



*'Love your neighbour as yourself.'* Matthew 22.37

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### **A message from Mrs Kitts** November 2023

The children are enjoying the updated library area which now allows much easier access to our quality reading texts in cosy corners.

We hope you all found your Parents' Evening discussions useful and you feel able to support your child's learning at home. We have hosted phonics and reading workshops so our next event for parents will be Maths workshops for the younger children so please join me for those – see dates below.

### **Our Christian School**



It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival church service at the end of last term. Devizes Food Bank were very grateful for your donations.

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you for all your supportive comments and ratings given in the questionnaires. We are so glad your children feel safe and happy. All other questions had resoundingly positive responses too. Surveys happen once a year so please do catch Mrs Kitts in the playground if you have questions or suggestions all year round. We would like to feedback on a couple of comments but as the surveys were anonymous, we are responding to everyone;

**Thorn Class size:** In the past, Thorn Class has had larger numbers but this year we have four classes in the morning so English and Maths are taught by Mrs Hill to the Year 5/6 in a class of just 21. The Year 4s are taught with the Year 3s and their class has a total of 24 children. In the afternoon, when the Year 4s rejoin the Year 5/6s, the class has 32 children but one afternoon half the class is with a sports coach and another afternoon we have an hour when we have two other adults in to support the PSHE curriculum.

**Parents' Evenings and Reports:** Last year children's annual reports came out in the summer which we didn't feel was the most effective time of year. However, this year we have had one Parents' Evening and there will be another chance to talk to teachers in the summer term but your child's report will come out just after February half term so that you have a clear idea about their progress at the mid-year point.

## Rags2Riches

Thank you for all the donations of clothing for the Rags2Riches collection. You have raised £99.15 by donating 198.3 kg of clothing. 5<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> June are the other two collection dates this year.

**Having a clear out?** If you or anyone you know has any wool, Mrs Chillitupa would like some to use in Forest School activities.

### **Anti-bullying week - What is bullying?**

Bullying can be described as the systematic use of power, to deliberately or repeatedly harm others. Any school can experience bullying but recently we have not had a problem with this which we have always felt is because our children have someone to confide in if there is a problem (child voice sessions have confirmed that they feel this). Two key factors that prevent children suffering from bullying are having **good friendship groups** and **self-confidence**. We aim to develop children's self-belief and confidence as well as an understanding of what bullying is. A quick chat with children recently showed that children are clear about what bullying is and that they should call out anything they are not comfortable with.

**Calne Badminton Club** run sessions for children on Thursday evenings 7-9pm at Calne Leisure Centre.

### **Parent Governor vacancy**

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on our Governing Body. For more information please speak to one of our current governors, Mrs Payne, Clerk to the governors (in the office) or our Chair of governors, Ross Phillips.

The poster features the BookTrust logo at the top left, with the tagline 'Getting children reading'. The main headline is 'Find a story your child loves' in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the text 'Sharing stories with children helps them...' is written in a smaller font. The central illustration shows a man and a young girl sitting on a yellow cushion, reading a book together. Surrounding them are several colorful circles, each containing a benefit of reading: 'do better in all lessons' (pink), 'be happier' (purple), 'have close family bonds' (orange), 'with brain growth' (blue), 'concentrate better' (red), 'understand the world and others' (green), and 'sleep better' (teal). At the bottom left, the text reads 'BookTrust - supporting millions of children to discover a love of reading every year. Follow us on social @BookTrust'. At the bottom right, there is a QR code with the instruction 'Scan the QR code to find the perfect story for your child.'

The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn. Data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage. DfE 2023

### **Celebrating success:**

The house point winners for Term 1 were Scotland and these children had a games session in the hall as their reward. Well done to the children in the Scotland team.

## Looking forwards.....

Please note that the school calendar giving key term dates, Parents' Evenings and Training Days is on the school website in the Letters and News tab / School calendar;

<https://www.stnicholasbromham.co.uk/school-calendar/>

Y5/6 Virtual author visit – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Maths Week – 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: wear **spots** and do some **Pudsey Bearpees!**

Book Sales – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November in school.

Virtual author visit (Key Stage 1) – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Pudding Run – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Marshalls and sponsors still required.

Nativity performances – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2:00.

Christmas lunch, jumpers and Church Service – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Parents' Maths Workshops

Younger siblings welcome:

Holly Class parents' Maths workshop  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 8:45 School Hall

Willow Class parents' Maths workshop  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 8:45 School Hall