

Newsletter – 18th October 2021

On this day - 1963: Lord Home becomes Britain's new prime minister. **Birthdays** – 1960: Jean-Claude Van Damme, Belgian actor, born in Brussels, Belgium.

Dear parents, carers and families,

I hope you enjoyed the weekend and are well rested for the final week of this half term. If you took part in yesterday's Cambridge Half Marathon, perhaps you are feeling a little sore but no doubt proud of your achievements. Congratulations if you were involved.

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to our community of staff, children and parents for the support shown to the school this half term. Schools are under great pressure to return to 'normal', but we are all acutely aware of the ongoing management of Covid-19. I have seen how hard our team of staff work to support our children, providing opportunities for academic progress and offering emotional support where needed. I am very proud of our team and thank all for their tireless effort and total dedication. Similarly, our parent and carer community have been a source of great support and understanding of the measures we have had to put in place and the communication we have had to make regarding Covid-19. Last but of course not least are our children, who are young people at a time of great change and pressure in society. They have handled themselves admirably and shown commitment to themselves and our school. Thank you to all. I hope everyone will have a well-deserved rest next week and some time to explore individual interests and hobbies.

A reminder that this week we have individual school photographs taking place on Wednesday, and the child flu vaccine being administered on Thursday for those who have consented to this. On Friday it is the Hawthorn Class assembly and our Rainbow Dress Down Day, raising money for the Head to Toe Charity.

Last week our Year 1 children had a successful trip to Ely Toy Museum. This was the children's first school trip and I understand they had a great time. Well done to the children and the adult team who made it possible. Today I am heading off with Beech Class to Mountfitchet Castle. Just to be clear, Miss Sutherland is in charge!!

With best wishes for the week ahead and for a peaceful and happy half term break, Richard Martin.

DIARY DATES

Monday 18th October: Year 2 to Mountfitchet Castle.

Wednesday 20th October: Individual school photographs.

Thursday 21st October: NHS flu nasal spray for children.

Friday 22nd October:

Rainbow Dress Down Day for World Mental Health Day.

Friday 22nd October: Hawthorn Class assembly.

Friday 22nd October: Last day of Autumn 1.

Monday 1st November: PD day for staff (no children in school).

Tuesday 2nd November: Children return to school.

Monday 29th November: Royal Institute of Science events.



Attendance data...

1 st	Hawthorn Class	98.5%	
2 nd	Beech Class	98.5%	
3 rd	Elder Class	97%	
4 th	Oak Class	95.7%	
5 th	Elm Class	93.6%	
6 th	Pine Class	91.9%	
7 th	Hazel Class	91.9%	

Punctuality data...

1 st	Hawthorn Class	98%
2 nd	Oak Class	96.5%
3 rd	Hazel Class	96.2%
4 th	Pine Class	95.5%
5 th	Beech Class	94.3%
6 th	Elder Class	94%
7 th	Elm Class	92.7%