

## From Mr Chappell

It has been another incredibly busy first week back and the children have come back superbly following the great first term that they all had. We have had the artist in residence, Jo, working with the Year 3 children, Year 2 children helping their community with bulb planting and another great trip to Beech House, with children around the school conducting themselves with the correct school values all the time. Selecting a certificate winner at the end of the week is certainly a really hard choice for teachers! Have a great weekend!



Congratulations to our Values shield winners- who were nominated for their 'Generosity' around school. A reminder that our Value this term is 'Compassion'.

Well done to all the children in Blenheim House who enjoyed the treat of extra play time and wearing their own clothes to school today for being the winning house at the end of Term 1.

**Blenheim**  
1,725

**Concorde**  
1,714

**Britannia**  
1,693

**Brabazon**  
1,669

## From Mr Spens

### New catering lunches at St Helen's

As ever, it's been a busy first week back and none more so than in the school kitchen where our new catering provider, Aspens, launched their new service on Monday. We want to keep improving every area of school life and especially our lunch and playtimes, so it has been great to see the children really enjoying the new menu and the chance to serve themselves from the amazing new salad bar! I'd like to say a huge thank you to the parents for supporting us by signing up for the new online ordering system, Select, and to the staff, particularly the office, kitchen and lunchtime staff for working so hard to make the transition so smooth.





## Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Non-Uniform Day

We are supporting the 'Children in Need' next Friday. Children are invited to wear non-uniform to school in return for a donation of at least £1 for the charity.



### Book Fair

The Book Fair will be open each day next week from 3.30pm to 4.00pm in the Library. Please come along – there is a wide range of books to choose from. The school receives books as commission on sales.

### FOSH News

Thank you to everybody who contributed to the 'Break the Rules' day. The total raised was an amazing £400! Don't forget the Film Night next Friday - tickets are available through eventbrite (please see email sent earlier this week for details).



### Diary Dates

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Showcase for Year 5 & 6 parents, 2.30pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need - 'non uniform' day fundraising  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – FoSH Film Night  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Parents' Evenings  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Flu vaccinations  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – INSET day  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity, 9.30am  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity, 6pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair, 3.30pm  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance, 6.30pm, Year 3 & Year 4  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – end of Term 2

### Attendance

Congratulations to Ash class who had 97% attendance this week. The school total was 94.5%.

### Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Cherry Class – Willow and Sebastian  
Holly Class – Henry and Viola  
Beech Class – Olivia and Catherine  
Oak Class – Dexter and Sophia

Ash Class – Emma and Charlie  
Sycamore Class – Katie and Max M  
Elm Class – Joe and Rose



### Out of school achievements

- Niyumi in Sycamore class has moved to silver grade in swimming and achieved her 400 metre and 600 metre distance swimming awards.
- Yasmin in Sycamore class swam her first competitive 100m butterfly in 2.03 minutes and achieved personal bests in 50m and 100m breaststroke, winning a number of medals.
- Katlyn in Oak class has achieved the Level 4 swimming award. She also attends martial arts class and has recently received her commitment belt.
- Karalee in Holly class has achieved the Level 2 swimming award.

