

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Unity	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Well the seasons definitely seem to be catching up with themselves and Autumn does seem to be here this week finally. Please do make sure your child(ren) brings a coat to school with them, particularly on wet days; if the ground is too slippery or the rain is too heavy then it will be indoor play but we try to get the children out where they can, so that they have fresh air and space to move around in, between lessons.

It does seem incredible that half term is almost upon us - the weeks have flown by incredibly quickly and I am sure that whether you are attending a face to face or a virtual parent appointment next week, the teachers will share with you how well your child has settled in to the new school year. I am very proud of all their hard work and achievements this half term and in recognition of this, and the fact that this week our Good Ofsted report has been published on the Ofsted website for all to see, next Wednesday will be a celebratory non-uniform day - there will be no cost for this. If your child has PE on that day they may wear suitable non-uniform PE kit.

We also look forward to welcoming KS2 parents to our Harvest assembly next Friday morning. Please do join us and if you are able to donate some long life tins and packets to The Need Project, who we are collecting for again this year, I know that this will be very much appreciated - there is a list of what they are desperate for over the page.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Our Website

We work hard to ensure that we are sharing information with you on our website and last year we spent a lot of time reworking where things are located. I want to draw your eye to three sections in particular:

1. [‘Our Staff’](#) page: this lists our current staff, showing you who works where and their additional roles within school.
2. [‘Our classes’](#) page: this shows a web page dedicated to each class. Within each you will find a copy of the class timetable, links to what we are learning, our knowledge organisers and a gallery of photos. Check out your class page by following the links below:
[Fir](#), [Yew](#), [Aspen](#), [Rowan](#), [Poplar](#), [Juniper](#), [Sycamore](#), and [Elder](#)
3. [‘Virtual Office’](#) page: this shows everything that you would ask the office including attendance, uniform and school dinners

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You are invited to our

Harvest Festival Assembly (KS2)

The assembly will begin at 9:10am, but the classes will be serving school made refreshments from 8:50am in the hall. This will be cash only. Come and join us to celebrate Harvest Festival with songs, poems, music and more! Pupils will have the opportunity to buy the leftover sweet treats once the assembly is complete.

Marvellous Me



We have had reports that some parents are not receiving the marvellous me messages when they are being sent out by the teachers, or some are being

received much later on in the day—we promise we aren't all working that late at night!

Having contacted Marvellous Me, they say it is likely because parents need to update their app. Please check every now and then to ensure that you have the most up to date app. For more help, visit their help pages [here](#).

Food collection

Thank you to all who have donated food to our collection for the need project. We will be collecting up until the morning of Friday 20th October.

Maple Tree will once again be collecting long-life food items to donate to The Need Project, our local food bank.



Please can all items be left in the box in the school office. These will form part of our display for Harvest Assembly before being collected and distributed to those in need. Please ensure all items donated are well in date. They are in need of most items but in particular: cereal, biscuits and soft drinks.

Poetry Competition:

Final weekend to write a poem—deadline is Monday 16th October!

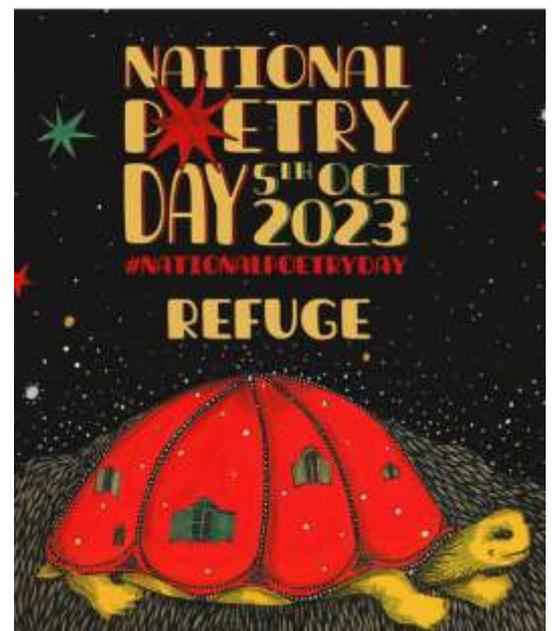
Thank you to the wonderful entries we have received so far.

Write a poem about how you can find refuge (a place, a person, a feeling).

- Every entry will receive 2 house points.
- All entries will form part of the school anthology.
- Entries are welcome from all year groups including early years.

Please get all entries to Miss Hyde by **Monday 16th October 2023**.

This was launched on National Poetry Day this week in a whole school assembly with Miss Hyde and the entries have already started coming in!



Children's Christmas Card Artwork

Your child is bringing home their Christmas Card Artwork today (or the next session they are in mulberries). The art they have created can be made into Christmas cards and other gifts for family and friends, whilst raising funds for school.

Please either logon to www.apfsorders.co.uk or scan the QR code on the leaflet attached to the artwork. Please do not use the QR code on the back of the art as this is for the company use only.

The deadline for ordering is Tuesday 24th October 2023.

The estimated dispatch date is 07.11.23. If you have any questions please speak to your class teacher.



This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 17th October Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18th October Non-school uniform day

Thursday 19th October Parents' Evening

Friday 20th October 9:10am KS2 Harvest Assembly (KS1 will do the Easter assembly in the Spring Term)

Monday 23rd October Half Term week

13th-17th November Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 16th November Online Safety Parent Workshop 6:30-7:30pm

Friday 17th November Anti-Bullying Open Afternoon

29th November - 6th December Book Fair

Thursday 30th November Grandparent's Breakfast

Friday 8th December Parent Forum

Wednesday 13th December Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 19th December Term Ends

Term dates for **2024-2025** can be found [here](#).

Attendance Awards

Week beginning 9th October 2023

The best attendance award is presented to:

Poplar class!

Mulberries	Fir (YR)
95%	94%
Yew (Y1)	Aspen (Y2)
97%	94%
Rowan (Y3)	Poplar (Y4)
97%	98% ★
Juniper (Y5)	Elder (Y6)
92%	96%
Sycamore (Y6)	Our target is 97%
92%	

Online Safety Parent Evening

Thursday 16th November 2023
6:30-7:30pm

**Join us for an evening learning about how to
keep children safe online**

*run by a Cyber Protect & Prevent officer within the
Cybercrime Hub in Bedfordshire Police.*

You will learn:

- how your online behaviour can impact your child,
- about the dangers of parents sharing sensitive information about their child online,
- how to keep your child safe when using popular apps and websites such as: youtube, roblox and tiktok
- and much more!

This will be run as an interactive session to get you thinking about the hidden dangers of online use. Other topics surrounding Cybercrime such as online gaming, social media interaction, sharing of indecent images and hacking are also incorporated throughout the session.

Please note, children are not able to attend this event due to the sensitive nature of some of the videos shared.



Halloween

Friday 27th October

Games: Make me into a mummy

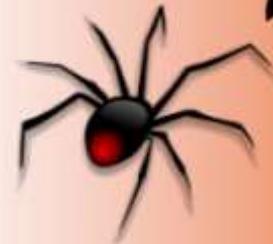
Halloween bingo

Pin the spider on the web

Crafts; Pumpkin carving

Cotton bud skeleton

Pumpkin wreath and much more



Limited spaces, contact kids club 07950592745,
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-6 £14

Water bottle required and lunch for
morning or all day session



Fun Day