

Welcome!

It is **always** great to see the children return rested, refreshed and ready to do their best. This year we welcome Mrs Froud to our team: she is an experienced teacher who will be working in Year 2, and we offer her our warmest congratulations on her wedding over the summer. We also welcome back Mrs Wilkinson, who left us three years ago and has now returned to teach Year 5. Miss Sutton and Mrs Bloom take on new roles as class teachers for the first time. We thank all of these for their enthusiasm and their commitment to the children of Christ the King and we wish them long and successful careers with us.

As is **customary** each year, the newsletter has a new look. We'd love to hear your feedback—if you like it, or could suggest any improvements, please **get in touch with the editor!**



Skip2Bfit Skipping Challenge

On **Thursday afternoon** the whole school began the Skip2Bfit challenge. Every week we will skip for two minutes and we will chart our progress as we become fitter and more active. Why?

Because it's fun! Because active pupils do better academically. (Yes, really. There is research to prove it.) Because attendance and punctuality should improve. (Yes, truly. The

research shows this.) Because it teaches children that with practice they can get better—and that is a lesson they need to know for the whole of life.

The staff took part too and will be challenging themselves to improve week by week. The top skipper in the whole school today was Michelle Bros; amongst the staff it was Mr White. .



Ready, Respectful, Safe

These are our new rules, to encourage the outstanding behaviour for which our school is well known. We expect the children to be Ready to learn, to listen, and to do their best: arriving on time, in school uniform and with a positive "can do" attitude. We ask them to Respect themselves, each other and the environment around them. We insist that they keep themselves and others safe. These three rules form the core of our new behaviour policy.

We will be recognising the fantastic behaviour that goes "above and beyond" and we hope that when parents are told about great behaviour they will want to praise and reward their children. Look out for the positive notes, text messages and tweets.



Please pray for

Mrs O'Shea's sister, Nora Cassidy, who has been diagnosed with three types of cancer: her prognosis is not good.

Please also remember Miss Holder's father who has had a serious operation.

We ask God to wrap them in his loving care and to offer them and their families strength and comfort at this time.



Secondary schools

Dr. Uttley, head teacher of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School, will be here on Friday, 14th. September, and **Mrs Ellener** of JMA will come in on Monday 17th. to meet parents and pupils from Years 5 and 6. Parents are warmly invited to join us in the school hall for 2.30 p.m. on both days.



Website

Our [website](#) has been re-designed. We hope you like the new look. Please **let us know** what you think.



We started our term in **English**

"Good Morning!"



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New School Year Mass

On Friday morning the whole school attended Mass in the church of Christ the King to ask for God's blessing on our school and all our pupils and staff. We look forward to a blessed year of further progress and solid achievement..



Red Challenge

Don't forget the RED challenge. Children can pick up where they left off in July and read to earn badges, bookmarks, book tokens and books.



Coffee Morning

Our usual coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support will be held after on Fri 28th September. We will be selling bacon rolls between 8.30 and 8.50 and cakes from 2.30 to 3.30, both in the playground.

We are privileged to have so many generous parents each year; if you can help by donating cakes and/or helping out, please let Jenny Clarke or the office know by Tue. 25th Sep.



Thank You!

Thank you to the team from Waite's for their huge help in assisting the transformation of our Nursery and Reception outdoor learning environments. They gave us their talents and their time, preparing the outdoor spaces for their make-over and saving us quite literally thousands of pounds..



Education Sunday & BBQ

This coming Sunday, September 9th., is Education Sunday when the Church prays for all those involved in education: pupils, staff, parents and governors. There is also a Parish Barbecue to which you are all warmly invited—details on our website.

Term Dates

A full list of dates will be on our website calendar as soon as we know them, and will be published in the newsletter, but for now parents need to know that October 19th and November 5th will be INSET days, when the school is closed to pupils. Half term is the week of 22nd–26th. October and this term finishes on December 21st..



No Nuts

It is vitally important that we have no nuts or nut products in school, as some of our children are extremely allergic to nuts, and the smallest trace can cause them to become ill. Please remember not to include any nut products, including nut butters, in packed lunches.



Congratulations!



Anton Joseph, Hiba Atif, Ibrahim Atif, Hendrix Starling, Emma French, Siona Mathias, Aldrich Mathias, Kacper Ogniski and Barbara Oginska who all succeeded in the Libraries' "Mischievous Makers" Summer Reading Challenge

Isla Swart, Aiobheann Lyford, Benjamin Wood, Tyler Russel, Veronica Patrick, Michelle Bros, Marcus Gray, Tyler Marriner, Mr White, The Skip2Bfit skipping challenge winners (see front page)

