



## NEWSLETTER 5 Autumn Term 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Goulder

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe another week is nearly over! School life continues to be busy. After School Club picked apples and pears from the school Peace garden which will be made into fruit crumble. It will go into our Harvest Food Hampers being delivered to elderly members of our village. This will replace our annual Harvest Lunch in school.

### CLASS NEWS

#### **OAK**

Our youngest children have made soup as part of their learning about harvest time. They enjoyed preparing the vegetables and eating the end product!

#### **CONKERS**

They have been busy creating imaginary animals and designing and building houses for them. Many designs were detailed and imaginative.

#### **CHESTNUT**

Chestnut have been wearing their thinking hats to debate whether or not the Trojans should burn the wooden horse or keep it as gift. The level of persuasive language was amazing. Some future politicians in the making!

#### **SYCAMORE**

Sycamore have been working on producing lovely Roman mosaics and imagining life as a Roman soldier. They have also looked at deforestation and global warming issues.

#### **MAPLE**

A highlight has been completing their class text 'Charlie Bone' by Jenny Nimmo. They enjoy being read to with Mr Gynn using voices and stopping on a cliff hanger. In maths they have used the Bar method for calculations.

Year 1, 2 and 3 joined together in their bubble, for Friday Celebration Assembly with Year 3 sitting on the benches! It was fabulous to watch the joy on their faces as class mates were awarded their certificates. We used a spoken version of the birthday song with actions as we are not permitted to sing in school. The Treehouse held their own class assemblies. Mrs Connor asked her class to think of activities as a reward once the gem jar is overflowing. One girl asked for a whole school assembly so we could all meet together! This is one of the saddest parts of our current restrictions. We are looking at activities we could do outside.

### AWARDS THIS WEEK

	Christian Values	Achievement
<b>OAK</b>	<i>Jake</i>	<i>George</i>
<b>CONKERS</b>	<i>Betsy</i>	<i>Leo D</i>
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	<i>Fearne</i>	<i>Holly, Evie, Darcey</i>
<b>SYCAMORE</b>	<i>Aoife</i>	<i>Elliot</i>
<b>MAPLE</b>	<i>Poppy</i>	<i>Oliver</i>

One positive outcome is a reorganisation of our House system. In previous years each house had a House Captain and a Vice Captain. This year we are electing House captains for Maple and Sycamore and an additional one for Oak, Conkers and Chestnut. The elections will take place in each bubble on Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>. If interested, the children will be asked to tell the class why they would make a good House Captain. We have a 'blind vote' where they close their eyes and raise their hands to vote. This avoids any peer pressure. Results will be announced next week.

### CHANGES TO COLLECTION TIMES FOR THE END OF SCHOOL DAY - Please see attachment

Have a great weekend.

*Helen Goulder*