

# NEWSLETTER

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## From the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It is good news that our building programme is on schedule and that the new foundation classroom, library and community rooms will be ready in early February. I would especially like to thank staff, parents and children involved in the Foundation Stage for their patience and understanding with the building work.

This term is when teachers meet with parents to discuss children's progress and set targets for later in the school year. Please make sure you see your child's teacher to book an appointment; it is really important to support your child in this way.

Thank you also for feedback on the new homework folders that all children use throughout the school. We have seen an improvement in communication and in the amount of completed homework since their introduction.

Please check carefully the dates around Christmas listed at the end of this newsletter as you will want to make sure you know when your child will be taking part in their Christmas Assembly.

During term 1 we welcomed a new teaching assistant to school, Mrs Vicky Tomalin who is our assistant for outdoor learning. Mrs Tomalin has taken up a new role within the school and supports children with Forest School, gardening, wildlife studies such as pond dipping, eco-activities around recycling etc. and seasonal changes throughout the school year. The development of these outdoor learning opportunities is one of the developments in our school improvement plan. We also hope to develop the grounds more over this school year with new outdoor learning experiences for your children.

Yours sincerely

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### Payments to School

As many of you are aware we now have the 'chip & pin' debit facility at school and we are able to accept payments in person or over the telephone.

**Please remember that from January 2009 we shall no longer accept cheques.**

Payments will only be payable as cash or by debit / credit card.

### School Lunches

We would like to remind parents of the discounted school lunches we offer for second or subsequent children. £2.00 per day—£10.00 per week for 1 child  
£1.60 per day—£16.00 per week for 2 children

Our school lunches are healthy and appealing to children and are freshly cooked in the school kitchen by Mrs Worden and her staff. All ingredients are sourced locally and there are several choices (hot and cold) each day. Please call at the office for a 4 week menu for further details.

Dinner money should be paid in advance at the office.

### Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school from Thursday 27th November. There will be hundreds of fantastic books to browse through. Prices start from £2.99. For every book you buy, our school will get one FREE in return! This will help to fill our new library with lots of new and exciting books for everyone to enjoy. We will be able to accept cash, cheques and credit cards. Visa, MasterCard and secured debit cards (with MasterCard or Visa logos on them) are all welcome.

You can come and visit the Book Fair on the following dates and times:

Thursday 27th November—for KS1 in the school hall at 3.00p.m.

Thursday 27th November—for Bridges till 6.00p.m.

Friday 28th November—for Foundation Stage at 11.30a.m. in FS playground

Friday 28th November—for KS2 in the school hall at 2.00p.m.

Monday 1st December—for everybody in the school hall at 3.00p.m.

### P.E.Kits now available from school!

We are pleased to inform you that we now have our new P.E.Kits in school at a very reasonable price. Our aim is for the kits to become part of the school uniform.

The new kits consist of white short sleeved t-shirts and navy sports shorts.

The t-shirts come in a twin pack in a range of sizes 4—11yrs for £4, and the navy shorts 4—11yrs from £2.50— £4.50 per pair. Please order these from the Uniform Shop

### Badminton Festival

Miss Warren helped us with badminton because she is a badminton coach, she taught us how to play. She showed us underarm and over arm shots. Miss Warren taught us the grape vine and the side step. We walked to the Academy to take part in the festival with other schools and Miss Warren came too.

We took part in 5 different activities that used different badminton skills. We worked in 2 teams and we came 2nd and 3rd.

We had lots of fun!

By Millie O'Dowd Year 3



#### Bridges Childcare

Provide high quality child care in a safe environment, for children aged 3 - 11 years

#### Charges:

Term time: £2.75 per hour (1<sup>st</sup> child)  
£2.25 per hour (2<sup>nd</sup> child)

During school holidays: £19.65 per day (over 6 hours)  
£13.00 per half day (6hrs or under)

Bridges offer special activities during school holidays. MOVIES AND MUNCHIES, COOKERY CLUB, CRAFTY KIDS etc

Little Bridges—Monday—Thursdays 1—3 pm £4.50 per session (Induction sessions for youngsters in the term they become 3 yrs old)

**Please remember to book your child into Bridges. This is not a drop-in service.  
Contact Rachel Anson for more information and to book. Tel. 01295 269931**

The school profile has now been published on the internet.  
Go to <http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk>  
Hard copies are available from the office.

## Dates for your diary

School photos

- 13th November (this Thursday)

### Pupil progress meetings:

Foundation stage — rolling weekly programme — ask teachers for details

Y1 17th & 19th November from 3.30p.m. please make an appointment

Y2 17th & 19th November from 3.30p.m. please make an appointment

Y3 17th & 19th November from 3.30p.m. please make an appointment

Y4 12th & 19th November from 3.30p.m. please make an appointment

Y5 19th & 24th November from 3.30p.m. please make an appointment

Y6 17th & 18th November from 3.30p.m. please make an appointment

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**INSET DAY 24th November** — Bridges open please book

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Woodlands meeting—for those from Y5 and Y6 who are going to Woodlands in  
January 2009 - 27th November at 6.30p.m.

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Y5 and Y6 trip to the Black Country Museum - 11th December

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Panto for KS1 and Foundation Stage - 15th December  
Christmas assembly for FS (Palmfly/NURA) - 11th December (a.m.)  
Christmas assembly for FS (Glasswing/NURP) - 12th December (a.m.)  
Christmas assembly for KS1 - 9th December (p.m.)  
Christmas assembly for Y 5 & 6 - 10th December (p.m.)  
Christmas assembly for Y 3 & 4 - 11th December (p.m.)  
All morning assemblies at 9.30a.m.— all afternoon assemblies at 1.30p.m.  
Christmas lunch - 17th December  
Christmas Party for KS2 - 18th December  
Christmas Party for FS & KS1 - 19th December

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End of term 2

- 19th December at 2p.m.

INSET day

- 5th January 2009—Bridges open please book

Term 3 starts

- Tuesday 6th January 2009

## Child passenger safety—child car seats

Though the law changed 2 years ago (in September 2006), worryingly, a recent survey showed that many parents still are not clear about the need for child car seats / booster seats.

The law requires that children up to 135cm / 4'5" use a suitable seat—based on weight and height, just about every child in Nursery / Primary Schools will need a booster seat.

The County Council's Road Safety Team wants to encourage parents to go further than the law requires and actually keep their child in a booster seat up to 150cm / 5' - that was the height a seatbelt was designed and tested to protect!

Children should be entitled to the same protection as adults in a car. These seats should not be regarded as something 'babyish' to be outgrown as quickly as possible, instead being thought of as a vital piece of safety equipment to protect a passenger smaller than adult size. Would you be happy sending your child on a trip abseiling down a cliff wearing a harness that was designed for an adult?

When choosing a booster, try to always choose a booster seat (with base and back) that keeps the back on, rather than a booster cushion (base seat only). The latter is not suitable for smaller children (need to be average build 6+) and offers less protection from side impact.

### Bus/coach/minibus exemption

The child passenger law does not apply to trips on coaches, buses or minibuses. These vehicles are exempt, purely on practical grounds.

If you have any questions regarding the choice and use of child car seats / booster seats please contact Julie Jones, Road Safety Officer on 01865 321682  
julie.jones@oxfordshire.gov.uk

## Tag Rugby Tournament

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Year 6 went to the North Oxfordshire Academy for a Tag Rugby tournament. We took two teams and faced teams from Hardwick, Cropredy and William Morris. One of our teams won through to the Cherwell District Finals to be held in Bicester on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

The Year 6's have been preparing for the tournament during their P.E. sessions. Thomas Huckin said "It was fun, but my team did not win."

Crystal-lee Gatland said "Im really glad my team won I had lots of fun "

Written By Gabriel Brinkley

# Prepare for a party season with style

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## Santa needs some helpers!

Has anyone got an hour or two to spare to help Santa wrap his presents for all the children at Hanwell Fields Community School?

He's planning to start wrapping during the first two weeks of December.

If you can spare some time, please leave your name and contact details with Mrs Kipping in reception.

Santa looks forward to hearing from you!