

Headteacher's Blog October 2021

Everyone has made an impressive start to the new school year. We are all really happy that being in school can be more 'normal' and that we can now get out and about extending our learning on visits. The pupils have been amazing and our external Challenge and Support Partner (Mrs Warner) agrees with our 'outstanding' judgement for pupil behaviour and attendance.

Pupil Leadership

Following an in-school, democratic election process, I am delighted to confirm our new House Leaders are:

House Captain: Bobby

Deputy House Captain: Harry

House Captain: Ruby

Deputy House Captain: Florrie

House Captain: Daniel

Deputy House Captain: Jaxon

Our Senior School Council Members are:

Cedric, Matthew and Suhmer

Well done to everyone!

Covid Catch-up

We previously spent our funding on all of our KS2 pupils, so we could fund the Accelerated Reader programme for three years- this is continuing, so benefits those new to KS2 also. The Department for Education has awarded us an additional £1,400 funding for school-led catch-up. We will inform families individually if their child/children have been chosen to benefit from a block of fifteen hours of small-group support from a Teacher or Teaching Assistant. These sessions will take place weekly for one hour, during the school day. We will ensure pupils do not miss their favourite lessons. The sessions will be delivered by existing school staff.

We are also taking part in the Nuffield Early Language Intervention for Reception pupils, which will aid us in identifying if any specific language catch-up is needed, as well

as providing us with free additional resources. Reception families will receive additional information shortly.

Harvest Festival

Currently, we are still being advised not to hold events where large groups are in the same location for a sustained time, so we will have to hold an in-school service for pupils and staff only.

We will be making a collection of non-perishable foodstuffs for Alnwick Food Bank. The collection will close at half-term.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care and stay safe!

Diane Lakey