

NEWSLETTER

Chaddleshworth St. Andrew's and Shefford
CE Federated Primary Schools

'Living life in all its fullness' John 10:10



Christian Values: **Courage**, Compassion, Trust, Friendship, Wisdom, Endurance

Dear Parents and Carers,

With multiple unexpected staff absences both last week and this week, we can't deny it's been challenging but it has also been 'business as usual'.

We hope you barely noticed as staff have seamlessly stepped up and stepped in where needed. Thank you to everyone involved!

This week we celebrated **Harvest Festival**, **World Mental Health Day** and enjoyed **listening to our amazing young pianists** taught by Joe Overend. We also had a visit from **Kirsty Hanson, the West Berks EYFS School Improvement Advisor** who wrote our phonics programme. She came in to see how the phonics programme is working in school and was very impressed with everything that she saw. Well done Mrs Higgins, our phonics lead!

I met with our **OBDE (Church) School Improvement Advisor, Katie Dickens** and let her know how we are getting on with our strategic plans. We noted that we are on track which is good news! I also met with **Kate Pike who leads the Mental Health Support Team**. We have requested an **'Emotion Coaching'** session for parents to help children cope with big emotions. Even if you don't think this is a parenting concern for you but you have other concerns, please come along to the session so that you can talk to Kate who would be very happy to listen and help signpost alternative parenting courses. See the next page for details.

So when we say it's been a busy week, we really mean it! Have a restful weekend,

Best wishes,
Mrs Stephenson
Headteacher

www.csfschools.org

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for your very generous Harvest Festival donations for the West Berkshire Food Bank. They were extremely thankful and have told us that **the food we have donated equated to an amazing 167 meals for our local residents** who are struggling at the moment. We are feeling extremely proud of our school community!



Thank you also Mrs Liddiard for welcoming the Owls Class on their welly walk on Monday to visit your farm to harvest some of your wonderful home grown vegetables.

Our Harvest Festival Service was an opportunity for us to reflect on what we are thankful for. Robins sang, "What have we brought for Harvest Time." Kingfishers thought about and designed their own stained glass windows inspired by the food they are thankful for and wrote their own collective class prayer. Owls Class created and read out their Harvest acrostic poems and Red Kites reminded us about why we celebrate Harvest and also the importance of eating healthily because it not only keeps our bodies healthy but helps with our mental health too.

Joe Overend—our resident piano teacher

Joseph Overend put on a fantastic music assembly for the whole school on Wednesday. The children Joe teaches every Wednesday performed their latest piano pieces. It was a great opportunity to celebrate these pupils talents and to inspire some new musicians. If your child came home expressing their interest in playing piano, please contact Joe directly to enquire about a taster lesson: josephoverend@gmail.com



World Mental Health Day—YoungMinds Support for #HelloYellow

[5 steps to mental wellbeing - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



EMOTION COACHING – SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO MANAGE EMOTIONS

ORGANISED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Chaddleworth St. Andrews & Shefford CofE Federated Primary schools

The Mental Health Support Team will be running a session on ways to support your child to manage their emotions. This session will be an informal, relaxed chance to hear about ways to support and also ask any questions you might have.

For any questions, please contact kate.phillips@westberks.gov.uk. You can also call 01635 519935

PLEASE NOTE: For urgent support with a child or young person's mental health please contact your GP, or CAMHS Crisis Point of Entry on 0300 363 1234 or 0300 363 999 (out of hours).

Please click on the link to express an interest in attending an emotion coaching session: [MHST](https://www.mhst.org.uk)

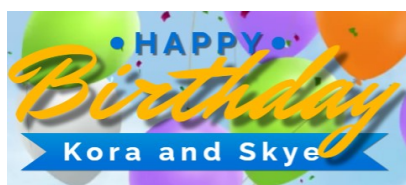
Café Church

10am Sunday 15th October
at St. Mary's Church,
Great Shefford.



The parable of the
Wedding Feast will give us
chance to have a "party"
with live music.

Tea, coffee and
tasty treats served
for everyone.
Come and join us!



Big Question

"Every great dreamer begins with a dream" Harriet
Tubman. What is your dream?

Christian Value

Courage

Diary Dates

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| October | Black History Month  |
| Mon, 9th | Please start bringing in Harvest donations into school |
| Tues, 10th | Harvest Festival—9am—donations for West Berks foodbank please. Parents and carers welcome to attend the service. World Mental Health Day— wear something yellow |
| Wed, 11th | PTFA AGM 7.30pm at The Great Shefford All welcome |
| Thurs, 12th | JOG Open Evening 4.30pm—7pm |
| Fri, 13th | PTFA Anvil 'Spooky' Cake Sale 3.15pm |
| Mon, 16th | Manor Adventure Reflection Worship— Parent and Carers welcome 2.45pm— school hall |
| Thurs, 19th | Last day term 1— East Garston Pilgrimage |
| Mon, 30th | INSET day |
| Tues, 31st | Term 2 starts |
| November | |
| Wed, 8th | Whole School Flu Immunisation |
| Fri, 10th | Topsy Turvy Day Arlington 'Bonfire' Cake Sale 3.15pm |
| Sat, 18th | Winter Fair PTFA event |
| Thurs, 30th | St Andrew's Day silver coin collection for Great Ormond Street Hospital |
| December | |
| Sat, 2nd | 300th Anniversary of Chaddleworth St Andrew's School Come and join us at Chaddleworth 10am—12pm for free coffee and birthday cake! |
| Fri, 8th | Watermill 'Christmas' Cake Sale 3.15pm |
| Tues, 12th | EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm—2.00pm KS2 Carols 2.15pm |
| Wed, 13th | EYFS/KS1 Nativity 6.00pm—6.30pm KS2 Carols 6.45pm |
| Fri, 15th | Elf Mile PTFA event |
| Tues, 19th | St Mary's Church Service 9am All welcome Christmas Lunch |

Class Blogs

Do have a look at the updated class blog pages to find out about your child/ren's learning this week.

[Robins Class Blog](#)

[Kingfishers Class Blog](#)

[Owls Class Blog](#)

[Red Kites Class Blog](#)