



Autumn Term Newsletter No.5

We are delighted to be able to report that the Ofsted Inspectors have judged that the school is still a Good school. We have emailed the report out to you along with this newsletter so you can read it before it is published on 12th October on Ofsted's website. The Inspectors spent the day in school, meeting Senior Leaders, observing lessons and talking to children. They could see how the school has improved since the last Inspection in 2013 and this is due to every one of our members of staff who are fully committed to making the school a fabulous place for the children and their families. The Inspectors were incredibly complimentary about the children, saying they had a fantastic attitude to their learning and commended the presentation in their books. They also commented on the children's fabulous behaviour throughout the day and said, when they spoke to them they were confident, articulate and well mannered. We are proud of them every single day but were especially proud that day as the inspectors were able to see in them what we see in them!



One of the key improvements has been how many Y6 children in our school achieve well compared to local and national data. This is the second year we have beaten national averages for children working at a higher standard in reading, writing and maths. We do not place limits on children's learning and encourage children to challenge themselves in every lesson. We are hosting our first Parent Drop in for Y1—Y6 on Thursday 19th October so you will be able to look at their books and talk to your child about their work.

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard ?

Number of pupils = 57



Percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard ?

Number of pupils = 57



We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Beech — Joshua B always has a smile on his face, he joins in with all our learning and tries his best!

Pine — Charlie (Hi) has worked hard to improve his writing, using the Writer's Toolkit.

Apple — Karolina shows all of the schools core values and is a great role model to others.

Oak — Ethan is an excellent role model and Miss Henley really values his contributions to the lessons.

Birch — Noah contributes positively and tries his hardest in every task no matter how challenging it is.

Rowan — Juliet has an excellent attitude to learning and always listens, looks and does her best all the time.

Cherry — Kristen puts an amazing effort into his work and sets a great example to others.

Maple — Navid puts 100% effort into everything he does. He is a delight to have in the class.

Holly — McKenzie is trying hard in all areas of his learning. Everyone has noticed this! Well done, McKenzie!

Willow — Jack contributes well in class discussions and takes a great responsibility in his learning.

Hawthorn — Lily stands out for her responsible and aspirational attitude to learning.

Hazel — Charley has produced fabulous writing this week and is a role model for aspirational learning!

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday—Cherry Class swimming
Thursday 19th October—Parent Drop In 3:05 to 3:30pm. A chance to share your child's work in their classroom.
Y1—Y6 Parents Evenings— Tuesday 31st October to Thursday 2nd November. Please book an appointment.
Thursday 30th November—Y1 and Y2 Nativity at the Princess Theatre from 2pm.
Tuesday 12th December— KS2 Christmas Service at Upton Vale Baptist Church at 6pm.



Attendance Award
Congratulations to Oak and Holly Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 97.5% attendance. Fantastic! Well done, everyone!

School Lunch

Thank you for supporting the school by encouraging your child to have a school dinner on Thursday. We calculated that 94% of children entitled to a free school meal had a dinner yesterday which will go a long way to helping the school budget. The next Census day is in January so we will be asking you to support the school in the same way again.

Lost Property

We do our best to hand back the clothes and shoes that children manage to lose around the school but would appreciate your help in making this task a little easier. Please go through your child's uniform and coats and label **everything** clearly - using full names as using initials only can make this a little bit of a puzzle for us!

No Pens Wednesday

This is a day we join in with each year as it is all about raising children's awareness of speech, language and communication needs. It is so important for children to develop their ability to communicate as poor language is linked to poor behaviour—2 in 3 language delayed 3 year olds have behaviour problems as they cannot make their needs known. Our children spent the day doing drama, working in teams, learning sign language, communicating through film! A fun day all round and not a pen in sight!



Roman Numerals



Using microphones to record their ideas.



Mystery spellings— trace a word on your friend's back!

Parents' Evenings for Y1 to Y6

Thank you for booking your appointments through the school website. We now have over 200 appointments booked. There are still two more weeks for you to be able to book and we believe that eSchools have now made this possible through the app. We knew the first time we set up electronic booking it would have a few teething problems so we do appreciate your patience. If you are still experiencing difficulties with booking an appointment please call the office for help.

The eSchools app needs to be updated periodically so it is a good idea to log out completely and log in again every so often. This seems to refresh the app and it will link any Reception Children with their siblings already in school.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.