

Friday 28th September 2018

 **Whole School Open Morning**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October @ 9.45am



Sibford School ... where living adventurously is part of everyday life.

Dear Parents

I've donned one of my less sartorially fancy shirts today (no comments please!) and will shortly be swapping my shoes for a pair of flip-flops as I set up my stall for Apple Day this afternoon. Without giving too much away, I'm fairly sure I'm going to get very wet (no doubt photos will follow in next week's newsletter)! During the week it has been wonderful on many levels to see the hive of activity that the school has become. Ingenious ideas have been conjured up to use the apples to raise money for charities; new friendships have formed as children have worked together to design their stall and social skills have been enhanced as "artistic differences" have had to be diplomatically resolved! I have already seen my face emblazoned on a target which I'm sure heralds an afternoon of fun and laughter! The money raised from Apple Day (around £500 last year) will go towards three charities chosen by School Council.

Yesterday, in readiness for Apple Day, we had an apple picking House competition. Like a swarm of locusts, the children descended upon the orchard and in a flurry of tree-shaking and Isaac Newton style yelps, most of the trees were stripped bare. I'm delighted to announce that Clark emerged as the winners, managing to fill 17 trays of apples.

Elsewhere this week some of the children in Year 5 and 6 began their cycling proficiency programme. The course lasts around 8 weeks and we hope to get out on to the roads of Sibford Ferris next week to hone our indicating and signalling skills.



On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome Dr John Taylor OBE who came to talk to Years 5-8

about his life as an inventor and, being dyslexic, the hurdles he had to overcome in his education. I know our Year 6 journalists have written about him later in the newsletter, but sufficed to say we all enjoyed a fascinating presentation from an inspirational man!

The children in Foundation have been getting wet and muddy this week, enjoying a science investigation on what items float or sink and why, as well as making "soup" in the digging area with bark and water. The Reception children are working through the Set 1 sounds very quickly and it is hoped that they will soon be coming home with their first reading book with words. The Nursery children have been working on recognising and beginning to spell their names using magnetic letters as well as playing listening games to identify similar sounds. At the end of the week, the children thoroughly enjoyed making their apple and blackberry crumbles ready for Apple Day.

Labels, lists and captions have been the focus for English this week in Year 1 and 2, this started to help them understand non-fiction texts and working towards making posters in time for Apple Day! It's also been a week where the 'senses' have been given a lot of attention in all their topic work. They started the week by understanding how sight, touch, taste, hearing and smell can help us in our everyday life. Building on from this, they created some unusual portraits and rather than using normal paint used different spices! Do go and have a look in the Year 1 and 2 cloakroom and see if you can tell who's who!

It's only fair to then complete the senses work with an edible science experiment... Becca Edwards asked the children to use their senses to describe popcorn before and after cooking, though obviously answers were muffled with the children chomping through the popcorn afterwards!

Amongst all of this, they did manage to find some time to enjoy the sunshine that visited Sibford during the week; building on their map skills they wandered around the grounds, observing possible landmarks within their local area.



This week began with a lesson in mummification. This included carefully removing the organs of a body (but not the heart) and placing them in Canopic jars, removing the brain through the nose using a long hook and drying the body by filling it with sodium nitrate. Fortunately, Year 3 opted for mummifying oranges rather than bodies, which are now steadily drying out in the Year 3 classroom.



Appropriately, Year 3 almost finished making their Egyptian Canopic jars in pottery, which I must say are looking fantastic! (Thankfully these Canopic jars are currently not housing any stomachs, livers or lungs!) The theme of organs continued into science, where Year 3 learned all about the digestive system. Here, they mapped the journey that food takes through the body by drawing around each other on the playground and drawing where the organs would be. Did you know that the small intestine is approximately 4 metres long?



Year 3's geography topic of mapping took a piratey turn, as Year 3 used coordinates to find items on a treasure map. They then took this a step further by turning the giant chessboard into a coordinates grid and drawing their favourite animals in given locations. Finally, they have been filling the school with homely smells of apple and cinnamon, as they have been making apple and cinnamon autumn leaves to sell on apple day.



This week children in 4MA continued to work on their Roman pots in pottery. At the same time designs for their Roman tiles were finalised and with the help of John James work started in earnest to make tiles fit for our Roman sundial.



In English, fantasy stories began with curious settings and astonishing characters possessing exceptional powers. In Maths, 4KS have been focussing on telling the time on analogue and digital clocks, and converting between the two. This was helped with our human digital clock, where the 'digital clock children' came up with appropriate digital times, for the rest of the class to convert on their analogue clocks. No snoozing here!

Children had to sort fact from fantasy as they completed story boards explaining how the model of the Solar System has been refined over many centuries. Aristotle 384 BC–322 BC proposed the geocentric model, with the Earth at the centre while Galileo 1564–1642 championed the heliocentric model with the Sun at the centre.

This week our budding Year 5 Scientists have been finding out all about how sound travels by vibrating molecules and can travel more quickly through liquids or solids than it can through gases (e.g. air) because the molecules are closer together so vibrate more. We also conducted an investigation into how far away from a sound source (triangle or drum) that a sound can be heard. We found that various factors could affect our results, so they did not necessarily "ring true" nevertheless, we were able to record their results in some very carefully drawn bar charts which made our work look truly professional.

Can you believe it's already the 4th week of term?

On Tuesday we had a brilliant presentation from inventor and designer Dr John C Taylor. He talked about having dyslexia and using it as a way to work around things. Taylor said his dad was an inventor as well and designed the waterproof suit for Amelia Earhart. He showed us some of his inventions including the mechanism that turns off the electric kettle when it has boiled and the famous Corpus clock given to Corpus Christi College in Cambridge.

He explained that he failed everything apart from maths and science. His head teacher told him, even though he only passed his maths and science, he was good enough to go to Corpus Christi College. He wanted to do a PHD in Antarctica, but unfortunately the funding got cut. It was his lifelong ambition and in the end, at 60, he got a chance to go to Antarctica. He inspired many pupils, and we had a fun time listening to his presentation.

Y6 have been very busy re-writing chapters from "The Amazing story of Adolphus Tips," Bb Michael Morpurgo. The book is about a girl and her cat tips during the Second World War. Y6 Have also been writing letters to their family members in the countryside, to tell them what it's like in London, pretending they were children during the Blitz, in WW2.

By Year 6 Journalists, Penelope and Tabby.



## Positions of Responsibility

During the early part of the term, when they weren't sailing, Year 6 were considering which Positions of Responsibility, if any, they wanted to apply for. With a year group of 31 that's a lot of responsibility! We are delighted to announce that the following children have been chosen for the following positions:

Houses	House Captains	Sports Captains	
Clark	Rosie	Nicholas	Amber
Fry	Emma	Oscar	Eva
Gillett	Finnley	Tom H	Elena
Nansen	Max	Oskar	Lily

Meeting Elders	Librarians	Journalists	School Council	Eco Council	Play Leaders
Bardia Harry Penelope Lara Sam	Audrey Henry Rory James Lara Olivia	Tabby Emmeline Imogen Penelope	Henrik Mila	Ellis Sam	Toby Fred Tom N

## Headteacher Awards

Well done to Kezia, Alex, Fergus and Eva who all received a Headteacher's Award this week. These new awards are given out sparingly for an excellent standard of work or contribution to

the school during the week. As well as a posh new sticker each child also receives 5 House Points!



I look forward to seeing many of you at Apple Day and hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

In friendship

Edward Rossiter

Ps. Did you know that the bimetallic switch that John Taylor designed has been used in over 2 billion kettles?

### **The Great Sibford Bake Off**

We are holding a House Cake Competition. Can you bake an animal themed cake? Please bring your cake to school on Friday, 5th October with a label showing your name and house. The judging will be don't by "Delia" Holroyd. The cakes will then be cut up and sold at the end of the day for WWF. Poster is attached to this newsletter.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Cycle Safety Course
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	U11 A/B Football v New College – A
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Horse Riding Y3/4
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Open Morning
	U11 Rugby Training Day at Warwick – A
	Celebration Meeting, Dining Hall at 3.40pm (Parents welcome)
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Cycle Safety Course
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October	U9-11 (Girls) Hockey v Carrdus – A
	U8-9 TAG Rugby v Kitebrook – A

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October

U10-11 TAG Rugby Training with St John's – H

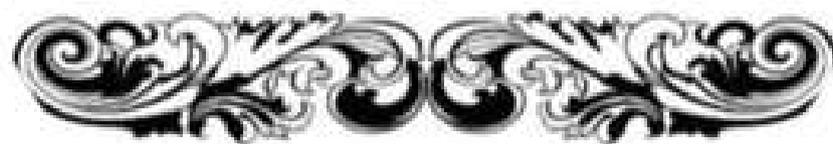
Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October

U11 TAG Rugby NOSSP Family Tournament – A

Music Meeting, Main Hall at 3.40pm (Parents welcome)

NO nuts please.

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(optional!) House Competition

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