



6th October 2011

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Reminder: school is closed all day tomorrow for staff training. We re-open on Monday as usual.

It was great to see lots of parents and carers of Year 5 & 6 children visiting classes this week during their 'class museums' afternoon. I was so impressed with the exhibits that the children had put together, made up of important personal artefacts that they had brought in from home. Thanks to everyone who helped the children at home putting together such brilliant displays of the things that are important to them. There was a fantastic atmosphere in the classrooms as the children showed each other, and the visitors, the different collections – and the children were so respectful and careful with each other's things, well done everyone.

Congratulations to Mrs Sharma's class in Year 3/4 who won the **attendance challenge** last week for the class with the highest weekly attendance. Well done to everyone else too: our overall school attendance went up last week to **96%**, which is our target level.

This year we are working on an exciting project across the school, with staff from the Story Museum in Oxford, to really develop the children's story telling and writing skills. Classes in all of the different parts of the school have been learning, re-telling and then writing new versions of a particular story – and the children have already produced some outstanding writing. At home do ask the children about the story they have been working on – you might even ask them to practise their story telling skills on you! You might also be interested in the story session for families being run by Adam Guillain from the Story Museum, at St. Andrew's School (see the attached Headington Newsletter for details).

Next Tuesday some of our older children have the very exciting opportunity to travel to London to visit the Houses of Parliament, and hopefully to meet their MP. They'll be finding out about how parliament works and how the country is run, and how they can make their voices heard. We are very lucky to have this opportunity, which has been organized by Miss Barton, and we're looking forward to seeing what they find out next week!

The Life Education bus will be visiting us next week, and classes will have a turn to visit and find out more about keeping healthy and staying safe. Our F1, Y1 & Y2 children have also been learning about keeping their teeth healthy during this week – with visitors from the dental service telling us about how to keep our teeth clean, and which foods are bad for our teeth.

Do let us know if you have any memories of the school, and school productions in the hall, that you would like to share with us for our Festival on the last day of this term. Please write your memories on the sheet that came with the last newsletter – or jot them down on a note and return to the office.

Dates for your diary:

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| 7 th October | School closed for staff training |
| 10 th October | Life Education bus visiting all week |
| 11 th October | Group of children visit Houses of Parliament |
| 21 st October | Harvest Festival.
End of term 1 |

Best wishes

From Mr Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School



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