



CULWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER 1

October 2016



Dear Parents

It's been fantastic to see all the children back at school and raring to get into the new school year. I'm really looking forward to the year ahead and excited about what it will bring. As always, your input is always valued so whatever feedback you have about school in general I would welcome the sharing of that. I will continue to make myself available as often as I possibly can in an around the school for chats. Before we know it, Christmas will be here!

Help Africa Day

The children raised an amazing amount of money by taking part in our sponsored 'Help Africa Day'. We've had a lovely letter of thanks from Mr Woodage and all at the Dihlabeng Christian School and a letter from one of the children (both attached).

Harvest Festival

"I really enjoyed the Harvest Celebration on the 7th October. It was lovely to see and hear the children's enthusiasm and to join in with some of the hymns with Mrs Limb's accompaniment. The reception children performed so well in spite of only having been at school for a few short weeks, many of them with tremendous confidence! Year one and Year two both sang beautifully and Year three showed great teamwork in their very effective recital of The Banana Rap. The Den performed poems, which I understand they had written themselves - such a marvellous achievement - and the Eyrie children's reading was clear and confident, a credit to them and to those who had helped them to practise. All in all it was a wonderful occasion - many congratulations to all involved." Rachel Carey, Foundation Governor

The Nest

The Nest have been building dens during Friday Adventure.



The Burrow

The Burrow have been learning about place value and have been finding different ways to represent numbers using things we find outside.



The Drey

'In science we have been looking at the digestive system. We made chocolate spread sandwiches and cut them up, then used a potato masher to mash the sandwich up. Then we put it in a little bag and we got lemon juice and food colour as our saliva and we squeezed it and put it in a pop sock. Finally we squeezed the pop sock and Mrs Cooper came and cut the bottom off. Then the whole table squeezed it out. This showed the digestive system.' Amelia Reynolds & Will Cubitt-O'Neil.

The Den

The Den have been working hard writing biographies of Henry VIII. We made notes, drafted and corrected our work and then worked on our presentation skills when we copied them into best. We have drawn self-portraits and enhanced them Tudor style to show ourselves off at our best.

The Eyrie

On 14 October The Eyrie enjoyed a trip back through time for a Tudor Experience at Sulgrave Manor.



100 Club

The winner for July was Gladys Jeyes and for September Anne Marie Ratcliffe. Please contact Jenny Winstanley to join the 100 Club. It helps raise money for the school and you have a great chance of winning!

Wrap Around Care

Just a quick reminder about our Breakfast Club and After School Club. If you need a few extra hours to get things done during the busy run up to Christmas don't forget we offer Breakfast Club from 8 am and After School Club from 3.30 until 6 pm (ideal for a bit of peaceful Christmas shopping). Forms are available from the School Office



Term Dates

Please note the following dates in your diary/calendar. We will notify you of any changes if/when they occur.

October

- Friday 21st Last day of term
- Mon 24th - Fri 28th Half Term (please note there is a training day on Monday 31st)

November

- Tuesday 1st Children back to school after half-term break
- Tuesday 8th Parents evening 4 pm - 6 pm
- Wednesday 9th Parents evening 6 pm - 8 pm
- Saturday 5th Fireworks!
- Wednesday 9th Open Morning
- Thursday 10th CPSA Meeting - 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 16th CPSA Handbag & Jewellery Evening
- Friday 18th Children in Need Day
- Tuesday 22nd-29th Book Fair
- Wednesday 23rd The Den - Visit to Compton Verney
- Wednesday 30th The Drey - Visit to Compton Verney

December

- Monday 5th Creating Christmas Day
- Wednesday 14th Christmas Performances
- Friday 16th Christmas Jumper/Winter Jumper Day & Post Box Opening Day
- Saturday 17th CPSA Christmas Fair
- Monday 19th Christmas Party Day
- Tuesday 20th 2 pm Christingle Service
- End of Term

January 2017

- Thursday 5th Spring Term begins

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