



### Parent Readers / Helpers

While regulations allow, we would love to have parent volunteers back in school helping to hear children read - a lovely experience for both the volunteer and child. This is something that was normal before we had the 'new' normal with several parents helping us in school. Just a couple of hours every week can really make a difference.

All volunteers will need to have a DBS check (criminal record check) and a child protection training session which we can provide. Volunteers usually work with children from classes other than their own child's cohort.

If you are interested, able to give a weekly commitment, and happy to supply some personal details, please [fill out the register of interest here](#).

### House Captains

We are pleased to announce our four new House Captains who will help organise and run sports events and other events around the school. Their duties started today with the Junior House Football Tournament for which our Captains did an amazing job! This year's House Captains are: Peter (Otters), Isabel (Owls), Charlie S (Robins) and Inigo (Stags).



### Half Term Garden Volunteers Required

If any parents are around at the beginning of half term on Monday 25 October at 12:30pm onwards then please come to school (via the Millennium Gate). We need help to make our new raised beds and to distribute bark. The more the merrier!

We are still also desperate for a helper with our weekly Gardening Club, or even a few helpers on a rota. *Please* see the office, or Mr Prockter if you can help.

### Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle

On Monday 18th October, Year 2 went to Warwick Castle. We went up the rickety stairs and up the tower that was old and strong.

Then we went inside the castle. It was very cool and there were lots of spears and armour with a visor and chest plate and gauntlets.

After this, we went over to hold a real axe and Kaleb got to hold the axe first!

Next our class watched the falcon show. There were lots of birds and one really big bird. At the end the birds flew all over the people watching.

Later, Mrs Smith walked through the spiky, green hedges in the maze where there was a sign saying, "get lost outside!"

Finally, we walked home in our groups. Wow, it was a wonderful day! *By news reporter Rafferty in Year 2.*



### Value of the Month: Unity

Unity is:  
togetherness,  
collective strength and harmony,  
sticking together, even when things are tough.

### Have a Great Half Term!

Whatever you do, wherever you go, have a safe and restful half term holiday and we will see you back in school on **Tuesday 2 November**.



### Phonics and Reading Parent Workshop

The Early Years Team would like to invite all parents from Nursery – Year 1 to attend the rescheduled Phonics and Reading Workshop on **Wednesday 3 November** at 8.50am in the school hall.

The workshop will explore the foundations of the phonics journey from Nursery and beyond, exploring early reading and writing and ways in which parents can support their children at home.

There will be a chance to learn about how teachers present phonics to the children as well as top tips, activities, and chances to ask questions to deepen parental understanding of this important phase in their children's education.

We look forward to welcoming you all,

Mrs Warburton, Mrs Clarke and Miss Jenkinson

### Diary dates

Fri 22 Oct	<a href="#">KPSA Pumpkin Trail</a>
<b>Fri 22 Oct</b>	<b>Last Day of Half Term</b>
Mon 1 Nov	INSET Day – School Closed
<b>Tues 2 Nov</b>	<b>First Day Back</b>
Tues 2 Nov	Y3 trip to The Rollright Stones
Weds 3 Nov	Nursery to Year 1 Reading & Phonics Parent Workshop
Weds 3 Nov	Parents Evening
Thurs 4 Nov	Parents Evening
Sat 20 Nov	Kingham Christmas Fair – Village Hall
Weds 24 Nov	Y3/Y4 trip to Gloucester Cathedral

