

Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

October 2020

Dear Parents,

We began the year with a whole school transition topic – designed as a way for the whole school to come together, despite being in separate bubbles - as the children returned to school following the lockdown period. This topic, based on Oliver Jeffers' book, 'Here we are', has been much enjoyed by the children and included their working on themes such as taking care of themselves as well as our planet, and also to focus on values such as kindness and respect.

We are now looking forward to celebrating harvest and, this year, our harvest service will take place for the children in their separate classrooms, rather than in church. These harvest services are planned to take place on World Food Day on Friday 16 October. To help celebrate the occasion, we would be very grateful if your child could bring any gifts of non-perishable items of food to school on 16 October, which will be donated to Abingdon Food Bank. A box will be placed outside school for any donations. Thank you.

As you will be aware Gareth Mulcahy is our new Chair of Governors, and we welcome him into this role. At the same time we say a sincere thank you to Dan Pullen, who has come to the end of his time as Chair, for all the work he did during his four year period of office.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parents' Evenings this week. These are planned as virtual Parents Evenings for the first time in the school's history, and we thank you for your understanding of the need for interviews to be held in this way.

Finally, as I finish, may I remind you that the school will not be open for children on Friday 23 October prior to the Half Term holiday, because of a staff training day.

With my best wishes,

Grace Slater

Headteacher

Thames Class - Y6 Parents

Parents of Year 6 children can now submit online applications for children to transfer from primary to secondary school for Year 7 entry in September 2021.

Parents should apply direct at:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/admission-secondary-school/make-application>

Parents unable or unwilling to apply online, can complete the secondary application form by hand, this should then be posted recorded delivery to the Admissions Team or hand delivered to County Hall. Please ask the school office for a form.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications, online or on paper, is **31 October 2020**.

Places will be confirmed on 1 March 2021.

Starting School – September 2021

Parents of children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary school place for their children. Parents must apply for a school place for their child even if the child attends a nursery class at the school listed as a preference.

From 3 November you can apply online at:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions If you cannot apply online, you can request a paper application form from the school office.

The closing date for on-time applications is 15 January 2021.

The Primary offer date for on-time applications is 16 April 2021.

School Office

Parent Interviews

These are taking place on Wednesday 7 October and Thursday 8 October for children in Reception to Year 6. The new online booking system has worked well and I hope parents have found it easy to use.

As the parents evenings are taking place virtually via 'Google Meet' you have been sent a link via email. Please use this link to log on a few minutes before your appointment time and wait for the teacher to accept you into the meeting. (You don't need a google account to join the virtual meeting).

Flu Vaccinations

These will take place in school on Tuesday 20 October for all children in Reception to Year 6 by the School Health Nurse. Please ensure you have completed and returned the online consent form from the NHS.

Snack

Oxfordshire County Council provides free fruit and vegetables for all children in Reception, Year one and Year two. These are distributed at playtime in the morning and make up a healthy snack for the children.

Fruit is available for purchase as a mid-morning snack for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the beginning of the autumn, spring and summer terms. The amount required will be automatically added to your School Money account. This gives parents the choice to purchase fruit at the start of each term. If you choose not to, then this amount will be deleted from your account after the first full week of term.

School Meals

Please see the attached new menus. These will begin after half term, week commencing 2 November. If you wish your child to have a school meal, please ensure you order via School Money on a Thursday **in advance**, for the following week/month. Thank you.

School Photographs – Friday 6 November am

The school photographer will be taking individual photographs of all the children. These will be taken individually of children in class 'bubbles'. We are sorry but due to the current restrictions we are not able to have photographs of siblings together or families with younger children not in school.

Non Uniform Day in aid of Children in Need - Friday 13 November

Children can come to school in non-uniform and donate £1 for this privilege. Please note that £1 will be automatically added to your School Money account. Please don't send cash in with your child. If you choose not to pay, this amount will be deleted from your account on Friday 20 November. All the money raised will be donated to Children in Need. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7 October	Parents Evening (R to Y6)
Thursday 8 October	Parents Evening (R to Y6)
Friday 16 October	Harvest Festival (Class Assemblies)
Tuesday 20 October	Flu Vaccinations R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Friday 23 October	Inset Day—school closed
26 to 30 October	Half Term break—school closed
Monday 2 November	Back to school