

## AUTUMN TERM



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### Term Dates

**27/10 – 2/11 HALF TERM**

### November

3rd-6th Yr5/6 Bikeability  
5th Yr2 trip to Mountfichet castle  
7th Yr2 Remembrance Day  
poppies St Andrew's  
10th Safety Week, including anti-bullying  
17<sup>th</sup> Book Week  
19th Raptors visit to school  
25th Laurel trip to Zoology museum  
26th 9am Chestnut sharing assembly for parents  
27<sup>th</sup> 2.15 piano concert  
28<sup>th</sup> Yrs3/4/5/6 cross country tournament

### December

3rd Laurel sharing assembly with parents  
5th Advent Stay and Play  
**5<sup>th</sup> FRIENDS CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**3.30-5.30**  
8th 9am Rocksteady concert  
10th 2.15 Reception and KS1 nativity  
10<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 dodgeball competition  
11th 9.15 Reception and KS1 nativity  
12th Trip to pantomime for Yr1-6  
17<sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper day and lunch  
18th 9am Carol Service in church  
19th pm Santa visit and parties  
19th Christingle service at St. Andrew's after school  
19th END OF TERM



Proper Autumn weather of rain and wind blew us all into the church for our Harvest Festival on Thursday. The church was packed and cosy, with the children performing a range of poems and singing harvest songs to really connect us as a community and to reflect upon this time of year. Thank you to Miss Goodman and Miss Hnat for the organisation and piano playing.

### Class News

**Nursery (Apple)** have made Diyas for Diwali and also Diwali sweets made from condensed milk, icing sugar and coconut. They also enjoyed Trees Matter this week and seeing the colourful leaves.



**Reception (Oak)** have had visits from the police and from Tucker, Rev.Karin's dog. Both visits linked to books they have been reading and inspired their Drawing Club versions of the same stories.

**Year 1 (Olive)** have been thinking hard about odds and evens and can count confidently in either up to 10. Their maths carousel activities have been a very fun way to reinforce this learning.

**Year 2 (Chestnut)** have created poems based on the baby hedgehog that was found in school. They focussed on rhyming.

**Year 3/4 (Laurel)** have been exploring the book, 'The Journey' and sharing the events in a diary entry. They have also created Bronze Age shields and brooches in art.

**Year 4/5 (Holly)** have written newspaper reports about Tutankhamun's discovery and included bias and points of view with sensational language.

**Year 5/6 (Elder)** Yr6 had their last swimming lesson at Parkside. Everyone has improved at this lifesaving skill and impressed all the staff at the pool.

**Gold Book** –for acting out the school values of ACT:

**Oak** – Evan, Carter, Celine, Kai, Giorgia, Bonnie, Francesco

**Olive** - Yuki, Matylda, Sarah, Leo

**Chestnut** – Sara, Samuel, Orla, Coralie

**Laurel** – Teddy, George, Cassidy, Djawad

**Holly** – Flynn, Emma, Niamh, Teal

**Elder** – Yr6 for Grafham Water, Ailsa, Austin



### Sporting Hero

Ebony-Rose for taking part in the Shine Walk and for raising lots of money for cancer research

**Attendance** – Elder - 90 %, Holly- 97%, Laurel - 95 %, Chestnut – 92%, Olive - 87%, , Oak- 96%



**BIG THANKS** to Scott Taplin-Olson for adjusting the school gate so it is much easier for us to open.



**VALUED BEHAVIOURS** – these are our revised 'Golden Rules' or class rules; ways of behaving to help us all get along as a community. Every class has been talking about them and understanding them. Please support us by talking about them at home too.

Our Valued Behaviours are:

- Being polite, using 'please', 'thank you' and 'sorry'
- Caring about each other's feelings and opinions and property
- Caring for the school environment – inside and outside
- Listening to adults in school
- Trying your best with your learning
- Behaving in a way that allows all children to learn and play safely, without anxiety

### Our Lunchtime UK staff

At the end of last week we said goodbye to Miss Kay who is now off on maternity leave. On Monday we said 'Hello!' to Claire Hardy, 'George's mum' or Miss Claire. Welcome to the team, as ever well-supported by Miss Gemma!!!



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**Crazy Hair Day** – we had spiders, cupcakes, dolls, rainbow ribbons, sweets, noodles, ice-cream cones – so many hair adornments and a great deal of fun! Thanks to FRIENDS for their idea! Let's hope some school funds have been raised too!

**\*\*\*\*\* DANGEROUS, ILLEGAL, INCONSIDERATE**

**PARKING\*\*\*\*\***

Our neighbours are fed up with CHPS parents blocking their streets, driveways, parking on the verges and on double yellow lines. The County Council have been informed and traffic wardens will be operating at drop-off and pick-up times. Please think safety before your convenience!

**Growth mindset quote** – 'No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.' Thanks to the CHPS team for a full, rich, fun term so far....

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