



11th November 2016

Dear Parents



Remembrance

6B led a beautifully presented and moving assembly on Wednesday on the theme of Remembrance. Thank you to Mr Battye and the children and to Captain Harris, who joined us to read "On Flanders Field". Year 6 have taken their poppy wreaths up to the Church, and we all observed the 2 minute silence in the playground today at 11am.

SIAMS Inspection

Mr Sperring (Collective Worship Coordinator) and Mr Kemp (RE Coordinator) and many other staff, governors and children have been involved this week with our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) mid-term inspection. The Diocese inspect our effectiveness as a Church School, and this covers every aspect of what we do – our data, achievement, values, spiritual, moral and cultural development – everything that would be covered in an Ofsted inspection.

It went very well – the Inspector enjoyed meeting members of the school council who talked enthusiastically about what it is like to be here:

"The positive, quality responses given by the pupils during the visit showed that they are articulate and confident, that they have strong moral values, care about each other and are extremely proud of their school"

International News



On Tuesday we hosted 13 visitors from Sweden who came to see our "Food for Life" programme. They met with the SNAG team (School Nutrition Action Group) who again impressed with their knowledge and enthusiasm for growing, cooking and eating healthy food. They toured the allotments and had lunch in Truly Scrumptious. It is good that we are gaining an international reputation!

HS2 – The final round

We had our House of Lords, HS2 petition appearance on Tuesday. Ms Fletcher, one of our Governors and I presented to the Select Committee, to make the best case for the school. We are delighted that HS2 has agreed to fund the drop off zone with £500,000 mitigation, including a walkway from the Link Road, an automatic barrier and a shelter for people waiting, but we are still petitioning for:

- An extension of the tunnel one mile north to near Leather Lane
- Moving the Haul Road north away from the Link Road Roundabout
- Further mitigation for the school, in recognition of the reduction in our sports and outdoor space.
- For the funds to come directly to the school, as an academy, rather than to Bucks cc



Fireworks

A huge **THANK YOU** to the PTA who organised the spectacular fireworks on Saturday.

Standing in that huge crowd, watching that display (see picture taken below!), qualifies in my book as a spiritual experience!

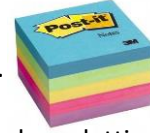
The PTA are still doing calculations, and will let you know next week the final amount raised.

Wellbeing Mentor

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Tiley as a new LSA in school and look forward to Mrs Fountain joining us this term too. Welcome to both.

Parents' Feedback

We asked you to write a post-it at parents' evening to let us know how we are doing. Thank you for this feedback.



All responses have typed out and are attached here – please have a look – and please keep letting us know when we are getting it right, and what we need to work on – either directly or via Class Reps – it is much appreciated.

Coming up

- CATs - letters for parents of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 due out on Monday 14th
- CATs – information session for parents on Monday 21st November at 2pm

Double Celebration

On Monday 14th November we have a double celebration:

- The official opening of our new classroom
- The exact 10th Anniversary of our last OFSTED inspection – 14th November 2006

We have invited Governors and staff past and present to come to and view the classroom on Monday .

The completion of the stair case has been delayed – once it is open, I will invite parents in to see the whole finished project! It's beautiful.

Holiday Club

Dates that the Holiday Club will be running over the Christmas break are:

Wednesday 21st December 2016

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January 2017

This will be available to book from next Wednesday, and we will email to advise you of the procedure.

Job Opportunity – Catering Assistant

In the Truly Scrumptious kitchen. 27 hours per week, £7.20 per hour, term time only, 9am to 3pm.

Please apply to Liam Kellard or contact Head Chef, Anthony Lamb via school office.

Rozalyn Thomson

Head Teacher

Office Matters..... Office Matters...



- Please re book for Christmas lunch as per recent email.
- 2 scarves are in the school office. Please contact us if you have lost one.
- Some trip monies are still outstanding for Caythorpe and France. Please check Parentpay.

Next payments due are:

Caythorpe – December

France – January

Woodrow - January.

We will advise. Thank you

