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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I hope you had a restful week's break and enjoyed everything it had to offer! This half term is always magical in schools with all the upcoming festivities and of course as a church school marking it as a significant Christian festival. Please do pencil into your diaries the dates below for the church services. These are always well-attended and round off the term in such a special community way. These weekly newsletters are really appreciated by so many community members and my personal thanks to Mrs Nicholls who continues to do such a great job in coordinating them on a regular basis.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gary Tucker'.

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Beacon

It has been lovely to welcome Beacon class back after half term. The children have come back brilliantly and with fantastic learning attitudes. We have got stuck straight in with our new English topic on a book called Floodland, looking at addition and subtraction in Maths, begun our topic on the Romans and began our investigative science unit on materials and their properties.

It was also super lovely to share some reading time with Triscombe class this week and use our fabulous school library together.



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Alfoxton

We have had a lovely start to the second half of the autumn term and the colder air and darker days make us feel cozy in our toasty, warm classroom. We have begun learning about the rivers in the local area and across the United Kingdom which links to our English perfectly as we read books about water and rivers! We began our English work by looking at a picture book called, Once Upon a Raindrop. Inspired by this book we thought about all the different sounds that water makes and collected them to write poems with stanzas showing three different tenses. Take a look at our wonderful water poems in the images below!

Our art is also linked to the theme of rivers and water as we study two collage artists - Ed Fairburn and Robin Brooks. We discovered that Ed Fairburn is inspired by maps depicting rivers and portraits whilst Robin Brooks is inspired by nature, especially scenes depicting the coast. This term we will produce our own collages in the style of Ed Fairburn and Robin Brooks using maps, tissue paper, pens and pencils.



Triscombe

We have had a lovely start back this term with lots of exciting learning planned in the run up to Christmas- including preparing for the Christmas Nativity production. We are so excited! In Adventurers, this week, we made a yummy apple and cinnamon pin wheels-we LOVE cooking! Our English is based on a book called “Oi Frog”. It’s been really fun learning about rhyming words and poems! In P.E, we’ve had a fantastic time playing games that include jumping and clapping-it’s really good for timing and exercising our bodies as well as being enjoyable!



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Preschool

The children have settled back into routine after the half term break. This week we have been learning about Bonfire night and been exploring different ways to make 'Fireworks'. We used cut toilet rolls, dunked in paint to make colourful fireworks and used different shapes and material to create fireworks. Our favourite activity however was dropping paint into gloop and using paintbrushes to create swirls and patterns in the gloop. (It was even more fun, when we used our fingers and got really messy!). We also had great fun twirling sparklers and watching the sparks fly as we made circles in the air!



Lateness

Just to clarify, school starts at 8.55am each day. Registers are taken at this time promptly. In line with policy and national guidance, children arriving after 8.55am and before 9.05 will be marked down as late and the number of minutes late will be recorded. After 9.05am, it is recorded as Late after the registers have closed (U Code) and this will go down as an unauthorised absence, even if your child is present. We sent out a letter recently setting out the much more rigorous conditions set out by the government and the National Thresholds include a mixture of all sorts of unauthorised absences within a time period. This can lead to county then deciding to fine parents. We will be launching a new initiative around punctuality very shortly in assembly that will be more positive, fun and proactive and hopefully lead to fewer lates and less chance of fines happening.



Children in Need-Friday 15th November

It's that time of year again when we can support Children in Need by fundraising at our school! This year, we invite all pupils and staff to attend in non-school uniform for the day for a suggested donation of £1.



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Important Dates

Monday 11th – 15th November:

Tuesday 12th November:

Wednesday 13th November:

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Friday 15th November:

Friday 22nd November:

Wednesday 11th December:

Thursday 12th December:

Friday 20th December:

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Tuesday 7th January 2025:

Anti Bullying Week

Parents Evening 16.00pm-18.00pm

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FOSS Fireworks

Children in Need

Inset Day

Christmas Dinner (please ensure you have registered with our HSM app)

Christmas Jumper Day

Christingle at the Church 2.00pm

Last Day of Term

First Day Back

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