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Newsletter

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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.

New Ambassadors

During the first few weeks of term, elections were held for important positions of responsibility in school: Head Girl and Boy; School Council and House Team Captains. The whole school listened to speeches given by prospective candidates for Head Girl and Head Boy. All the candidates should be commended for the excellent speeches which were filled with exciting ideas for our school. We know the successful candidates will work hard and make us proud.



Oakley Deputy HB and Olivia Deputy HG - Xanthi Head Girl and George Head Boy



School Council

Each class voted for two representatives to put forward their views at School Council meetings to help make a difference to our school. They have been very busy redesigning some of our award certificates. They reflected on what makes a good learner which included: listening skills;



perseverance; enthusiastic participation; not being afraid to have a go and learn from mistakes. Our old 'Worker of the Week' certificate has now been replaced by 'Super Learner'. They also designed a new Christian Value award which was presented in Celebration Worship this morning to children who had been nominated for demonstrating 'Thankfulness' and 'Compassion' through their actions.



Christian Value Award winners

Bumper Harvest in the allotment!

Our budding gardeners got to work digging up potatoes and picking succulent pears from our trees. It was a mammoth task! We gave thanks to God in Collective Worship for providing us with such amazing fruit and vegetables this year. Well done to our green fingered children, Mrs Wakelin and Mr Hill, who look after our allotment throughout the year.



Having a 'wheelie' good time!

It's been a busy first two weeks for our young learners in Reception Class. They took part in their first celebration assembly to show parents what they have learnt. They all took home a book to treasure. This week the children were taking part in Bike-a-bility 'Balance Training' with Kevin and Charlotte from Wheel Education. The children loved zooming around the hall and improving their cycling skills.



Holiday super stars!

We were very pleased to see so many children receive a Holiday Homework Award this year. It is so important for children to continue with their reading and further develop their knowledge when not at school. You really are 'super enthusiastic learners' - well done!

WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested in helping out in school on a regular basis or have some skills that you could share with us, we would love to hear from you. We are very grateful to our existing volunteer helpers which include our PTFA- they make such a difference.

Every week, the attendance of every class is announced and the class with the highest attendance is congratulated - the children are very competitive!



Attendance Winners for Autumn Term

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| Week 1 | Reception | 100% |
| Week 2 | Year 5 | 99% |

Parents' questionnaire

Many thanks to parents/carers who have returned their questionnaire, if you haven't please do so - your views are very important and help us further improve our school. I will inform you of the findings very soon.

Dates for Diaries

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| 29.9.17 | MacMillan Coffee Morning EYFS parents welcome | |
| 4.10.17 | Y1 Agape - Worship with Rev Sheilagh. Parents welcome | |
| 4.10.17 | Eden Camp educational visit for Year 3 and Year 4 | |
| 6.10.17 | Harvest Festival 2pm at St. John's Church. All welcome. | |
| 11.10.17 | Y2 Agape - Worship with Rev Sheilagh. Parents welcome. | |
| 11.10.17 | Tag Rugby Festival at Mowden for Y5 & Y6 | 12noon - 3pm |
| 12.10.17 | Tag Rugby Festival at Mowden for Y3 & Y4 | 12 noon - 3pm |
| 12.10.17 | Parent Open afternoon/evening | KS1 start 1.30pm KS2 start 3.30pm |
| 17.10.17 | SEND Multi-sports at Middlesbrough 10am - 1pm | |
| 19.10.17 | Cross Country Festival at Eastbourne Complex 10am - 1pm | |
| 19.10.17 | Autumn Disco KS1 3.30pm - 4.30pm | KS2 4.40pm - 5.45pm |
| 20.10.17 | Half Term Holiday | |
| 1.11.17 | Children return to school (Wednesday) | |