**Friday 8th September**

**Message from the Deputy Head and Headteacher**

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| It’s wonderful to see the children back!! We hope you had a lovely summer. This is always a more brief newsletter as we have only just started.  We thought it worth including the mission statement of the school this time, just as a reminder of what we’re about. We particularly want to stress how we are a school that accepts, celebrates and nurtures *all* children of whatever ability and background. This is not only our duty as a state school but our mission as a Christian one.  A massive and warm welcome to Miss. Mortimer. The children have really warmed to her and are flourishing as they are in every class.  Thank you for the efforts made with uniform; the children look really smart! I know there has been the odd issue with purchasing, particularly the P.E. hoodies. To that end we understand if things aren’t quite there yet. Towards the end of this half term we will start sending standard notes out if a child isn’t wearing the correct uniform, either during the day or for P.E. Gentle reminder: sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn coming in to school and leaving.  Mr. McCaldon is busy arranging various sports tournaments; our thanks and we will keep you informed after our cricketing success! |
| **Miss Ashdown!**  ………….is now Mrs. Whitcher. MASSIVE congratulations to her and Mr. Whitcher who got married over the summer! It doesn’t stop there! Even BIGGER congratulations to them as they expect a baby in January!  A letter is going out to Winter Class parents, with this newsletter, about arrangements to cover Mrs. Whitcher during her maternity leave. |
| Bus Stop Visits  Mrs. Hermon will be doing them in the main this half term, with Mr. Burr also visiting at shorter notice.  September  12th: Bulkington  19th Steeple Ashton Pub  October  10th Newleaze |
| **In Mr Burr’s Good Learning Book are:**  **Winter Class:** Oskar Jonik– star of the week for following our rules brilliantly, Daphne Cliffordfor super independent writing, Molly Collins and Elliott Bowen for super artwork.  **Spring Class:** Max Edgington, Archie Propert, Lexi Dagger, Louie Maytom-Yalland, Thomas Quinn for brilliant English using full stops and capital letters.  **Summer Class:** Henry Wade and Oscar Crosby for excellent writing describing the Enormous Crocodile.  **Autumn Class:** April Banfield and Emily Sears for super presentation and writing. |
| **Dates**  5th June TD day  Week starting 12th June Phonics week for Year 1  13th June New starters evening  20th June Open Classroom (parents can visit their child’s class informally to see books and chat to their teacher) 15.15-18.00, **followed by Parent Maths Workshop**  28th June AM Sports Day  29th First transition morning for Year’s 2 and 4  6th July Second transition morning and **Meet The Teacher – change of date**  3rd July Dress Rehearsal for Autumn Class production  5th and 6th of July Autumn Class Production 18.00 village hall  7TH July Reports to parents  14th July School Disco  17th of July Year 6 Graduation Evening  19th of July Thanksgiving Service, 09.30, St. Leonard’s  Thursday 20th July Last day of term  Friday 21st Teacher Development Day | |