



## Message from the Headteacher

This week began with a wonderful Harvest celebration Mass. Year 6 lead the liturgy and Mass was celebrated by Father Clive. All your donations were displayed on the alter and then given to the Chippy Foodbank. A huge thank you for your generosity.

This term our virtues are compassionate and loving and in our collective worship assemblies and in our Catholic social teaching lessons we have been thinking about what we can do to make a difference locally, nationally and globally. The children have all written down, on a post-it, what they are going to do to make a difference. Throughout the week each child has planted a Spring bulb and, before the bulb blossoms, the children needed to have completed their goal. We will keep you posted on what the children are doing to make a difference.



As part of our Catholic social teaching and helping the community, we are opening the school as a warm space on a Friday afternoon. This is an initiative launched by the Chippy Larder. The community will be welcome to come into the school for soup and a roll as well as a coffee or tea. The warm space will be open from 1.30 to 3pm and will be in the school hall. We will ensure that anyone attending will not have access to any part of the school where the children are and members of staff will be present throughout. Parents and families are, of course, very welcome. This will start on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Just a reminder that it is parents' evenings next week. Timings are coming out today, if you have not returned your slip, we will have allocated a time for you. Due to parents' evenings, there will be no clubs next week apart from Football, as it is run by an external provider.

The School Photographer will be in on Monday to take individual and family group photos. These will begin at 8.30am. If you would like younger siblings to be in the photo, please come into the entrance hall and add your name to the list.

We are celebrating the start of the school term tonight with a school disco which is from 6-8pm and I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a wonderful weekend.

## The Prayer

Harvest time is gold and red:  
Thank you for our daily bread.

Christmas time is red and green:  
Heaven now on earth is seen.

Easter time is green and white:  
Bring us all to heaven's light.

Amen



## 'Well Done'

*to the following pupils who received  
special awards this week:*

Reception – Henry, Finley, Freya

Year 1 – Isabella, Eliza, Kyle

Year 2 – Amelia, Alasdair, Aimie

Year 3 – Sarah, Clemmie, Olivia S

Year 4 – Freddie, Olivia J, Kishan

Year 5 – Iris, Daniel, Harry

Year 6 – Maia, Cooper, Phoebe



## Harvest Feast

On Tuesday, Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a delicious harvest feast. Year 1 practised their cutting skills by safely chopping vegetables for a hearty soup. They learned about eating a balanced meal and ensured that the soup had all the required elements to achieve this.

Year 2 went into Bake-Off mode and spend the morning mixing, kneading, proving and baking delicious bread rolls to accompany the soup. They all got together in the afternoon to say a prayer of thanks and to celebrate harvest together.



## Mystery Readers . . . Shhhh!

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are recruiting 'Mystery Readers'. Parents, older siblings, grandparents or other special people are welcome to come and share a story with a class at the end of the day. This could be a favourite book from home or a story chosen by the class teacher, if preferred. If you are interested being a mystery reader or know someone who would like to take part, please let the class teacher or office know. And remember, shhh, it's a secret!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Autumn Term	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Welcome Disco
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer – Individual & Family Group Photos from 8.30am
	Yr 6 Junior Citizens
	St Bernadette's Relics Livestream <b>PTA AGM 7.30pm at The Fox, Chipping Norton</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parent Consultation (NEW)</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Trip – Steam Museum, Swindon
	Boccia Tournament
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parent Consultations (NEW)</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Stronger Together Music Festival – Year 6
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	U11 Hockey Tournament
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saint's Mass
	Year 6 Swimming Begins
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity 2pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Street Dance Workshop
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 6pm in Church
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term Mass
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas at 12.05pm</b>

### National Poetry Competition

Following on from National Poetry Day this week, we are encouraging children to take part in a National competition. Please see the attached poster.

Entries will be submitted by school and must be handed in to class teachers or the office by **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** at the latest in order to be submitted by the competition deadline.

Happy composing!



# the lost words

## NATIONAL POETRY DAY COMPETITION

Inspired by 5 years of *The Lost Words* book by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris we're inviting you to **write acrostic poems about your favourite plants and animals**. Take a look outside what can you see? What would you like to protect for the future?

**WHO:** The Competition is open to children in two age categories:  
7 – 9 (years 2 – 4); and 10 – 12 (years 5 – 7)

**PRIZE:** First prize in each category – a certificate, a signed copy of *The Lost Words*, a *The Lost Words* poster plus £100 of PRH books.

Runner up in each category – a certificate, a *The Lost Words* poster and £50 of PRH books

**DEADLINE:** 5pm on Friday 4 November 2022

**JUDGE:** Robert Macfarlane

**HOW TO ENTER:** Teachers and librarians must submit entries at this link:

