



Newsletter



Autumn term

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20th October 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

We have come to the end of a really busy first half term in school.

Falcons, Year 4 class represented the school well at their sports tournament this week playing rugby, OAA and goalball. Well done for great effort and participation!

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at parent consultations this week. The children have been working extremely hard and I am sure the teachers reflected this in your meetings. Thank you for your continued support with helping your children at home too.

The year 5 cake sale was a great success today and the children raised some valuable funds for their class events.

I hope you all have a restful half term with your families and look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 31st October.

Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

30th October—Inset day
31st October—Children return to school
1st November—Coffee Morning 9am-10am
1st November—Phonics evening YrR 5pm
2nd November—Movie Night YrR—Yr6
6th November—Deadline to order Christmas cards
9th November—Open Day for 2024 New Starters 1pm
15th November—Deadline to order Christmas dinner
17th November—Children In Need More information to follow.
24th November—Yr4 Cake Sale
1st December—Bikeability Level 1 Yr3&4
4th December—Coffee Morning 9am-10am
6th December—Christmas Dinner
7th December—Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm-3.30pm
18th December—Christmas Performance more information to follow
19th December—Christmas Performance more information to follow
19th December—Last Day of Term

Important Information

Attendance

A big well done to Owl class last week with 98.7% attendance and Falcon class this week with 100%. The whole school attendance is 96.8% but we are aiming for 98%!



Easyfundraising

Our PTA have partnered up with a company called Easyfundraising who in turn partners with over 7,500 well known retail brands including M&S, John Lewis, ebay, TUI, Argos, Apple, Uber Eats amongst many more. Every time you purchase from these brands, they will then donate part of your purchase to our school. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Please may we ask for your assistance in supporting this venture and consequently raise valuable funds which will be poured back into our school.

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School Dinners

Please could we remind you that the menu on School Grid is available for you to pre order up until the Christmas holidays. Please could we kindly remind all parents and carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance. We will be serving Christmas dinner on 6th December and this will need to be pre-ordered by **15th November**. Any attempts to order after this date will not be facilitated.



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Street Tag

We hope you have all signed up to Street Tag and are collecting lots of points. As you can see we are currently in 2nd place behind Balliol Primary School but we want to be first!!!!

Rank	Score	Team name
1.	415,150	(72) Balliol Primary School
2.	317,150	(54) Cotton End Forest School
3.	65,660	(12) Sharnbrook Primary School
4.	1140	(1) Wootton Lower School
5.	520	(2) Shackleton Primary School

The more people on our school team, the more chance we have of winning!

For information about joining the Cotton End Forest School Team (and hopefully be the winning school in Bedford!), please refer to this poster.



Parking

As you are aware, we have taken considerable steps to ensure the safety and well-being of your children on the school grounds by installing barriers in the front car park. Unfortunately, this appears to have created additional problems in neighbouring streets with inconsiderate parking which resulted in an ambulance being unable to reach a needy person in their home. The local police have been made aware of the situation.

Also please do not drop your children on the roadway through to the car park as it is unsafe and causes further congestion. We are incredibly lucky to have ample spaces for everyone for everyone to park safely in the car park at the side of the school without endangering anyone. I appreciate that you may have to queue to leave the car park but I am sure that you would agree, a couple of minutes waiting patiently is preferable to an accident happening.

Many thanks for your consideration and helping to keep your children safe.



Movie Night

We are excited to host a Movie Night on Thursday 2nd November for children in Reception to year 6.

The event will start at 3.30pm, with pick up arranged for 5pm. There will be three films for the children to choose from (all rated 'U') and they will be provided with light snacks (crisps/tortilla chips and squash). There will be a charge of £5.00 per child for attending. All money raised will go towards school fund to enhance the experiences we provide here at school.

Thank you to those who have already booked.

This event is now fully booked



Yr5 Cake Sale

It was Ospreys turn to host the cake sale today. They did a great job of providing the cakes and selling them to children in school.



Confirmation of how much they raised will be revealed in our next newsletter. All donations will go towards their class fund. Thank you for everybody's support. It's Year 4's turn next month.

Data Collection Forms

For those of you who haven't already done so, please don't forget to complete and return your Data Collection Forms that came home after parent consultations this week.



Christmas Cards

Your child will be bringing home their Christmas card design today. If you would like to place an order please follow the instructions on the card. The deadline for free delivery to the school is Monday 6th November.



Scarecrow Trail

We hope you enjoyed seeing Cotton End's scarecrows last weekend! Thank you to Pre School and Mrs Davey who worked with a group of children for our school's creations. We are very impressed!



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