

Combe Primary Newsletter



Headteacher's News

We've made it to the end of September (and a rainy week) and what a busy month it has been! We have an equally busy October lined up so please check the diary for dates. Please note we have changed the phonics workshop to 22nd October due to staff training but hope parents from EYFS and KS1 can attend.

The school council have identified that they'd like to look at healthy eating as their next project. As a school we want to adopt a healthy eating policy and would also love parents to be involved so please let me know if you'd like to have some input.



Corinthian Days

Last week the children set off for Cokethorpe School to take part in their Corinthian partnership days. Year 1 spent the day taking part in circus skills and storytelling. Year 2-5 spent the day constructing a Lego city and Year 6 enjoyed sessions in art, philosophy, djembe drumming and circus skills. Everyone enjoyed the barbecue lunch in the last of the summer sunshine and went home bursting with new ideas and excitement.

Our Vision Focus

The governors have recently reviewed our school vision with input from pupils, parents and staff. Our new vision is:

We are part of a vibrant village community. We aim to help individuals develop a life-long love of learning in a fun, ambitious and creative environment. Guided by our values, we build healthy and respectful relationships and celebrate differences. We are all committed to making ethical choices and playing our part in building a sustainable future.

This term during worship assemblies, we are focusing on the final sentence of the vision. We have read 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and 'There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom' to begin discussing the issues around plastic pollution and palm oil.



Upcoming Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd October– Forest School– Y4 am and Y3 pm

Thursday 3rd October– National Poetry Day

Thursday 3rd October– Y5/6 Space Show at Cokethorpe

Friday 4th October– Individual School Photos

Wednesday 9th October– Y1/2 Welly Wednesday

Wednesday 9th October– Y3/4 Football Tournament

Thursday 10th October– Forest School– Y3 am and Y4 pm

Thursday 10th October– World National Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October– Chrissie's Owls visit

**Please support the
FoCS committee by
completing the short**

survey [https://
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/
NWXS9L7](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NWXS9L7)

**It will cost you less
than a minute of
your time!**

Governor Update

Following the recent governors meeting, we are pleased to update you on the Chair and Vice-Chair of Governors for this year.



Martha O'Curry



Rui Gao

Sunflower Competition

In July, Jupiter Class challenged us all to enter their charity competition to grow the tallest and biggest headed sunflower. We are now pleased to announce that the proud prize winners are:

Ru is our overall winner whose sunflower reached an amazing 239cm and could only be reached by a step ladder!

In our infant category we have two winners. **Aria** for the biggest headed sunflower and **Austin T** for Height.

Entering the community category, local resident Sue Goodman's sunflower also reached a respectable 2.1 metres.

Well done to all our winners and everyone who participated. We raised a fantastic £55 for local charity rosy.co.uk. and had fun along the way.



Class names

The children have now selected the new class names for this year. They are:

YR/1– Red Kites

Y1/2– Kingfishers

Y3/4– TBC!

Y5/6– Swallows

DOJO Points Winners

Reception– Bea, Charlotte, Alexander

Year 1– Monty, Jessica, Atticus

Year 2– Edward, Sam, Liya

Year 3– Lola, Emily, Ollie

Year 4– Freddy, Will, Rowan

Year 5– Eleanor, Oli, William

Year 6– Jemima, Poppy, Sophie

Behaviour of Life Winners

Reception– Kester, Sebastian, Phoebe

Year 1– Freddie, Eli, Austin T

Year 2– Audrey, Edward, Rose

Year 3- Ollie, Rosie, Lola

Year 4– India, Rowan, Nina

Year 5– Josh, Ed, Finlay D

Year 6– Ashton, Charlotte, Florence

October

Thursday 3 rd October	AM or PM	Forest School- Y4 morning and Y3 afternoon	Forest School session with Level 3 Forest School Leader
Thursday 3 rd October	All Day	National Poetry Day	Will be celebrated within the day
Thursday 3 rd October	All Day	Y5/6 Space Show at Cokethorpe	Y5/6 children going to Cokethorpe to watch a science show themed around space.
Friday 4 th October	All Day	Individual School Photos	Colourbox will be taking photographs, including younger siblings before school
Wednesday 9 th October	All Day	Year 1/2 Welly Wednesday	Year 1/2 will spend the day learning outdoors
Wednesday 9 th October	PM	Year 3/4 Football Tournament	Selected Y3/4 children going to tournament
Thursday 10 th October	AM or PM	Forest School- Y3 morning and Y4 afternoon	Forest School session with Level 3 Forest School Leader
Thursday 10 th October	AM	Chrissie Owls	Chrissie Owls visiting Year R, 1 and 2
Thursday 10 th October	All Day	World National Mental Health Day	Will be celebrated within the day
Tuesday 15 th October	All Day	Mars Class to Hughenden	Visit related to topic 'Is it Right to Fight?'
Thursday 17 th October	AM or PM	Forest School- Y5 morning and Y6 afternoon	Forest School session with Level 3 Forest School Leader
Friday 19 th October	All Day	Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer	Children invited to wear pink for a donation of at least £1 towards Breast Cancer Now
Tuesday 22 nd October	9:30am	Harvest Service	Parents are invited to attend service at church
Tuesday 22 nd October	6pm	Phonics Workshop for Parents	Opportunity for parents to find out how to support children with phonics at home
Wednesday 23 rd October	All Day	Year 5/6 Welly Wednesday	Year 5/6 will spend the day learning outdoors
Thursday 24 th October	AM or PM	Forest School- Y4 morning and Y3 afternoon	Forest School session with Level 3 Forest School Leader
Monday 28 th October- Friday 1 st November	All Week	Half Term	

November

Thursday 7 th November	AM or PM	Forest School- Y6 morning and Y5 afternoon	Forest School session with Level 3 Forest School Leader
Thursday 7 th November	All Day	National Outdoor Classroom Day	Children spend day learning outside
Monday 11 th November	10:45am	Remembrance Memorial Service	Parents are welcome to join us on the village green
Monday 11 th November	3:30-5:00pm	Parents Meetings	Appointments can be booked to meet with class teachers

Tuesday 12 th November	3:30-5:00pm	Parents Meetings	Appointments can be booked to meet with class teachers
Wednesday 13 th November	All Day	Year 3/4 Welly Wednesday	Year 3/4 spend day learning outside
Thursday 14 th November	AM or PM	Forest School- Y3 morning and Y4 afternoon	Forest School session with Level 3 Forest School Leader
Tuesday 19 th November	All Day	Year 3/4 African Drumming Workshop	Workshop led by musicians
Tuesday 19 th November	2:40pm	Year 3/4 African Drumming performance to parents	Chance for parents to see what children have learnt during workshop
Wednesday 20 th November	All Day	Universal Children's Day	Will be celebrated within the day
Thursday 21 st November	AM or PM	Forest School- Y5 morning and Y6 afternoon	Forest School session with Level 3 Forest School Leader
Monday 25 th November	Pm	Macbeth for KS2	Performance of Macbeth by Young Shakespeare Company for KS2 children
Wednesday 27 th November	Pm	Whole School Flu Vaccinations	NHS offering flu vaccinations
Thursday 28 th November	AM or PM	Forest School- Y4 morning and Y3 afternoon	Forest School session with Level 3 Forest School Leader
Friday 29 th November	All Day	Year 5/6 African Drumming Workshop	Workshop led by musicians
Friday 29 th November	2:40pm	Year 5/6 African Drumming Performance to parents	Chance for parents to see what children have learnt during workshop
<u>December</u>			
Thursday 5 th December	AM or PM	Forest School- Y6 morning and Y5 afternoon	Forest School session with Level 3 Forest School Leader
Tuesday 10 th December	1:30pm	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance	Nativity performance for parents
Wednesday 11 th December	6:30pm	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance	Nativity performance for parents
Thursday 12 th December	AM or PM	Forest School- Y3 morning and Y4 afternoon	Forest School session with Level 3 Forest School Leader
Thursday 12 th December	5:00-6:30pm	Christmas Disco	Tickets will be sold for £3
Friday 13 th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day	Children invited to wear a Christmas Jumper for a donation of at least £1 towards Save the Children
Monday 16 th December	AM	Puss in Boots at Chipping Norton Theatre for Whole School	Pantomime for all children
Tuesday 17 th December	6:30pm	KS2 Christmas Carol Service	Carol concert performance for parents
Thursday 19 th December	1:15pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday	
Friday 20th December– Friday 3rd January		School closed for Christmas Holiday	
Monday 6 th January	All Day	School reopens for Spring Term	