



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th November

It has been another busy week in school, lots going on in every class and children remaining focused on learning. Children in Y1 are making a great transition into whole class learning, and are very proud to be doing some whole class learning sessions. Children in KS2 have started French sessions this week, being supported by staff from Wildern Secondary School.

Fairtrade Snack Shop

After consulting with children in school and a discussion with parents in Parent Forum during the last academic year, we are finally ready to be able to start selling Fair Trade snacks at breaktime. We are excited to launch our snack shop starting the week beginning 28th November. It will be open every day to KS2 at playtimes to begin with so that we can judge the stock we will need. This also enables children in KS1 to have their free fruit. We will be selling the following snacks: flapjacks (80p), Funtime fruit snack packs (30p) as well as GeoBar fruit cereal bars (60p). We will also be selling Fairtrade drinks (50p). After trialing it in KS2, we are planning to open it to KS1 as well.

Rice Challenge

Last year we began the 90kg Rice Challenge and the children are really keen to complete this challenge, continuing into this academic year.

JTS (a charity) has challenged groups to sell 90kg of rice – the amount of rice sold that would enable a Malawian farmer to pay for a year's basic secondary education for one child.

We have sold 69 bags which leaves us with 21 bags to complete the challenge. The Fairtrade group will be running a stall after school from 21st-25th November selling the last bags of rice. They cost £3 each. If there is lots of interest we can take orders for rice and even begin a new challenge, which would therefore help another child and their secondary education.

Parent Consultations - 29 & 30 November (4pm-7pm)

With parent consultation meetings approaching, our online booking system for appointments is now open. It will remain open until the end of Sunday 27 November for bookings. **To make an appointment please use the link on the front page of our website.** You will need your child's full name and date of birth to make an appointment. As always, if you experience difficulties with this or do not have access to a computer, please call the school office and they will secure a slot for you.

Star Spellers Project

Mrs Darling-Chalke and Mrs Warland would like to thank all the parents who have been working incredibly hard with their children over the last 6 weeks to improve spelling and take part in the Star Speller Project.

Out of all the children who took part in the project, the average spelling age increase was 4 months added to their spelling age in just 6 weeks, with some children making an unbelievable 12 months progress! Also, at the beginning of the project all of the children were tested as below average in their standardised scores and now they are all inline with other pupils their age - Well done everyone!

Mrs Darling-Chalke will be running the spelling workshop again in the Spring Term and opening the invitation up to all parents interested in boosting their child's enjoyment and achievement in spelling.

Have a lovely weekend.

Hayley Ferguson

Discussion of the Week

What do you think is the best age to be and why?

10 Golden Tickets

Brody, Koby, River

Well done to all of you!

Dates for the Diary

21-25 Nov	Fairtrade Rice Stall
29 Nov	Parent/Teacher Consultations
30 Nov	Parent Teacher Consultations
7 Dec	Listen2Me Concert 2.30pm
12 Dec	YR/KS1 Dress rehearsal to KS2 & parents 9.30am
13 Dec	KS2 service at St. John's Church 10am
13 Dec	R/KS1 Nativity Play 2pm and 6pm
14 Dec	School Christmas Party
15 Dec	School Christmas Meal
16 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
16 Dec	Last day of term

This Week's Letters

- Christmas at Winchester Cathedral – VI
- Fairtrade 90kg Rice Challenge
- Fairtrade Helpers at Christmas Fair

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children and staff who wore spots today. We raised a grand total of £165.55.

Science Week Tower

Children from Oak won an extra point towards the half term total

This Week's Winning Team

ELM