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Primary School

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Diary Dates

October	25 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of this half term
November	4 <sup>th</sup> – Children return to school 5 <sup>th</sup> – Gymnastics club starts 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher consultations 13 <sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations 19 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> – Reception 2025 open sessions 27 <sup>th</sup> – No Pens day

### 'Neve's News'

We were delighted to receive an application from Neve (Year 6) to be school news reporter. Neve is interested in journalism as a future career, and we are keen to support her with this. Neve will therefore be writing an article for the school newsletter every now and then to let you all know about things that are going on in school, from a child's viewpoint. She may interview a member of staff, she may ask children about a school visit, or maybe an After School Club. These articles will appear on the newsletter as 'Neve's News'. This week Neve has written a piece about the Year 6 residential trip to Burwell House – over to you Neve;

### Y6 Stay at Burwell House

The Year 6 residential trip this year was at Burwell House. It had comfy beds, warm showers and a huge garden and living room. One of our projects was to build a protective cover for an egg and then drop it down a spiral staircase. Whoever's egg survived was the winning team. We had amazing food, played manhunt every day and even had a talent show. Even though we didn't get much sleep, we all had a great time. It was a really nice place to go.



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### Mrs Tarrant's Mindfulness Sessions

Mrs Tarrant has visited us this week to carry out some more of her wonderful mindfulness sessions. In Year 1 the children focussed on the awareness of their body, recognising what our body feels like when big emotions visit, for example, Happy Harriet or Angry Angelina. They met Monkey Mind again and used their Mind jars to help practise Mindful breathing. They made Breathing Wands to help them to practise mindful breathing. Thank you Mrs Tarrant.

### Premier Holiday Camps

Please note that there will be no Premier holiday camps at Icknield over the October half term break. Camps are being held at Bellbird in Link Road so please make your bookings with this as the venue.

### Weighing and Measuring Reception & Year 6

Parents of children in Ducklings and Owls classes will have been emailed a letter today regarding the National Weighing & Measuring Programme. This is an annual check of the height and weight of children in reception and year 6. The nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025, but the deadline for opting out of this check is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. More information about the programme can be found on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-child-measurement-programme-operational-guidance>

### Book Fair



The Travelling Book Fair will be back in school next week. The cases of exciting stories and tales will arrive on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October and will be here until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please pop to the school library after school from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October onwards to see what delights are on offer. Please note this is a cashless only sale. We look forward to seeing you all there next week.



### Bonfire Night Colouring competition

Please don't forget to return your child's entry to the Parish Council Bonfire Night colouring competition. Entry into this competition is free of charge and prizes will be given to the best 3 entries in the 3 categories (up to 5 years/6 – 8 years/9 – 11 years). Coloured pictures need to be returned to the School Office by 9am on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Please remember to put your child's name, age and Icknield Primary School at the bottom of your picture. Good luck everyone!

### Black History Month

During our whole school assembly this week, the children were told all about Black History month. In the UK, Black History Month happens every October. It provides an opportunity for people to understand, share and celebrate the history of Black heritage and culture and its impact today. The theme for Black History Month 2024 is 'Reclaiming Narratives.' Black History Month helps us listen to these important stories and learn from them.



### Parent/teacher consultations

Parent/teacher consultations take place after half term on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Ten-minute slots for you to meet your child's class teacher are available from 3:40pm until 6:30pm. Appointments can be booked via your My Child At School (MCAS) account. Please remember to allow sufficient time between appointments if you have more than 1 teacher to see.

If you do not have a My Child At School (MCAS) account for your child, please contact the school office as our booking system will be through MCAS this year.

### After School Club collection

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October all clocks in the UK go back 1 hour. Please note that from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November all children attending an after-school club will need to be collected by an adult. This includes pupils in Year 5 and 6. If you have stated on your club application form, that your child can walk home alone, can you please email the school office to let us know who will be collecting your child next half term. Thank you.

## Headlice

We have been told by a number of parents that their children have head lice. Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy. Can we kindly ask all families to check your child's hair for nits over the weekend and to treat if necessary. There is no need to purchase special chemicals or head washes. Head lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. A special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) can be purchased from the local pharmacy or online. Then wash hair with ordinary shampoo and once rinsed, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do). Comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the tips. This usually takes about 10 minutes for short hair, but will take longer for longer, or curly hair. When you have finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time. Do this wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is lice free on day 17. Thank you all for taking the time to resolve this issue over the weekend.



## Half term activities at SVC

The team at Sawston Village college leisure are holding a few fun activities for children during the October half term. Other than the public swim which takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 2:00 – 3:00pm there is also a trampolining session on Wednesday afternoon between 1:00 – 2:00pm or perhaps you would like to try a Crazy Kids soft play session on either Monday or Friday morning between 10:00am and 12 noon. To book online visit [www.sawstonsports.com](http://www.sawstonsports.com) or email them at [sawston@anglianleisure.com](mailto:sawston@anglianleisure.com)

## Spooky Saturday

Our friends at The Challis Gardens are holding Spooky event on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Spooky Saturday runs from 10:00am – 12 noon and there will be spooky mystery trails, face painting and pumpkin carving. Mum and Dad can grab a cup of tea or some hot soup. Why not dress up in a spooky costume and have some fun!!

