

# Mears Ashby School News

## Friday 20th October



### Values Education

Our value is: **Happiness:** (Psalm 37.4):

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

#### A Great First Term:

We have had a fantastic and busy first half term at the school and all the children have been enjoying this term's themes.

During the last week of term Sycamores enjoyed their visit to Woburn Safari Park as they got up close and personal to a number of wild animals during the day.

Our Year 4s were also out of school on Wednesday 18th October as they were invited to a Faith Roadshow at Wicksteed Park, which they all fully enjoyed.

Acorns had an enjoyable Fabulous Finish with their parents to bring their 'All About Me' theme work to an end.

Our Oaks class are looking forward to their next trip which will take them to the Leicester Space Centre as part of their theme of 'To Infinity and Beyond' during the first week back.

Our Elms children will be treated to visitors of the feathered variety on Friday 10th November as the school welcome Dave Sharpe from Raptorotics and his birds of prey for an interactive talk and flying display.

#### Official Opening

On Monday 4th December we will be pleased to welcome Bishop John Holbrook to the school to officially open the School House conversion. There will be a special assembly held and the Bishop will be in attendance to bless the school. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards and tours of the new building will also be available for parents/carers.

#### Macmillan Cake Sale

Thank you to all the parents/carers who organised and donated cakes to make the cake sale for Macmillan a great success on Friday 29th September. A total of £95.35 was raised for the cancer charity.

#### Harvest Festival:

Thank you for supporting the children's Harvest Festival performance at the church on Monday. It was lovely to see so many

of you there. Thank you also for all your generous food donations for the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough which will help towards their food bank service.

#### Parents Evening:

The next parents evening is take place on Tuesday 7th November from 2pm –7pm .Signing up sheets will be available on the first day back after half term.

#### Acorns Drop Off Arrangements:

Following the half term break we would ask that parents of children in Acorns accompany their children to the playground to assemble before registration instead of heading straight into the classroom.

#### Drop In Session

Thank you to all the parents/carers who made it into the school to look through your child's work so far this term and thank you for all your positive feedback.

The next Drop In session is to take place on 28th November at 3pm.

#### Applying for Secondary School Places

Parents of Year 6 pupils are reminded that the closing date for applying for a secondary school place is 31st October at 5pm. You can apply by using the Northamptonshire Citizen Portal at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions) Alternatively, you can request a paper form from [admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk) or telephone: 0300 126 1000.

#### Vacancies

We have two vacancies at the school currently for a Lunchtime Supervisor and an After School Club Supervisor. The ASC supervisor requires a Level 3 NVQ qualification. Please ask at the school office for further details.

*Good News! Mrs Grey is now a fully accredited National Leader of Education. This means that we will be asked to share our journey of successfully improving our school with other schools who are about to embark on this journey.*

**ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER**  
please note the expected attendance is 96%

CLASS	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
ACORNS	335	25	0	360	93.1
ELMS	610	10	10	630	96.8
SYCAMORES	572	5	10	660	94.4
OAKS	643	15	2	660	97.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2160</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2310</b>	<b>95.7</b>

#### Dates for the Diary:

Last day of term - Friday 20th October  
 Training Day (school closed) - Monday 30th October  
 Start of new term - Tuesday 31st October  
 Oaks Trip - The Space Centre - 1st November  
 Parents Evening - Tuesday 7th November 2pm-7pm  
 New Parent Open Day- 9th November  
 Elms—Birds Talk — 10th November  
 Flu Vaccination—28th November  
 Parents Drop In - 28th November at 3pm.  
 Official Opening of the School House—4th December  
 Acorns - West Lodge Farm Xmas Experience - 7th December  
 Whole School - Pantomime Trip - 13th December

### October Birthdays

Jackson, Maddison, Maja, Henry & Lily