



## October 2023 Newsletter – 5th Edition

### Message from the Head Teacher

It's been a frantic couple of weeks at school, with the house day, harvest festival and various trips and visitors taking place (Y5 -Denny Abbey, Y6 – Mr Fletcher talking about world war history in the village, Girl's football tournament) This week is no different with the Year 6's going to a STEM challenge at SVC and the Year 2's going on a walk around the village. As it is Black History month, each class will also have a day learning about famous women who are black and have made a substantial contribution. It's never dull in school!

This will be the final week sessions learning about being part of an effective community, in our collective worship lessons. Rev Steve talked about helping all, even those who are different to ourselves, through a reminder of the story of, 'The Good Samaritan.' After the half term break the children will begin to learn about being compassionate, with our second Christian value.



'Deep wounds are not easily healed. But the Good Samaritan poured oil and wine into the wounds of the stranger who lay helpless on the road to Jericho, and set him on the road to recovery.

Each one of us can go and do likewise. A good Samaritan is generally a nobody before and after the good deed.'

### Sad Goodbyes

Mrs White, one of our long standing TA's in school, will be saying a sad goodbye this week. She is moving on to a non-school role on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. With her cake making, knitting and singing talent, it will be sad to see her leave education, but we all wish her well for the next adventure of life. She has admirably supported hundreds of children during her time with us, guiding them, breaking down tasks and helping the teacher.

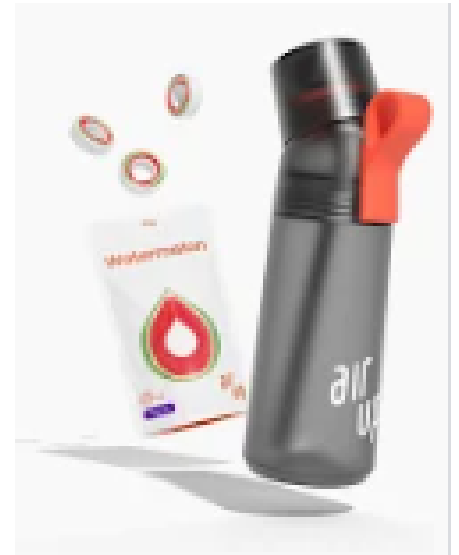


At the end of this half term, we will also say goodbye to Miss Fisher, who has been helping us in the Year 1 classroom. We hope that she goes on to find a long term school to teach in.



## Air up bottles

Last year, I became aware that some of the older children were bringing in the new trend of 'Air up' bottles to hold their water. Initially, I was unsure if they were suitable for a healthy, water drinking school, but it seems that they are actually a way to encourage children to drink more water. However, these bottles are now throughout the school with even the youngest children bringing them in. At £35 - £50 for a kit, these are not a cheap item and so I want to remind you all that you send these bottles into school at your own risk. The school takes no responsibility for any damage or missing bottles. Thank you for your help with this matter.



## End of day waiting

We have noticed that there are several children using the play equipment at the end of the day, while waiting for siblings or when they have been released by their teacher. Please can we remind you that the climbing equipment is **not to be used** at this time. We usually have a member of staff supervising the frame to ensure safe use but not at this time of the day. If there was an injury while using the equipment, it would be classed as a school fault and yet we had not been present at the time. To ensure safety, please keep your child (ren) close to you at the end of school.



## No toys or cards please

I'm sorry that this newsletter has been lots of reminders, but the final one, is that children are not to bring personal items into school, including cards to swap. There seem to have become a lot of toys, cards and smaller items brought into school. We cannot guarantee that they will be returned home, they are distracting and can cause upset and they take away focus from the lessons and playtime. The only item that is presently allowed in school, is the Rubik cube, which has taken a resurgence in popularity. However, these are brought in at the owner's responsibility. As requested before, if a book bag and water bottle were carried on their own, there would not be any space for excessive toys and games arriving in school.

