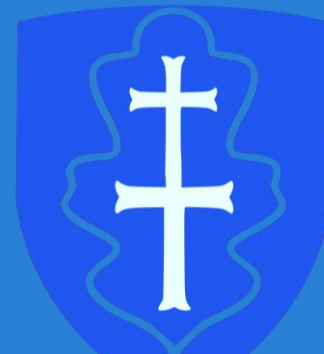


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Newsletter 4

Head Teacher's News

I can't believe that we have already been back at school for four weeks! It has been a very busy period, so I thought this would be a good opportunity to give you an update on some of the progress that we have made so far this academic year. There are several hyperlinks to follow in this email. Please be aware that they will take you to external sites.

On Monday, I held our 'School Headline phone call' with the Early Years advisor from Bucks CC. As well as discussing our data from last year, which she was very pleased with, I explained our plans for this year, which form a key part of our School Development Plan. She was excited by our plans, including increased collaboration and flexibility between EYFS and KSI, and could see the impact that they would have on the quality of education for our children.

Our SDP has now been finalised and an overview of our objectives for the Autumn Term can be found by clicking [here](#). From this, you can see that our priorities are focussed on 3 areas: leadership, teaching and learning and communication and that some key areas include: re-introducing Growth Mindset, curriculum development and improved avenues of internal and external communication. We will be working on these priorities constantly, and I will provide regular updates on our progress through this newsletter.

On Wednesday, we had our first PTA meeting of the year. It was great to see so many members of our community attending, including several new parents. The PTA is such a vital part of our school, and it relies on the support and goodwill of our parents to function, particularly when running many of the exciting events that enable us to enhance our offer for the children. Some of our fundraising plans for this year can be found in the PTA section further down this newsletter. I realise how busy everyone's lives are, but supporting the running of events makes such a difference, and is surprisingly easy and time-friendly. It's also a huge amount of fun! Please join our PTA Facebook group by clicking [here](#). The next meeting is on Wednesday 20th November at 7:00pm.

This morning, we had our first Star of the Week celebration assembly, followed by a Macmillan Coffee Morning. The Year 5 and 6s did an incredible job hosting the event; Miss Clark and I were very proud to see how diligently they went about their various jobs. In the end, we raised a fabulous £135 to donate to an extremely worthwhile cause. Well done everyone! Photos from today can be found [here](#).

I wish everyone a great weekend!

Sam Browne



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Stars of the Week

Freya Jayne – for always being positive and helpful towards children and adults without being asked

Darcy - for consistently trying her best and applying herself in all areas of her learning

Oilly – for working hard in class and giving his own time to improve his learning and help out with jobs

Amy – for settling in so well to the class and putting her all into her learning

Marking and Feedback Procedure

In our staff meeting this week, we reviewed and revised our school marking and feedback procedure. Feedback is one of the most important tools for improving learning in the classroom, however, feedback and marking are not the same thing. The government's Marking Policy Review Group identified that, *'marking practice which does not have the desired impact on pupil outcomes is a time-wasting burden for teachers'*. As such, we have worked together to create a procedure that will have a positive impact on the progress and learning of all children whilst maximizing teacher's time and helping them to make lessons as effective as possible. A copy can be found by following [this link](#); it will start from Monday 30th September.

PTA

At the PTA meeting on Wednesday, we discussed many of the key fundraising events that are scheduled for the next few months. The major date for the diary currently is **Rugged Radnage on Sunday 17th November**. The organising committee need as much support as they can get to help publicise and run this event. If you have ideas for locations where we could put up posters or hand out flyers, please contact the PTA or Jim Whittington. Also, if you are able to help out with the running of the event, or simply come along to support on the day, this would be greatly appreciated. I've signed up to run the 10k course and will need all the encouragement I can get! For more info, click on this link: [Rugged Radnage](#)

This year, amongst other projects, we will be fundraising for:

- a new projector for the school hall
- our new sensory garden
- a variety of smaller playground equipment
- a combination trail/natural play area to add to the current wooden log swing

Community Clear Up Day

I would like to gather together a community clear up party to work on the school from 10:00am to 12:00pm on Sunday 6th October. There are a wide variety of jobs that would be fantastic to have done, and we would be incredibly grateful if you were able to help us. Gardening and diy tools would be helpful, but the most important ingredient will be you! If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at school or catch me on the playground in the mornings.



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Christmas Cards

It may only be September, but now is the time to start preparing your Christmas stationary! Children have been sent home with a 'design your own Christmas card' template for them to complete and return. This is a brilliant concept and I know, from personal experience, how much friends and family love receiving a card with your child's artwork on it rather than a generic, shop-bought one. Further details on this can be found on the accompanying letter.

Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
September 2019			
Mon 30th – 9:30am	New Parent Tour	Whole School	Prospective parents
October 2019			
Sun 6th – 10:00am – 12:00pm	Community Clear Up Day	Whole School	Everyone!
Mon 14th – 9:00am	Harvest Worship	School Hall	All parents
Mon 21st – 3:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	All Classes
Tues 22nd – 3:30-5:30pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	All Classes
November 2019			
Fri 8th – 9:30am	New Parent Tour plus stay and play for prospective children	Whole School	Prospective Parents
Mon 11th – 9:30am	Remembrance Service	School Hall	Everyone
Tues 12th – 9:30am	English Open Morning	School Hall and classrooms	All parents
Sun 17th – 10:00am	Rugged Radnage	Radnage Village	Everyone
Weds 20th – 7:00pm	PTA Meeting	British Legion	Everyone!
Fri 22nd – 3:30pm	PTA Film Night	School Hall and classroom	All Classes
Tues 26th – 9:30am	Maths Open Morning	School Hall and classrooms	All parents
Sat 30th – 2:00-5:00pm	Christmas Shopping Event	Whole School	Everyone!
December 2019			
Mon 2nd – 9:30am	New Parent Tour	Whole School	Prospective Parents
Tues 10th 9:30am	Nativity	School Hall	Reception and 1/2 Parents
Weds 11th	Christmas Afternoon	School Hall and classrooms	Whole School
Mon 16th – 12:05pm	Reception and 1/2 Christmas Lunch	School Hall	Reception and 1/2
Tues 17th – 12:05pm	Year 3/4 and 5/6 Christmas Lunch	School Hall	Year 3/4 and 5/6
Tues 17th - 1:00pm	Reception and Year 1/2 trip to Norden Farm	Offsite	Reception and 1/2
Thurs 19th – 12:45pm	School Carol Concert	School Hall	Everyone



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