with its own unique badge colour!

Fridays are now home to our newly rebranded Shining Star of the Week award, where we celebrate the achievements and successes of our peers.

The rest of the week's worship includes joyful singing led by Mrs Goode, visits from Reverend Joe Smith, Father Philip, and Mr. Robson, along with worship sessions led by Mrs. Allen and Miss Pearson. It's been a fantastic start to the year, and we look forward to continuing this journey of learning together!



# Shining Star of the Week







Responsibility



#### **Diary Dates and Term Dates**

#### Autumn half-term:

Mon 21st Oct - Fri 25th Oct **School closes for Christmas:** Friday 20th Dec (Early 1:30 finish) Spring term starts: Monday 6th Jan Spring half-term: Mon 17th Feb - Fri 25th Oct **School closes for Easter:** Friday 11th April Summer term starts: Monday 28th April May day bank holiday: Monday 5th May Summer half-term: Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May **School closes for summer:** Tuesday 8th July (early 1:30 finish) School opens after half-term: Monday 28th October New September 2025 intake 'Open Evening': Wednesday 30th October - 3:30-5:00pm Deadline for high-school applications: Friday 31st October Year 6 PGL residential: Monday 4th November - Fri 8th November KS1 Super Scientist Club starts: Tuesday 5th November Book Fair: Tuesday 5th November - Tuesday 11th November FS to Yr6 flu immunisation: Friday 15th November Key Stage 2 RE Roadshow: Thursday 28th November Year 5 Space Centre trip: Monday 2nd December Key Stage 2 choir & 'The Kitten Club' & 'The Grange: Thursday 5th December Year 2 Christmas concert: Wednesday 11th December PM FS & Year 1 Curve trip: Thursday 20th December Christmas Dinner Day: Friday 13th December Year 3, 4 & 6 DMH Panto trip: Monday 16th December Year 2 & 6 DMH Panto trip: Tuesday 17th December Christmas church services: Wednesday 18th December School closes for Christmas: Friday 20th Dec (Early 1:30 finish)



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