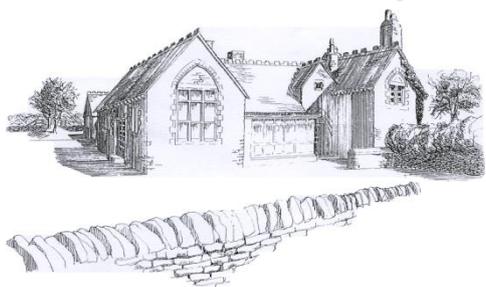


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Vision Evening...

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Vision Evening on the 18th. It was so wonderful to see so many of you there and we would like to thank you for all your kind feedback since. We hope you can see how ambitious and passionate the whole staff team are with regards to improving the school and making it best it can possibly be!

We know there is still a lot of work to do over the next 12 months and we will be relentless in our aims to improve our school. Once again, the strands of our holistic curriculum include:

Our Inner Curriculum
Ethical Citizenship
Attitudes and Skills for Life
Relationships
Self - expression

We will be holding more parent forums in the future and as we have said, we are keen to involve you in shaping the future of our school.

Staffing Update

Due to personal circumstances Mrs Wolfe-Emery has this afternoon informed the Co-Headteachers that she will not be returning to school this half term.

The Co-Headteachers would like to reassure the parents and children that they have a contingency plan for any such eventualities and a teacher will be in place on Monday.

Mrs Wole-Emery has been a valued member of the staff since April 2014 and will be sorely missed by pupils, parents and staff. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in the next stage of her journey.

We are hopeful once again that we will be able to attract a candidate of high calibre to become part of our existing team. The application window is open and candidates will be shortlisted after the deadline on Monday 30th September. Interviews will be held next week and as always, we will keep you updated when we have appointed.

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival Service will be a little later than usual this year, due to the church's availability and our West Class residential.

We now have a date set for a service at 1:45pm in St Stephen's church, to which you are all warmly invited. Our children are already working hard at practicing our Harvest Hymns and songs during assemblies and we know there is some work going on in the classrooms as well.

We are also excited to be connecting with Blake's Café during the week of the service and are hopeful that following on from the service, you will be able to accompany us back in school for some homemade harvest treats!

Open Mornings:

6th November @ 1.30pm

4th December @ 1.30pm

Reception intake Sept 2020.

Staff development

Professional and continued development opportunities are important to us as a school, to help us in our aim to being the best school that we can be. This month, the following meetings/events have been attended by our staff:

Epi pen training (HT & NT)

County Educational Financial Services briefing (NG)

Commencement of NQT training (AD)

Mobile Phones

Can we please remind all parents and visitors that mobile phones are not to be used or visible on the school premises? We have had some reports of parents on their phones at school pick-up. As we don't have members of staff outside at this time we cannot 'police' this, so please help us by reminding parents that phones must be put away whilst inside the school gates.

Thank you.

Attendance Teddy

We are introducing a Class Teddy to the class with the highest attendance record each month.

To date, the class attendance percentages are:



Barrow Class 97.90%

Rye Class 96.75%

Linton Class 98.35%

West Class 96.97%

We would like to say a special thank you to our neighbour, Mrs Hickman for weeding at the front of the school. It looks great!

SECONDARY school applications

Are now OPEN for the next academic year - September 2020.

Parents of children born between September 1, 2008, and August 31, 2009, need to apply for a place for their child. This year families have been encouraged to choose four preferences. Applications must be submitted by midnight on Thursday, October 31st via oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

Paper forms will be available from schools and County Hall, but the council has advised parents to apply online 'for efficiency and security.'

EYFS school applications

Please remember to apply on time, that is, no later than 15th January 2020. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place.

County strongly advise you to use all four preferences and advise you to enter your catchment (or designated area) school as one of your preferences and consider how your child will travel to school.

If your application is late, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

If you need help using the online application form, visit <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/online-applications>

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already a month in to the new term and it's been lovely to see the children settling in to their new classes so quickly and enjoying their learning.

Many of you will have attended the Co-Headteachers' meeting last week, where Mrs Rogers and Mrs Smith outlined their vision for the school, along with their areas of focus both in the short and long term. You will have seen their passion and ambition for the children and the school, which we know is shared by parents and staff, and heard of some of the changes already implemented, including:

- a broader range of after school activities
- improved physical environment
- a new approach to community communications, including this newsletter
- parent survey
- a range of new school policies

Like you, we are looking forward to seeing more of the heads' vision come to life in the coming weeks and months.

The governing body will be meeting in October to review the heads' school plans and track progress in key areas. As ever, once approved, the official minutes from this meeting will be published on the school website. In the meantime we will keep you updated on governance matters via this regular newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Mr Collett
Chair of Governors

Barrow Class

Barrow Class have been on a scavenger hunt and collected Autumn treasures for this picture.

Year One decided to make a cross with the conkers to help them answer the Big question in RE.....

Does God want Christians to look after the world?

The Great Barrow Bake Off



Barrow Class parents are invited to attend a Castle building workshop on Friday 11th October at 2pm. We aim to build castles out of biscuits and cement them together using water icing. School will provide the icing sugar but I am asking for donations of biscuits and a tray to construct the castle on from each child please.

If you are unable to attend your child's Year 6 buddy will be asked to support your child during their build. Please write a note in your child's home/school book if you can/cannot attend.

Below are some photographs of biscuit castles to give you an idea what type of biscuit will make a stable structure. We will be discussing this in class too when we draw our designs.

Look forward to seeing you at the workshop!



Rye Class

Rye Class have been working on their mapping skills. We are learning about space, size and directions.

We enjoyed glorious sunshine last week whilst creating maps of the playground. The older children supported the Year 1 children to create maps in pairs.



Break Time Snacks

This is a reminder that children should only have fruit for their break time snack and that crisps, biscuits, chocolate or sweets are not allowed. Please also remember only water in bottles.

Linton Class



Linton class have been doing some orienteering so far this term. Following on from learning N,E,S,W last week they have also learnt about NE,NW, SE and SW. The children were using their newly learnt skills to direct each other from and too different cones.



West Class



West class have been enjoying their class novel "Holes" and we have been working hard at writing our own new chapters in a similar style to that of the author.

We had a challenging science lesson using levers, pivots and weights which required a trial and error approach. The Year 6 had a brilliant experience at Junior Citizen this week working with the three emergency services.

Anticipation is also growing with the Residential almost upon us as we have now received our list of activities including rifle shooting, archery and sailing. Needless to say we are excited!

Key dates for parents

October		
1 st October – 31 st	ALL MONTH	Black History Month
Tuesday 1 st	TBC	Harvest Festival
Thursday 3 rd	ALL DAY	National Poetry Day
Monday 7 th to Friday 11 th	ALL WEEK	Yr 5/6 Norfolk Residential
Wednesday 16 th	ALL DAY	World Food Day
Thursday 17 th	9am – 12.00pm	SEN Reviews
Thursday 24 th	1.45pm	Harvest Festival
Thursday 24 th	9am – 12.00pm	SEN Reviews
November		
Date TBC	TBC	Stay and Play-reception
Wednesday 6 th	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Open Day
Monday 11 th	ALL WEEK	Anti-Bullying week
Tuesday 12 th	9am – 11am	Flu vaccinations
	After School	Parents evening
Wednesday 13 th	After School	Parents evening
	ALL DAY	No Pens Day
Friday 15 th	TBC	PTA Disco
Monday 25 th & Tuesday 26 th	ALL DAY	Yr6 Cycle training
December		
1 st or 2 nd Wednesday (tbc)	11.30am-1.30pm	Christmas meal
Wednesday 4 th	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Open Day
Friday 6 th	1pmm – 3pm	Xmas craft afternoon
Monday 9 th	ALL DAY	Xmas show rehearsals
Tuesday 10 th	1.30 pm & 6.00pm	Barrow & Rye Xmas performance
Wednesday 11 th	1.30pm and 6.00pm	Linton & West Xmas performance
	7.00pm	PTA tombola drawn after performance
Friday 13 th	ALL DAY	Xmas jumper day
Monday 16 th	5.30pm onwards	Village Walking Nativity
Tuesday 17 th	12pm to approx 5.30pm	Whole School Panto Trip
Wednesday 18 th	TBC	Christingle Service

Burford Partnership Fixtures Term 1

Details to follow

5 th November	Year 1 Dance
13 th November	Year 5/6 Hockey
27 th November	Year 5/6 Football
10 th December	Year 4 (Haka) Dance

Academic Year (2019/20)

Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 4 th September – Friday 25 th October (school finishes at normal time of 3pm)
Autumn Term 2	Monday 4 th November – Thursday 19 th December (school finishes early at 1.10pm)
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 7 th January – Friday 14 th February (school finishes at normal time of 3pm)
Spring Term 2	Monday 24 th February – Friday 3 rd April (school finishes early at 1.10pm)
Summer Term 1	Monday 20 th April – Friday 22 nd May (school finishes at normal time of 3pm)
Summer Term 2	Monday 1 st June – Friday 17 th July (school finishes promptly at 1.10pm)
INSET Days (school closed)	2019 2 nd & 3 rd Sept 2020 6 th Jan, 20 th and 21 st July