



Our value for the month of September is "Honesty".

"Better to have little and be fair than to have too much and be dishonest." Proverbs 16:8

#### Feeling Proud



On Monday morning, I told the children that I was feeling very proud of them. I had shown around several visitors last week, who had all been impressed with the quiet and hardworking classes. Our Midday Supervisors are also feeling proud that the children are behaving so well at lunchtimes. However, I told the children that there is always room for improvement and that we must always be looking at ways to make our school a happy, safe and secure place to be. I asked the children to think of ways we achieve this.

#### Lunchtimes

More equipment has arrived this week and the children are really enjoying building with the giant polydron construction kit. We have had boats, rockets, houses and a church built so far. Mrs Golding will be uploading some of the photos to the website, so have a look in the library of pictures. I would like to repeat my request for children's magazines (in good condition) and any unwanted 'simple' board games (ludo, snakes and ladders, draughts) to put into our quiet zones on the playground. Please deliver these to the Office if you have any.

#### Beech (Year 5) Running Festival



Last Friday Beech class took part in a running festival at Monks Walk School. The photos show them warming up before the event. They all seemed to enjoy their morning, even though sitting with some of them at lunchtime I could tell they had run hard (they were tired!)

#### Elm (Year 4) Tag Rugby Festival



On Wednesday everybody in Elm class took part in the Brendan Mallon Memorial Tag Rugby Festival at WGC RFC. 340 children in total attended from schools around the area.

The whole class demonstrated good sportsmanship and none of our teams were defeated! Our all girls team won all of their matches and everyone ended the event in high spirits (which is the most important thing!)

Congratulations to Oliver, Joseph, Poppy, Millie, Emily and Unathi who received Star Performance Certificates. Miss Prentice, Mrs Cox and Mrs Golding were so impressed by the whole class at their first big sports event of the year.

Thank you to all the parents and staff for providing transport to this event.



#### Brain Food Willow (Year 1)

As part of the body topic, the children in Willow Class have enjoyed learning about the brain and how it works. They have learned how important it is to protect their heads with a helmet when riding a bike, to eating a healthy diet and getting plenty of exercise to help their brain to develop.

They also enjoyed looking at a brain made out of Jelly and especially liked eating it at the end of the lesson!



#### High 5 Netball Tournament

Our netball team performed very well in their first tournament; winning one game, drawing two and only losing two games. Congratulations to the team; Harriet, Tabby, Mimi, Lola, Morgan, Olivia (Oak) and Gracie (Beech) and their coaches, Miss Rolland and Mrs Fincham.



#### An Important Reminder

If you are running late for pick up, please ring the Office so that we can look after your child/children. Please remind children in KS2 that if no one arrives to collect them, they must come into the Office to let us know and remain inside until collected.

#### Parent Council

Parent Council met this week on Wednesday morning. The transition meetings were discussed and the consensus was that these had been extremely well-received by parents and carers. Miss Prentice discussed a new termly report form that will be shared at consultation evenings for Years 1-6. The decision to make changes to the current reporting arrangements follows feedback after the summer reports by staff and parents.

The Walking Bus was discussed as well as the lack of a crossing patrol person. The next meeting will be at 9am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, where the main agenda item will be feedback from the Parent Consultation Evenings.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting and to Mrs Leake, Mrs Woods and Miss Prentice.

#### Walking Bus

We are still relying on the goodwill of Mrs McGuinness and staff at the school, Mrs Poultney and this week Mrs Greenwood, to help with our walking bus. If there is anyone who is DBS checked and can help, please get in touch with the Office. Just to clarify the Walking Bus leaves the village hall car park at 8:30am. Children must be ticked off/added to the register, kept by the adult in charge. No child should be left in the car park until the adult leading the Walking Bus arrives. KS1 children must have an adult accompanying them, to see them through the classroom door.

#### Parking

It seems again that some parents/carers are being inconsiderate to our neighbours. I have already put a request in the newsletter from the Parish Council and now I have received an email from Nick, our local publican about the use of his car park. He kindly allows parking in all spaces in the mornings, but in the afternoons parents can only use the front spaces, as there are paying customers who need to park and not be prevented from leaving. There is of course the village hall as an alternative or please walk if it is at all possible. We do not want to lose

the goodwill of our neighbours and have nowhere to park.

#### The Friends

I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend The Friends AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. They have many lovely ideas for fundraising this term, but would like your input. Even if you can only spare a small amount of time or can just offer ideas, we would love your support. We are thinking about having two Class Representatives, as this would be supportive when events are being organised. If you would like to volunteer as a Rep. please come along. We also want to hear from you about ways in which the money you raise can be spent. The teachers have ideas already!

#### Keeping Safe

The Co-op has kindly given us reflective badges to pin on coats for all our KS1 children. These will be given out next week, following an assembly.

#### Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work in Thursday's assembly. Do come in and see their work on display at the front entrance. The work will remain up for a week.

**Willow:** Raffy & Dawoud

**Cherry:** Freddie

**Redwood:** Jared & Keira

**Elm:** Evie, Oscar & Jessica

**Beech:** Tom

**Oak:** Leo

#### What's On:

**27.9.'17-Phonic's Workshop for Reception 9am**

**29.9.'17-Book Fair until Tuesday (3 days)**

**3.10.'17-The Friends AGM 7:30pm for 8pm start (cheese and wine)**

**6.10.'17-Photos (individual and siblings)  
Football Festival (girls)**

**11.10.'17-Harvest Service at the church 2:30pm**

**20.10.'17-Mufti Day for sweets (Friends)**

**23.10.'17-Half Term**

**30.10.'17-Pumpkin Carving Compt. (Friends)**

**3.11.'17-Quiz Night 7:30pm (Friends)**

Attachments: Macmillan's & Circus at St Mary's, Fire Walk