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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Next Friday is **The World's Biggest Coffee Morning** and we will all be joining in at the school. We do hope that you will be able to join in from 9:00 until 9:45 by dropping into your child's class for a cup of tea or coffee, or perhaps by buying a raffle ticket next week. Please see the attached letter from Miss Connelly for more information.

There's another chance to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee next week too - this time on **Monday afternoon from 2:30 - 3:30**. This is when Miss Connelly and Miss Britnell will be holding the first of their weekly drop in sessions for parents and carers in the Achievement Base (next to the Dragonflies' classroom). This is a chance for anyone to come in and have an informal chat about their child - or just to put their feet up for a few minutes before school finishes!

**Please see the leaflet attached to this letter with some important information about the consultation on the expansion of our school.** As you will know the local authority is putting together very exciting plans for the re-building of our school over the next few years. At the same time the authority is planning to make the new school slightly bigger - our school has been growing steadily for a few years now and we are oversubscribed in some year groups, with parents waiting for places. As the leaflet explains, the authority thinks that this part of Oxford won't have enough school places in the future if some schools don't expand. The information tells you how you can give your views on the expansion of the school, including details of a meeting at the school on 19<sup>th</sup> October. **Please fill in only one form - even if you have more than one child at the school.** The actual building plans for the new school are still being developed - we'll let you know when we have definite ideas from the architects to share with you.

News from classes: all of the children have made fantastic starts on their new projects for this term. In **Key Stage 1** Foxes, Badgers and Squirrels classes are asking 'Who Am I?' - the classes really enjoyed meeting some of the children's grandparents and doing some cooking together. Following their visits to the Pitt Rivers Museum the children in **Owl, Hedgehogs and Dragonflies classes** are gathering historical evidence about Ancient Egypt - ready for a visit from the Egyptologist Professor Jarman! In **Years 5 and 6** the children are continuing their investigations for their **CSI Wood Farm** project - learning about fibre analysis, fingerprints and footprints. Meanwhile in **Foundation stage** the staff have really been enjoying getting to know the children as they finish their first full time week!

A warm welcome to all of the children who have joined us over the last few days. We hope you have settled in well and are enjoying your new school! And finally **Eid mubarak (Happy Eid!)** to all of those children and families that will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr over the next few days at the end of Ramadan.

With best wishes from Mr. Lewin, and everyone at the school.



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