



Dear Parents

This week in collective worship we focused on the theme of Harvest and how in the Christian calendar this is a time to give thanks. Children had many good ideas about the ways they can give thanks, and I asked them to reflect this week how they could show their thanks to others.

As part of our parent voice meeting, consultation with children and staff we have identified the 3 core values that we feel underpin our ethos and community at Wootton. This will also form part of our wider vision statement for the school.

The 3 values that have been chosen are: Kindness, Friendship and Respect.

As a staff we are developing our vision statement to link these values to our work as a school and to serve our community. As a starting point the biblical reference we have chosen is from Thessalonians 5:11 it is "Encourage each other and build each other." Something which I think our whole school community would identify as being core to our school.

Lauren Murrey

Parent voice meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended our parent voice meeting last week. It was great to have more detailed conversations and discussions with parents about what they recognised as strengths of the school. I have also taken away some really clear development opportunities that the school can now move forwards with. I will share a summary of the comments parents made next week.

Governor news

[Tackley & Wootton-by-Woodstock Primary School Local Governing Body by Matt Mead - Chair of Governors](#)

For those that don't know me, I am married to Nicky and we have three girls that have all been to Tackley School (two have now gone on to Marlborough). I wanted to be more involved with the school and joined the governing body in April 2014 to help shape the long-term vision and ethos for the school. I run my own structural engineering company based in Woodstock and a lot of the skills I use running a business, transfer to skills required as a governor.

Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. We help the school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide outstanding education to our children.

There is now a single governing body covering both schools and we had our first full governors meeting on 23 September where we discussed and agreed plans for the new academic year. Each governor was assigned to one of the two sub-committees (Teaching & Learning or Resources) and given a specific role or area for monitoring. Maths, English and Reading are always key priorities within our School Development Plan but we are also looking this year at Early Years provision and strengthening community links.

Governors will continue to provide regular updates through our newsletter. If you have any questions directly for the Local Governing Body please make contact with our Clerk to Governors Rachel Blanche via the school office email.

School Photograph Orders

Please don't forget to return your school photograph orders to the school office by Monday 11th October.

Extra Holiday Date

All schools have been gifted an extra day's holiday this year due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have made the decision to add our additional day to the start of the summer holidays. The last day of school for the academic year will now be Tuesday 19h July. 'The Really Useful Card' and 'Term Dates' have been amended on the school website.

Ash Class Open Afternoon

Due to staff training we have had to move Ash class open afternoon planned for December 6th to **Tuesday December 7th**, the 'Really Useful Card' has been up-dated on the school website.

Reading Rainbow Certificates -Red

Congratulation to the following children:

Zach L, Noah W and Holly Br who have achieved their red on the reading rainbow. Keep up the hard work!

School Trip—Monday 11th October—Cotswold Wildlife Park

Please remember that all children will need a home packed lunch on Monday 11th October for the school trip, if you had previously placed an order for a hot lunch this has been cancelled and a credit if applicable has been added to your account on SchoolMoney.

After School Club—The Imagination Station (TIS)

Please be advised if you wish to book the after school club on the same day that the club is due to take place you will need to contact the school office to check for availability of places. The SchoolMoney system will not allow you to place a booking on the same day however this can be added for you before 2pm via the School Office.

School Council

School Council have been very busy and have been trying to improve playtimes for everyone by creating a buddy bench and quiet area for those needing peace or help at break times.



“The buddy bench is a place for people to sit if they need a friend.” Zakk Y6



“I like the quiet area because I can sit and chat with my friends. I also draw pictures there.”

Aria Y1

School Council met for the second time this week and were making plans for Children in Need and Anti bullying week coming up next term. Watch this space for exciting things to come!

Ash class

We are continuing to explore different animals and have been looking at animals with fins and feelers over the past 2 weeks. “Cat fish have feelers and can’t go on land. They live in water and sometimes you find them on the beach” Max

Osprey Class

We have been learning about the artist Henri Rousseau. We looked at some of his paintings, drew some leaves at meadow school, mixed different shades of green paint and sketched some animals to go into our final painting. I am looking forward to painting my picture on Friday, Zach Y4.

