



# NEWSLETTER



**OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT – UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY – TEAMWORK**

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

What an exciting week and weekend we had. Our Y5 and Y6 classes visited Waddesdon Manor last week and our school took part in the Schools of Chesham Carnival. It was a beautiful day and a fantastic float, which won first prize in the 'walking' category!



## Chesham Carnival

So many people to thank this year. Our superb carnival organisers Mrs Jones and Mrs Symonds, Mrs Wale and her fabulous band of helpers and, of course, all our children and parents who looked so colourful on and alongside the wonderful float. The float and decorations were so colourful and bright and everyone who dressed up looked absolutely brilliant. No wonder we won a prize – you were all great!

## Welcome



We have welcomed two more children from Ukraine. Zoia joined Great Oaks last week. She has settled in so well, it feels like she has always been a member of the class. Dasha started Holly Crofts this morning, greeted by a very excited Y4. It's a fun time to join our school as Y6 went to Waddesdon last week and have their Y6 Games event on Thursday and Y4 are off to Verulamium next week to study the Romans.

## Coffee and Cake

Just along the road from us Chiltern Velo has given us loyalty cards for their café (buy 10 hot drinks and get one free, plus school gets a little something as well!) If you would like a card, please come to the school office to collect one or email us and we'll pop one into your child's book bag. Their opening hours are Tuesday–Sunday: 8am–4pm



## Goodbyes and Staff changes



It's always sad for us when we say goodbye to a member of staff, but this term we are saying happy retirement to a very special member of staff, Mrs Anne Jones, who has worked tirelessly in the office for over 20 years! What on earth will we do without her wealth of knowledge and calm, caring nature?

We wish her all the best in the future with her family.

Mrs Helen King will be joining the office as the new office manager, which we are very excited about. Mrs King currently works with KS2, so knows us all well.

Mrs Jemma Wale is also off to pastures new in September and will be missed by everyone for her unerring enthusiasm and creativity. Her new school are very lucky to have her!

## Extra-curricular Achievements

If your child has passed a music, dance, sporting exam or had an achievement in any out-of-school activity, which they would like to share with everyone, please give a copy of their certificate to the office on a Thursday so it can be added to our celebration assembly. It's good to acknowledge these successes.

Due to the hot weather forecast for tomorrow, children may come in without tie/jumper/cardigan and can wear their School PE kit instead of uniform. Thanks







## Waddesdon Manor

We were fortunate to receive an Educational Grant from the Rothschild Foundation so we were able to send two classes. Y5 had an incredible day, exploring the house and its many treasures. They were all fascinated by the grandeur of the house and history of the Rothschild family, and the staff who worked with them were very impressed with their enthusiasm and questions. Y6 spent the day in the wonderful grounds with an introduction to orienteering and reading maps. They mapped the grounds and laid out orienteering courses for each other. They all had a great, but exhausting time!

This week I was fortunate enough to attend the Oxford Diocese Headteachers' Conference. The theme of the conference was all about challenging inequality and injustice in our school communities 'Justice rolls like a river' Amos 5:24

I was struck by some of the sobering statistics shared. Did you know that 27% of children in the UK are living in poverty, that's 8 in a class of 30!

As we continue to welcome more families from different backgrounds to our community and our diversity grows, I am inspired by those who have taken personal responsibility and been proactive in carrying out kind deeds, such as hosting refugee families.

*Seek good, not evil, that you may live.*  
Amos 5:14



Please remember to apply sunscreen lotion to your children before they come into school in this hot weather and ensure they have a water bottle in school. I hope the sun stays for the weekend and you find some time to take a book outside to read in the garden!