



Dear all,

*This may be the first 'proper' Headteacher's newsletter of 2016-17, but hopefully you have been keeping up to date with the latest news at Chesterton via the ever-expanding school website (particularly the wonderful class photo galleries) and the regular e-mail updates from the office.*

*As you can imagine, a great deal has happened in school since the warm days of early September welcomed us all to the new academic year. The cold weather is now taking hold, the light is fading and the Christmas decorations are starting to spring up around us. In school, the excitement for the festive period is building and the staff and pupils are busily preparing for the weeks to come.*

*Hopefully, this newsletter will do justice to the wide-ranging activities and achievements of our pupils in the Autumn term, as well as providing some information about school 'admin' and upcoming events for the remainder of Term 2 and into the New Year.*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 – 2017 (see School Website for further dates)**

#### **SPECIFIC AUTUMN TERM DATES – TERMS 2 and 3**

##### **Term 2**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	School Association Non-uniform day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	School Association Christmas Fayre (3.15pm)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> & Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower School Nativity Performances (2.15pm)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Singing Around The Christmas Tree (9.15am) <b><u>*Please note change of date</u></b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner (for children)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Church Service (9.30am) <b><u>*Please note change of date</u></b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holidays (3.15pm)

##### **2017 Important dates**

##### **Term 3**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	INSET Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Maple Class Worship
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 SATs Info Evening

##### **Further ahead**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Year 6 SATs
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June onwards	Year 1 Phonics screening check

- NB: 2017-18 Term dates, including INSET days, have now been finalised and are available on the school website.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance in 2016-17 is currently 97.3%, which is significantly above the national average (96.1%) and is really pleasing. Let's hope that the winter bugs stay away and those children aiming for 100% attendance up to Christmas can stay fit and healthy. Remember: House Points are available for any children who achieve 100% attendance for the whole of Term 1 & 2.

The top two classes for attendance in Term 1 were as follows:

Beech : 98.90%

Apple: 97.46%

Well done to Miss Jones and her resilient band in Beech Class!

Term 1 House Attendance:

**Buckle: 98.36%**      **20 points**  
**Squire: 97.67%**      **15 points**  
**Jersey: 97.27%**      **10 points**  
**Penrose: 96.72%**      **5 points**



### HOUSE SYSTEM

Our house competition has again been keenly contested throughout Term 1 and 2, with nearly 1500 points gained through pupils being awarded Well Done certificates, earning points from our class 'Going For Gold' charts and through excellent reading at home. Term 1 champions were **Squire (Alex Bell / Miss Gascoigne) with 271 points.**

The current Term 2 leaderboard is:

**1<sup>st</sup>: Jersey (Jasmine Kirby/Ms Bailey) 149 points**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Penrose (Kirsty Ellacott/Mrs Leonard) 136 points**  
**3<sup>rd</sup>: Buckle (Charlotte Kavanagh/Mrs Salter) 130 points**  
**4<sup>th</sup>: Squire Alex Bell /Miss Gascoigne) 111 points.**

With plenty of points still left to be awarded, everything could change before the Term 2 crown is awarded in three weeks' time. Remember that you can keep up to date on the House Points page on the school website.

Term 3 sees the scores return to zero so everything will be to play for in the New Year.

### AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS

Our gold certificates, which are awarded for outstanding effort, are given out at the end of each term. Two children were chosen per class and received their certificates before half-term. Each gold certificate winner earns 5 points for their house. Our chosen few in Term 1 were:

Maple Class: **Sara Viner-Smith & Herbie Allmond**

Beech Class: **James Hooke & Joely Donaldson**

Ash Class: **Toby Richings & Oliver Morris**

Apple Class: **Alfie Clarke & Will Reeves**

Oak Class: **Connor Reeve & James Morris**



### INDEPENDENT LEARNING POWERS

As last year, our learning merits have been awarded to children who demonstrate one of our 'Independent Learning Powers' through a piece of work or activity. The School Council helped decide that 'improve things', 'try your best', 'persevere', 'work together', 'be curious' and 'challenge yourself' were the six key things that would help make children independent learners. The aim is to achieve three learning merits in each section of the hexagon (18 merits in total) to earn a certificate. Even though we are less than a third of the way through the year, our first Bronze winners have already completed a circuit of their wheel. **Megan Allmond** (Ash Class) and **Amelia Hawes** (Beech Class) both achieved the feat in Week 3 of Term 2 and scored 5 points each for their respective houses.



### EXCITING ENGLISH

Our enthusiastic reading has picked up where it left off last academic year with parents and children putting in lots of effort to enjoy books together at home. Since September, many children have already earned Reading Raffle tickets for reaching a landmark in their reading diaries and draws have been taking place in celebration worship on Fridays. Remember the more tickets, the more chances to win!

Winners so far this year: **Bobbie Brelsford, Kat Carry, Maggie Smith (pictured), Olwen Parsons, Meriel Woodrow, Oliver Evans.**

Each excited winner has been to my office to choose their prize of a book from the large selection on offer.

Writing has also been celebrated this term, with our Amazing Author certificates for October awarded. Congratulations to **Manny Donaldson, Albie Floyd, Walter Lane-Fox, Lucy Billington, Charlotte Hornby, Chris Meek and Gemma Blake** for impressing your teachers with your writing.

Look out for their work on the display board in the school hall.  
Mrs Salter.



### THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

The Chesterton governing body has been hard at work as always with plenty going on behind the scenes throughout the Autumn Term. As you will now know, planning has been underway for the potential expansion of the school. Governors have been pivotal in ensuring that this happens in a way that is right for Chesterton, regularly meeting with our project manager and architect. The proposal is currently at the consultation stage and we will keep you up to date with further news when we have it.

So far this year, governors have held two 'Resources' committee meetings, two 'Performance and Standards' committee meetings and two 'Full Governing Body' meetings. They have also worked alongside staff in school to assist with our monitoring, evaluation and work towards development targets.

If you have an issue you would like to raise with a member of the Governing Body, then please contact us through the school office.

### SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



A big thank you to the volunteers from the School Association for their organisation and to everyone who attended the Film Night on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. There was a very good turnout to watch Animals United and an impressive total of £403 was raised.

Next up is the Christmas Fayre this Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> December). The usual array of festive fun will be on offer, including Santa's Grotto, plenty of entertaining stalls and some much needed refreshments for the adults!

Don't forget that Thursday is non-uniform day and that the School Association are requesting that children bring in a cup of sweets for the children's tombola and something for the adult tombola. Raffle tickets and money are due back to the school office this Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup>). Thank you for your support with selling them.

The BAGS2SCHOOL collection will also take place this Wednesday. Please bring your bags to the school hall on Wednesday morning when you drop the children off. It's fine to use black bin liners as long as they are securely tied.

As always, keep an eye on the School Association noticeboard for the latest news.

### CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS



You may have noticed in the dates section that there has been a small alteration to our Christmas schedule. Due to a double booking at the church, our Christmas service has been put back a day (from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec) and has swapped places with our singing around the tree. I apologise if this has caused any inconvenience.

Mrs Broadhead (Music teacher) works on both Thursday and Friday mornings so we will still have the benefit of having her as part of both occasions. We have planned to start shortly after the start of the school day

for both events to hopefully allow parents to drop children in the morning and then either make the short walk to church or take up seats in the school hall.

For the pupils, it now means that, on Thursday, they will enjoy singing around the tree before their Christmas dinner. On Friday, our church service now coincides with Save The Children's Christmas Jumper day which will bring an extra splash of colour to the final day of term.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**JUMPER DAY**

## QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

A huge thank you to everyone who returned a parent questionnaire form at the end of last year. We are particularly grateful to those of you who provided extra explanation for any of your answers and I can assure you that these were all read and considered individually.

Please see results below if you haven't already had a look on the school website. The leadership team and governors have looked closely at the analysis and, whilst we are delighted that parental opinion is overwhelmingly positive, we have been keen to areas for improvement.

Homework is an area that always divides opinion amongst parents (and teachers come to that). Some believe in 'formal' homework tasks, some favour the more flexible option that we currently offer, while some would prefer to have no homework at all. Although it is very difficult to cater to all tastes, we are constantly re-evaluating what we require of children (and their parents) when it comes to homework in order to make sure that tasks are relevant, age-appropriate and worthwhile. If you are concerned about your child's homework, please discuss it with the class teacher as they will be happy to provide explanation or clarification. Similarly, they may be able to suggest tasks that would be particularly valuable to help your child's development.

	Positive or Don't Know	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school.	100%	78%	20%	0%	0%	2%
My child feels safe at this school.	100%	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%
My child makes good progress at this school.	100%	58%	38%	0%	0%	4%
My child is well looked after at this school.	98%	78%	20%	2%	0%	0%
My child is taught well at this school.	100%	69%	29%	0%	0%	2%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	89%	27%	60%	11%	0%	2%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	100%	60%	33%	0%	0%	7%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	98%	24%	46%	2%	0%	28%
This school is well led and managed.	100%	73%	27%	0%	0%	0%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	98%	47%	40%	2%	0%	11%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	98%	47%	49%	2%	0%	2%
		Yes	No			
I would recommend this school to another parent.		100%	0%			

## Educational Visits

We also asked for your opinion on educational visits. As a school, we have taken on board feedback regarding the rising costs of these visits, particularly residential trips. We are pleased that parents appreciate the School Association contribution that reduces costs for regular educational visits. However, we still feel that residential visits in the four consecutive years of Upper School place a significant financial demand on parents. Therefore, in future, we have opted for two residentials in Upper School – one in Year 3/4 and one in Year 5/6. See table below. This means that our current Year 2s and 3s will go to Braeside and the current Year 4s and 5s will go to Woodlands next academic year. Woodlands letter to follow shortly.

We are looking at options for a special leavers' day trip for our current Year 6 pupils next summer too.

Year Groups	Time of Year	Venue	Number of nights	Years
Year 3/4	Spring	Braeside (or similar)	Two	2017/8, 2019/20 etc.
Year 5/6	Autumn	Woodlands	Four	2017/8, 2019/20 etc.

## MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS

After our success at last year's competitions, Miss Regan and some of our keen mathematicians journeyed to Oxford in November for two Maths Challenge afternoons, where they competed with other pupils from across the county. All our teams performed impressively and enjoyed pitting their wits against pupils from both state and private schools in a range of activities. Alex Bell, Inés Piaget-Thompson, Gemma Blake and Charlotte Kavanagh represented Year 6 at St. Edward's School, with Alex and Gemma finishing 7<sup>th</sup> out of 38 teams and Charlotte and Inés coming in 14<sup>th</sup> position.

At the Year 4 event, held at Summerfields School, both teams acquitted themselves very well. Finn Gauld and Jack Martin came 14<sup>th</sup> and Jessie Ward and Thomas Grenfell finished 23<sup>rd</sup>. A special mention to Thomas who filled-in at the last minute due to illness.



## HELPING OTHERS

This term, the whole school community has really been putting our school values of COMPASSION and GENEROSITY into action with many different fundraising events. As well as enjoying the days themselves, the children have also been considering why we are raising money for good causes and thinking about those who may be less fortunate than ourselves or going through difficult times. It has been truly heartening to see and hear our pupils putting their values into action in such a positive way.



### Macmillan Cake Sale

For our coffee and cake afternoon on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, pupils and families again focused their baking efforts on providing a fabulous array of cakes, which were served with coffee and tea to raise money for a wonderful charity. The afternoon itself, run by our team of new school councillors, raised £260 for Macmillan, which, I'm sure you will agree, is a great total for a very worthy cause. Well done to our team of school councillors, who did a brilliant job of hosting our customers.

### Harvest Service and Lunch

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, all of our children made the short walk to St. Mary's church to celebrate and give thanks for the harvest. Paul Clifford led the service and the pupils contributed with a range of readings and poems, interspersed with some fantastic singing. Mrs Broadhead played the organ and many parents joined us

for this special occasion. The School Lunch Company then prepared a hearty ploughman's lunch back at school for families, which was also well attended.

I would particularly like to thank all our families who made donations to Water Aid, our chosen harvest charity for this year. An excellent total of £157 was raised to help Water Aid bring the missing ingredient of safe water to communities around the world, where a lack of readily available water means that crops fail and families often go hungry.



## Remembrance Day



The work of the Royal British Legion is as important as ever. Funds raised annually enable the Royal British Legion to provide invaluable support and rehabilitation for injured servicemen and women, and support and care for the families of soldiers who have been killed in action – both in recent conflicts and in the past.

Chesterton continued to support this fantastic charity in 2016 and the school council were out and about selling the traditional poppies and some additional stationery items. The money has been collected and we await news of the final total.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November itself, Beech Class also focused on the theme of remembrance for their class sharing worship, where they gave us a thought provoking explanation of the significance of the poppy and the importance of the British Legion's appeal. There was even a beautiful reading of 'In Flanders' Fields' from Anabelle Meek.



### Children In Need

The School Council, with help from Abigail Grenfell, planned and organised a number of exciting activities with the support of the staff, parents and pupils to help fundraise for Children In Need. A number of spotacular ideas, including decorating the whole school in spots, spotty fancy dress, hula-hoop games and a giant coin Pudsey, ensured that the school raised an impressive total of £490. A special mention to the Smith family, particularly Katie (Ash Class) and Maggie (Oak Class) who took it upon themselves to do some extra fundraising around the village. Armed with only a Pudsey money box and persuasive smiles, the girls contributed a whopping £100 to the school total.



What a wonderful effort!

### Operation Christmas Child

Last but not least, here are Walter (Beech), Emily M (Oak) and Meriel (Maple) showing off our fantastic haul of 53 shoeboxes, ready to be collected and sent thousands of miles to brighten up the Christmas of those in need. Thank you for your generosity.



## SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE



This year, we have continued to benefit from the input of the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership, funded through a large proportion of our 'Sports Premium' funding. Through a visiting coach working with our pupils in lessons, staff training and inter-school competitions, our children have again made the most of a wide range of high quality sporting opportunities. Chesterton pupils have enjoyed a busy and successful start to the competition programme this year. We have entered a number of partnership tournaments since September. Congratulations to all those who have taken part.

### Whole-School Cross Country

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, pupils from Chesterton represented the school in a cross-country competition at The Bicester School. With last year's Chesterton champion Georgia Usher now at secondary school, it was down to the next generation to pick up the torch, which they did in some style with some excellent individual performances.

The Year 1 and 2 girls led the way with two top-5 finishes. Isabelle Goddard came in 4<sup>th</sup> even though she is only in Year 1 and Anabelle Meek made it on to the podium with an excellent silver medal run. Word has it that she has been in training for the district final! Despite an initial reluctance to take part, Sports Captain Inés Piaget-Thompson came a very impressive 5<sup>th</sup> in the Year 5/6 girls' race!

All three go through to run at Sibford School on Thursday for a place in the county final. Good luck girls.



### Year 5/6 High-Five Netball Champions

A week later, Miss Mansfield and Miss Norman accompanied two netball teams to take part in the Bicester Tournament. After narrowly losing their opening game, the A team quickly found their feet despite not playing competitively as a team before. They won the remainder of their group games, before defeating teams from much larger schools (Langford and Bure Park) in the semi-final and final to take the crown. Sharp shooter Alex Bell picked up the School Games certificate for the A team, while Evie Thornton was picked out from the B team, who finished a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> in their group.

### Bicester Tag Rugby

On a slightly drier day than the 2015 competition, Chesterton's two rugby teams took to the field at The Bicester School to 'tag' and 'try' their way to victory. Our A team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group, before going on to win Pool C (against other third placed teams) and, for the second year running, our B team were victorious in the plate competition. School Games certificates went to Jack Evans and Thomas Grenfell.

**A Team**



**B Team**



### Year 3/4 Football Tournament

On a lovely sunny day in October, our mixed girls and boys football teams took part in the Bicester tournament held at the Cooper School. Both the A and B teams showed great co-operation and teamwork in all games and improved noticeably throughout the day. After going 1-0 in the first game before coming back to win 2-1, the A team didn't concede another goal and won their group. Goals came from Thomas Grenfell, Taylor McDonald and Kyle Kernan with the stand-out victory coming with an upset against Langford (1-0), who had been sweeping all other opposition aside up to that point. Fantastic goalkeeping from Oscar Williams and resolute defending from Ruby Evans and Jessie Ward saw the team home after a long-range Kernan goal.

In the next stage, all first placed teams played off to decide the overall champion. Unfortunately, despite dominating for most of the matches, we couldn't find a winning goal and drew all three games 0-0, meaning that we finished a close 2<sup>nd</sup> (a great result out of 18 teams).

Meanwhile, the B team were also playing very well to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group. Millie Lewis, Angelina Cerato and Lilly Bramham were all making their competitive debuts for the school, Finn Gauld and Josh Cresswell were alternately doing a great job between the sticks and Ollie Kirby, Jack Martin and Toby Richings were linking up well to keep the opposition defences busy.

All round, a very enjoyable morning and lots of good signs for the future of Chesterton football.

### Swimming and Cross-Country District Finals



On Wednesday 16th November, eight Chesterton Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Bicester Partnership Under-11 swimming gala. Both a girls' and boys' team took part with events consisting of a freestyle relay, a medley relay (where all four strokes are swum) and four individual events (one for each stroke). With the girls kicking off the morning with a fantastic 3rd place in the freestyle relay, the boys took inspiration from this and showed great determination in their equivalent event for what was the first competitive swimming race for three of the four team members.

As the morning went on, both teams picked up a selection of 3rd and 4th places with particularly strong performances from Zac, who won his butterfly individual race, and Inés, who placed 2nd in a very competitive freestyle individual race.

The Spirit of the Games value for the day was determination; a value that every member of both teams demonstrated. After careful consideration, Miss Mansfield decided to nominate Alex as the school's representative for this value. Alex was awarded a pedometer from the partnership in recognition of this. After all the races were complete and scores collated, Chesterton came away with an overall 5th place out of 11 partnership schools - a fantastic and well deserved result! Miss Mansfield

### Girls On The Ball

Following their success last season, the Chesterton girls' team have taken advantage of the new 'Girls On The Ball' initiative and participated in two fixture afternoons in Oxford. There were lots of matches to play against new opposition and we thoroughly enjoyed both events. See below for the results from the first event. Here is the report from the November tournament.



*"The Chesterton Lionesses continued their impressive start to the season with two wins and two draws at the second Girls On The Ball tournament in Oxford. Despite the chilly conditions, the girls showed plenty of effort, not to mention skill, and chalked up five unanswered goals in the four matches. Highlights included Jess Cresswell's brave heading, Mellody's first ever goal for Chesterton and excellent goals from Jasmine and Gemma."*

We even made it into the Oxford Mail; you can just see us in pink on the back row!



## Other Football Fixtures

Many other football fixtures have taken place this term, with intra-school boys and girls friendlies, away matches at King's Meadow and Bruern Abbey and the opening match of the inaugural girls' football league. See below for the full round-up, including the latest Golden Boot standings.

Football Results 2016-17							
Date	Competition	Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Chesterton Scorers	Player/s Of The Match
19th Sept 2016	Girls' Friendly	Chesterton Stars	5	Chesterton Lionesses	3	Piaget-Thompson 3, Thornton 2, Kirby 2, Blake	Jessie Ward Evie Thornton
29th Sept 2016	Friendly	Real Regan	1	Gascoigne's Galacticos	1	Kernan, Evans	Taylor McDonald Zac Powell
Girls On The Ball 7-a-side tournament – Monday 3rd October 2016							
3rd Oct	Tournament	Chesterton Lionesses	0	St. Michaels	0		Charlotte Kavanagh
3rd Oct	Tournament	Chesterton Lionesses	1	St Mary & St John	0	Kirby	Evie Thornton
3rd Oct	Tournament	Chesterton Lionesses	1	East Oxford	0	Blake	Jess Cresswell
3rd Oct	Tournament	Chesterton Lionesses	0	St Phillip & St James	2		Maggie Smith
13th Oct	Friendly	Buern Abbey	1	Chesterton A	0		Benjamin Horseman
14th Oct	Girls' Friendly	King's Meadow	2	Chesterton Lionesses	5	Kirby 2, Thornton, Piaget-Thompson, Blake	Inés Piaget-Thompson
Girls On The Ball 7-a-side tournament – Monday 7th November 2016							
7th Nov	Tournament	Chesterton Lionesses	0	East Oxford	0		Jess Cresswell
7th Nov	Tournament	Chesterton Lionesses	2	Oxford High A	0	Kirby, Blake	Jasmine Kirby
7th Nov	Tournament	Chesterton Lionesses	3	Oxford High B	0	Blake, Piaget-Thompson, Cameron	Melody Cameron
7th Nov	Tournament	Chesterton Lionesses	0	St Michael's	0		Charlotte Kavanagh
17th Nov	Girls' League	Chesterton Lionesses	6	Langford Village	0	Kirby 3, Piaget-Thompson 2, Kavanagh	Jess Cresswell
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Girls' Friendly	Flintham's Fireworks	3	Atkins' Attackers	1	Kavanagh 3, Kirby	Emma Flintham Evie Thornton

Top Scorers 2016-17		
Player	Games	Goals
Jasmine Kirby	7	10
Inés Piaget-Thompson	6	7
Gemma Blake	6	5
Charlotte Kavanagh	7	4
Evie Thornton	5	3
Melody Cameron	3	1
Kyle Kernan	2	1
Jack Evans	2	1



## PROFICIENT PEDALLERS

Terms 1 & 2 have seen two separate groups of Year 6 pupils undertaking Cycling Proficiency. Learning about various aspects of cycle safety, the Highway Code and bike handling, the children have progressed from sessions on the school playground to excursions onto local roads, where they have had to apply their knowledge for real. The children, assisted by a fantastic team of parent volunteers, have also had homework tasks to make sure that they were up to speed ready for the assessment at the end of the course. After visits from an external examiner to test both theory and practice, I am pleased to say that all children in the first group passed. Group Two's practice sessions are now

well underway and they will be hoping to do just as well when their test comes round at the end of term. A huge thank you to our wonderful team of parent volunteers – without whom it simply wouldn't be possible to offer Cycling Proficiency to our pupils.

## POLITE PARKING PLEASE

You may have noticed the new white 'no parking' lines which were painted recently on the junction outside the school gate. The aim of these was to address inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up times for school and playgroup. I am pleased to say that we believe that this has led to a significant improvement and, although there are still some cases of non-compliance, the turn into Orchard Rise is now much safer for our parents and pupils. Thank you for your support in this matter.

The School Council has been out and about with one of our local PCSOs to monitor the situation and will be looking at ways to encourage safer driving and parking in the village.



## PERSUASIVE POSTERS

On the theme of road safety, many of our pupils took part in a Parish Council competition to design a poster on 'Speed Awareness'. Entrants were asked to design a poster that encourages drivers to reduce their speed in the village. The competition was open to all children aged 4-11 years old.

The winning designs were chosen by a panel of judges and the overall winner has been presented with a £10 book voucher. Their poster will also be printed and displayed around the village to remind people to drive safely and stick to the speed limit.

2nd and 3rd placed entries won a £5 book voucher each and will also have their posters displayed around the village.

1st Prize: **Eleanor Messum** (Age 4) Maple Class

2nd Prize: **Jack Happell** (Age 7) Ash Class

3rd Prize: **Walter Lane-Fox** (Age 6) Beech Class



## MARVELLOUS MUSIC

As always, there has been plenty of music to be made in the Autumn Term.

Mrs Broadhead, as our Music co-ordinator and specialist Music teacher, has been leading music across the school and preparing our choir for the busy festive period.

### 'Children Singing For Children' Concert

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Chesterton Choir took part in the annual event, 'Children Singing for Children' at St Edburg's Church, organised by the Rotary Club of Bicester. The children performed two songs – He Lives In You and Love Shine A Light - to a large audience. In addition to their own performance, they also enjoyed listening to the fantastic Vox Choir from Cooper School. This concert was also the first outing of our fantastic new choir shirts (see pic below) that have been very kindly bought for the school by the Carry family.



### Big Christmas Sing & Chesterton On The Radio

After really enjoying this event in the past, the school returned to the impressive surroundings of Oxford Town Hall last night. They rehearsed in the afternoon alongside other schools from across the county, before performing as part of the vocal extravaganza in the evening. A full report will appear in our next newsletter. As last year, we have also been given the chance to record our Christmas singing to be broadcast on Radio Oxford in the lead up to Christmas. It is very exciting to have this opportunity. We'll let you know the details of when you can catch our song nearer the time – stay tuned!



### Music For Schools Instrument Lessons

Individual and small group instrument lessons have continued this term in the studio with teacher Bethan Hunter. Children have the opportunity to learn a range of instruments, including the cornet, saxophone and clarinet. We have already showcased what they have learnt in collective worship. Stay tuned for news of their next appearance.

If you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument, and they are in Year 2 or above, please pop into the school office to enquire.



### AND FINALLY...

As we head into December, I am very much looking forward to welcoming parents and families into school on a number of occasions over the coming weeks; it promises to be a busy but enjoyable end to Term 2! Best wishes, Mr. I. Horner – Headteacher