



Parent Newsletter

Autumn Term 4 – Wednesday 28th September 2022

We are talking a lot about resilience at the moment. As autumn fast approaches, it feels like we all need a little bit more stickability and get up and go. So it is lovely to hear about the encouraging ways that our new reception children are looking after each other as they start to discover what school is all about, and how the older children are helping their younger ‘book buddies’ to keep going.

It was also great to see so many of you at last week’s ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening, thank you for coming and supporting our school in the many ways that you do. Please read the notices below carefully, especially the one about our local foodbank. We are thrilled that Mrs Maher’s husband, the Rev David Maher, is coming in to talk to us on Friday 14th October about the Food bank based at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Arbury.

Paula Ayliffe and Sarah Stepney

Packed Lunches and Snacks

Please can we ask that no glass containers are used in packed lunches, or brought into school. Broken glass means the whole lunch could be contaminated and cannot be eaten. Key stage 2 parents are reminded that only healthy snacks should be provided for children to have at morning break. Ideally a fruit or vegetable snack. Crisps do not fall into this category.

Lost Property





The Lost Property cupboard is full to the brim! Many of the items were left in cloakrooms at the end of last term. Everything will be put out in the Junior Playground, end of day tomorrow (Thursday 27th September.) Please do come and check through it.

ALL UNCLAIMED ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY OR DISCARDED AT THE END OF THE DAY.

Going forward we cannot stress how important it is to name all children’s belongings. Amy Buckley, a Mayfield parent volunteer is kind enough to sort through all lost property and return named belongings to their owner.

School Meals on Thursday 6th October

The school receives funding for providing free school meals for all **Reception, Y1 and Y2** children. The funding we receive is based on the number of meals taken on the school census days in October and January. It would therefore be very helpful to the school budget if as many children as possible in those year groups have a school meal on Thursday 6th October. The menu for that day is a favourite – sausage or veggie sausage or cheese and onion pasty with mash and veggies followed by ice cream or vegan ice cream, yogurt or fresh fruit. **Please note the publicised menu of roast dinner will not be available.**

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| <p>School Photos</p> | <p>Photographers will be in school on Thursday 13th October to take individual pupil photos, and sibling photos. As in previous years, families with siblings who do not attend Mayfield are invited to come in before school, to have their photo taken together. Timeslots will be available from 8am for this. Please contact the office to book a time to come.</p> |
| <p>Harvest Assembly</p>  | <p>Mayfield Harvest Assembly will be on Friday 14th October. This year we will be collecting donations for the local foodbank. Families are invited to bring donations in the morning of the 14th October, when there will be a whole school celebration assembly. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents to this event because of space restrictions in the Large Hall.</p> <p>This is FoodBank's current list of needed items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinned fish • Tinned meat • Tinned vegetables • Pasta/ cook-in sauce • Breakfast tea bags • Rice • Noodles • Bars of chocolate • Snack bars • Tinned soup • Tinned fruit (in fruit juice) • Sponge puddings and jellies • Savoury snacks • Rice pudding |
| <p>Celebration Cards and Gifts</p>  | <p>It is that time of year again. It may seem early to be making these preparations but on the run up to October half term children will be coming home with designs for Christmas and celebration cards which you are invited to order, for December delivery. The school receives commission from these orders, which contributes largely to the art budget for the year.</p> <p>We are using a different company to previous years, which does involve a slightly different process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your child's artwork will come home stuck to an order sheet, with a unique order code. 2. Parents place an order and pay online using the unique order code. 3. Artwork should then be returned to class by Wednesday 2nd November to be sent to the printers. 4. Orders will be delivered to school for distribution at the beginning of December. <p>If you would like an additional order from for siblings please ask at the school office. It is not possible to add more than one piece of artwork to one order code.</p> |
| <p>Local Events</p> | <p>Family Fun Skate on Saturdays 2-3pm at Chesterton Sports Centre £4 per skater! Just drop in or check on via www.facebook.com/FunskateChesterton for more info</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Our highly successful Stage & Screen workshop is back with a pantomime theme (oh yes, it is!)</p> <p>Students in Year 5-7 are invited to join us on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th October for a two-day workshop exploring Jack and the Beanstalk through singing, dance and acting culminating in a performance on Friday 28th October at 2:30pm. Students will have the opportunity to work with an external dance tutor as well as</p> |

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| | <p>Cambridgeshire Music staff and earn an Arts Award Discover certificate.</p> <p>Places are offered on a first come first serve basis, so for more information and to book, visit our website: Cambridgeshire Music</p> <p>Cost: £90 per student Dates: 27th and 28th October 10-3pm. Registration at 9:45am, performance at 2:15pm on 28th October. Venue: Cambridgeshire Music Histon Centre, CB24 9LL</p> |
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| Dates for the Diary | |
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| Thursday 6th October | Census Day – changed lunch menu |
| Thursday 13th October | Individual School Photos |
| Friday 14th October | Harvest Assembly |