

Newsletter No 3. 16th October 2026

Dear Parents

As we now approach half term, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some of the events planned for late October and November.

Harvest

We hope you enjoyed attending our Harvest Festival Service in Church, the first event of the school year in the Christian calendar. The children really rose to the challenge and performed wonderfully in front of the audience. We were very grateful for your generous donations which were delivered to the Buckingham Food Bank.

Winter Uniform

In the second half of the Autumn term, children should wear their **Winter uniform.** This includes a **white school shirt and tie for all pupils,** rather than the Summer polo shirts, shorts or Summer dresses which should no longer be worn. Sweatshirts and trainers should only be worn for PE. Children should wear their school jumper or cardigan on non PE days. Fleeces should only be worn as an outside alternative to a coat, not as indoor uniform. All children also need a **pair of wellies and a coat** to wear at playtimes during the Winter months, and a hat and gloves if necessary. **Please ensure all items are named.**

Activities with Maids Moreton Hall

We have various events planned with Maids Moreton Hall after half term. Our Year 3 children will be doing Halloween crafts on Thursday 22nd October at 2pm, our Year 6 children will be doing Remembrance day crafts on 5th November, our Reception children will be attending a rattle and hum session on 6th November and our Year 4 children will be doing Christmas crafts on 10th December. Our Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their first visit earlier this month, where they attended the Rattle and Hum music session and a selection of children from various year groups visited the Care Home to present our art work for National Art in Care Homes week. Our Year 5 children also enjoyed an afternoon of board games with the residents.



In School Individual Photographs

The photographer will be in school to take the children's individual photographs on the morning of Tuesday 10th November. Children with siblings in school will be photographed separately and together. We are not in a position to offer photos with siblings who do not attend our school.

Poppy Appeal



When we return after half term, we will be selling poppies in school to support the work of the Royal British Legion. Children will have the opportunity to buy a poppy to support the appeal. We will be explaining the meaning behind Remembrance Sunday through a series of assemblies in school.

Science Experience Day

I have organized a science experience day from the outreach team at the Oxford Science Centre on 18th November. In the morning, children in Robins and Sparrows will take part in the pop up planetarium experience. In the afternoon the Magpies and Kestrels children will enjoy a "science of magic" show. The PTA has kindly agreed to pay for this experience so there will be no cost to parents.

Village Scarecrow competition

We were delighted to hear the news that our entry "Hattie Haymaker" won second prize in the village scarecrow competition. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Pallett for organising and planning our entry for the competition with our "scarecrow club" KS2 children.

Bourton Meadow Inset days-Packed lunch required.

Please remember to provide your child with **a packed lunch on Friday 23rd October, and Monday 2nd November** as Bourton Meadow Academy have 2 INSET days, so will not be preparing food on these days.

PE days next half term

PE days remain unchanged from this half term.



Children in Need

On Friday 20th November it is Children in Need. We would like to offer the children the opportunity to dress in spotty clothes/Pudsey related clothing in return for a small donation which should be paid directly to Children in Need. Please see link below. [You may need to copy and paste the link into your browser for it to work].

https://www.justgiving.com/page/maids-moreton-ce-school-14?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Reminders of key dates

Monday 19th October –I have organized an assembly from the Air Ambulance team.

Monday 19th October-Parents' evening 5pm-8pm.

Thursday 22nd October - Parents' evening 4pm-7pm.

Friday 23rd October-Book view session for parents of pupils in Years 1-6 and Akwaaba Donations

Friday 30th October-deadline for applications to secondary schools for Y6 parents.

Friday 13th November –silly socks for PTA Xmas hamper donations.

Best wishes, Keira Ainsworth Head Teacher

