DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 6th September 2024

Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome to the Autumn term, I hope you all had a great summer holiday and had the opportunity to rest and relax. It was great to see everyone settling into their new classrooms particularly welcoming our new children in the Nursery and Reception classes.

We have returned to school very excited as over the summer holidays **Evolito**, our co-sponsor of the Ox has donated their time and money to completely renovate and enhance our Forest school area. They spent a week volunteering to create a totally amazing space by developing the pond area, clearing excess foliage and creating planters and path ways. I did not know the area was so big. We are so grateful to them for their sponsorship of the area and the school and for donating some new whiteboards for Years 5 and 6. We are looking forward to working with them more over this year – it is so exciting. I have included some photographs later in the newsletter.

Some additional thoughts following the first few days:

- Please remember the gate times of 8:30am – 8:40am and opening the gate at 3pm for Nursery and 3:10pm for the rest of the school.
- Please make sure that all uniform and property is labelled with your child's name as we do not have a lost property box.
- Please at the end of the day, allow the staff to make sure that children are with the correct adult and let the office know if there is a change to the pickup arrangements as soon as possible.
- As last year, we will continue not to allow sweets etc for birthdays – I know this will be upsetting for some; however, as a school we need to promote healthy eating and lifestyles.

This academic year, we will be sending out the newsletter every fortnight, so the next letter will be 20th September.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

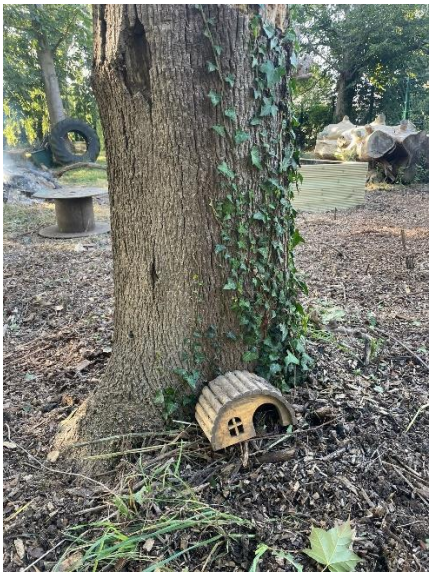
Love

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

1 Corinthians 13:4-5:

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 9th September – 2:30pm Meet the SENCO
Monday 16th September – Y3 Swimming starts
17th/18th & 25th/26th September - Y6 Bikeability & Learn to Ride sessions
Thursday 19th September – Y6 trip (details to follow)
Friday 27th September - Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 1st October – Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 3rd October – Harvest Service in Church
Friday 4th October - Y2/Y5 Carbon Monoxide Talks
Thursday 17th October – Individual Photographs
Tuesday 22nd / Wednesday 23rd October - Parents evenings

Meet the SENCO.
Our new Special Needs Co-ordinator, Mrs Ruth Leach, has joined the staff team from this term. She is offering an opportunity for parents on this coming Monday (9th September) from 2:30pm – 3pm for an informal drop-in to meet her in the school hall. A chance to have put a face to a name and introduce yourself.

Photos from the Forest School