

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - No. 464

## A message from Mr Witts, Executive Headteacher

What a mixed week for weather! It really feels like autumn is here.

It has been a privilege this week to see the children's learning and talk to them about what they are proud of especially around our theme for this term of perseverance.

Thank you for all of your support and patience this week. We have been struck down by a variety of illnesses – staff and children. At times it has been a huge challenge to cover all that is needed in school – thank you for your kind words of encouragement!

Don't forget this Sunday is our Garden Force Day! An opportunity to come and support the school, working with staff, governors, children and parents to improve the look of the school and ready the garden for the autumn/winter.

We have had the fantastic opportunity for all of the children to learn First Aid and children had the opportunity to taste foods from different cultures as part of European Day of Languages. A huge thank you to the team that arranged these and providing so many exciting experiences for our children.

Some of the team had the opportunity to look at play in another OPaL school, giving a real insight into how we can change our provision for the children, fostering engagement and greater regulation of behaviours.

Please could we ask for your support in ensuring that all children are dressed for the weather of the day – sunhats one day, rain coats the next!

Next week – don't forget - we have individual/sibling photos on Wednesday and Harvest Festival for Year 2 on Friday.

## Things to Remember

Year 2 - PE block week will be on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday only next week. The children will need to wear their PE kit to school on these days only. Children are to wear their school uniform to school on Wednesday and Friday, due to school photos and the Harvest Assembly.

The school gates close at 8.50 every morning. Parents will not be permitted on site after this time. This is to help to reduce disruption to children in the classroom.

## Dates for the Diary

03.10.23 - Y6 Parent PGL meeting  
04.10.23 - School Photos  
05.10.23 - EYFS/KS1 Parent Maths Workshop  
06.10.23 - Year 2 Harvest Service  
06.10.23 - PFA Autumn Disco Y1-Y6  
12.10.23 - KS2 Parent Maths Workshop  
18.10.23 - Parent Consultations  
19.10.23 - Parent Consultations  
**23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - HALF TERM**  
**30.10.23 - No school - Development day**  
6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November - Y6 PGL Residential

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Learning Award

1A Sophie H, 1M Charlie L, 2H Ellie H, 2K Jessica W, 3B Adriana H, 3G Isabelle L, 4C Charlie C, 4MP Bella R, 5N Henry N, 5R Eloise G, 6C Jack R, 6L James W

### Values Award

1A Jamie S, 1M Freddie M, 2H Daniel P, 2K Buster B, 3B Evan H, 3G Niamh H, 4C George D, 4MP Gemma A, 5N Phoebe S, 5R Bonnie R, 6C Josie K, 6L Amelia B



The trophy this **term** is for the most read minutes each week.

This week the trophy goes to **6C**

## House Points

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| Beckett     | 322 |
| Dickens     | 295 |
| Churchill   | 392 |
| Harvey      | 376 |
| Holmes      | 320 |
| Shakespeare | 311 |

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
**CHURCHILL**  
This week's Winners

## School News

For Harvest Festival we will be collecting any tinned or dry food from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. This year we are collecting for Bright City Church who are partnering with Ashford Borough Council, Fareshare and local food businesses to provide food parcels for those who are vulnerable to the effects of the economic pressures. Please could donations be given either via the classroom, or main reception.

Thank you to those who have already signed up the Classlist app for the PFA. Tickets for the school disco and fireworks night are now available to purchase through this app only. Please find attached a flyer with more information.

## First Aid Training

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Joe at First Aid Friends today. Every class had a session which was full of fun as well as important messages. Joe gave us lots of information about First Aid, including what should be found in a First Aid kit and what each item is used for, how to contact 999 for an ambulance, how to perform CPR and how to put someone into the recovery position. A great day of learning lifesaving skills!





## European Day of Languages

Tuesday was European Day of Languages. We came together as a school in Collective Worship to discuss why learning a language is so important, before spending time in our classrooms learning how to say 'hello' in other languages and trying foods from other countries. Some of us even felt brave enough to try an olive for the first time! We hope your children enjoyed all of the activities and maybe taught you something new too.



## Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. The children had the opportunity to choose a book from the vending machine in the main reception area. They were all very excited! We hope that you are enjoying reading your new books.

