

NEWSLETTER

November
Newsletter
Issue 2

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The school year has started well and all the new children in Nursery and in other classes throughout the school have settled well. Thank you to the parents and staff who helped me host "The singing Breakfast" for the Banbury Folk Festival. This year is the fourth year we have taken part and not only was it a great success it also raised funds for books for the new "Explorers" library in KS2.

Another recent successful event was the first of three "Pupils as Researchers" conference. At this we hosted pupils from Cropredy, The Grange, Hardwick, William Morris and North Oxfordshire Academy alongside our own pupils (Y5,Y6) who learned about the necessary research skills they will need to carry out their chosen projects. This conference and the two that will follow are receiving significant input from the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, to ensure it is a high quality experience.

Term 2 starts with many pupil progress meetings throughout the school. It is pleasing to see how numbers of parents attending these meetings to discuss their child's progress has increased over the last two years. It would be great to have 100% of parents attending this term.

On Tuesday 17th November we shall be having a "Harvest Assembly" when Reverend Gaynor will be talking to us about situations when Harvest doesn't come. For this assembly we shall be accepting donations of tinned/dried foods which we shall then donate to the Salvation Army and Banbury Homeless. Please send donations in on 16th and 17th November. This term will end with Christmas Celebrations including parties and assemblies (see dates at the end of this newsletter) This year we are also adding a new event to the Christmas Diary — A Christingle Service at St Francis Church. Due to the restricted capacity of the church, the invitations will be first come first served so if you wish your child to go please look out for the letter and return the slip promptly.

On a final note, as the weather is getting much colder, please ensure your child has appropriate warm clothes and footwear to be outside. Many of our lessons require children to work in different parts of the school including out of doors and we always try to ensure children get breaks out in the fresh air at morning playtime and lunch time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Admissions to Secondary and Primary School September 2010

Was your child born between 1st September 1998 and 31st August 1999 ?

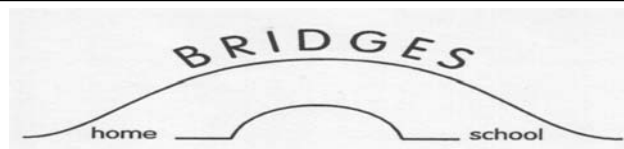
If so, you should have already completed and submitted an application form either on-line or on a paper copy for the Secondary School of your choice. The closing date was 2nd November.

If you **have not** done so yet, you need to pick up a booklet from Mrs Kipping in reception and fill the form in immediately. Your application will be treated as a late application and may affect your choice of schools.

Was your child born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 ?

If so, you are required to complete and submit an application for starting Foundation Stage in September 2010 by 13th November.

If you haven't done so yet, you need to pick up a booklet from Mrs Kipping in reception and fill the form in so that it is submitted on time.



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 st child) £2.25 per hour (2 nd 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**

Family Sessions at Hanwell Fields Community Centre
For families with children aged 0–5 years
1p.m.– 3p.m. every Thursday
£1 donation per family/per session

Chitter Chatter

The next Chitter Chatter sessions will start on Thursday 5th November for 6 weeks. 5th, 12th, 18th, 26th November and 3rd, 10th December.

To book a place for you and your child please enrol at the school office. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. All sessions run on a Thursday morning starting at 10.30a.m. prompt.

The next course after this one will run after Christmas.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th November-	Pupil Progress Meeting Y 1,2,3,4 and 6
Wednesday 11th November-	Pupil Progress Meeting Y 1,2,3,4 and 6
Tuesday 17th November-	Harvest Assembly
2nd–7th December	Book Fair (more information to follow)
Tuesday 8th December-	Christmas Assembly Y3/4 2p.m
Wednesday 9th December-	Christmas Assembly Y5/6 2p.m.
Thursday 10th December-	Christmas school lunch FS, Y5, Y6
Friday 11th December-	Christmas school lunch Y1,2,3,4
Tuesday 15th December-	KS1 Christmas Assembly 2p.m.
Wednesday 16th December-	FS Christmas Assembly 9.30 (Glasswing butterflies/ morning caterpillars)
Wednesday 16th December-	FS Christmas Assembly 2pm (Palmfly butterflies/ afternoon caterpillars)
Thursday 17th December-	KS2 Pantomime (a.m.) Christmas Party (p.m.)
Friday 18th December-	FS AND KS1 Christmas Parties
Friday 18th December-	End of term 2
Monday 4th January-	Term 3 starts

