

AUTUMN 2019

# NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

*Our value for this month is Pride*



## Harvest Festival

For our Harvest Festival collection this year we would like to support the local charity The Need Project. This charity delivers food boxes to local families and individuals in our community. The items that they are in most in need of are listed below and we will be collecting these from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. If you are able to help, please ask your child to bring their items to the school office and please ensure that all items are in date.

*tinned tuna/salmon, tinned vegetables, including potatoes, tinned ham, tinned fruit, tinned / cartons of custard, tinned rice pudding, jam, rice and long life milk*  
Thank you in advance.

## Student update forms

If you haven't already done so, please can you return your child's student update form sent home last week as soon as possible to the school office. With the new Data Protection Laws in force it is important that we hold the correct information/consent for you and your child. If you require another form, please collect one from the office.

## Transfer to Middle School 2020

There is no automatic transfer to middle school even if you live in the catchment area and/or attend a feeder school you must still make an application to the School Admissions Team. All the information you will need regarding your Transfer to Middle 2020 application is available on [Central Bedfordshire Council's website](#). Please ensure your application is received by the School Admissions Team by 15 January 2020.

## Children starting school 2020

Children born between 01/09/15 and 31/08/16 are due to start school in September 2020. You need to make an application to us by 15 January 2020, even if your child attends a nursery/preschool on the school site. All the information you will need regarding your Starting School 2020 application is available on the Central Bedfordshire website [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or via a paper application (available on CBC website or collect a copy from the school office).

## Bikes and Scooters

Please can you ensure that your child only puts their scooter or bike in the bike stand or on the first patch of grass as you enter the bike and scooter area. Some children have been leaving their bike or scooter quite far back in this area or down the side of some of the buildings there and the town council have identified this as a health and safety issue.

## Maths in Reception

In reception, we have been learning to count to twenty and recognise the corresponding written numbers. The children really impressed us finding the missing numbers!



## Year 3

Year 3 have shown true curiosity as scientists this week. They have been investigating Light and Dark and have discovered the visible light spectrum using CDs and bubble bowls, and investigated the effects of an absence of light in their very own classroom cave!





## Your school councillors, Gothic Mede Academy!

I am thrilled to announce that our school councillors for 2019-2020 have been elected after a round of speeches in classes and voting by the children. We are excited about the prospect of these confident and determined children representing the school and being the voice of the pupils. I have my first meeting set up with them already! Thank you to our councillors for their commitment to service and taking responsibility for the school.



## Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Head Teacher's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Ash	Lexi-May	for being confident and friendly with adults and children in class.
Oak	Oliver	for his polite, friendly attitude.
Beech	Daniel	for his fantastic concentration on his letter formation.
Elm	William	for his excellent effort on his alphabet book and not giving up when he found it tricky.
Maple	Amber	for using ambitious vocabulary, similes and expanded noun phrases when writing her dragon poem.
Willow	Alek	for creative poetry writing using adventurous word choices.
Chestnut	Ellis	for his persuasive argument speech during our school council election.
Sycamore	Jack	for amazing effort in Maths and responding to feedback.
Hazel	Isla	for always showing respect and readiness around the school and in lesson.
Birch	Darcie	for her excellent effort and super attitude to her learning.



## Collecting children at the end of the day

Some parents are finding it difficult to see when their child is being released to them at the end of the day on the playground, due to other parents blocking the view. This will always be a difficulty to a certain extent but please can you help by stepping back from where the children are released? This is especially helpful when parents step back from the fencing outside of the year one classrooms. Unless called by a teacher, parents should not be in this fenced off area.

Please can I also remind parents to never go into children's toilets with their child - even at the end of a day. If you need to sort out your child who has had an accident, please can you come around to the front of the school and use the disabled toilet. I'm sure you can understand the dangers of allowing adults into children's toilets.

### Space Chase Reading Challenge

Huey	Elm
Rhys	Ash
William	Willow
Sophia	Chestnut
Georgia	Willow

### Rugby

William	Willow	Player of the week
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### Premier Sports

Sophia	Chestnut
Gymnastics - player of the week	
Gymnastics - excellent teamwork - premier camps	
Cheerleading dance - outstanding achievement	

### Swimming

Jack Wright	Willow	Level 3
Eleanor Reeve	Willow	Level 3

### Football

Carter	Sycamore	Man of the match
Connor	Hazel	Football award
Oliver	Birch	Man of the match

### Dancing

Elodie	Elm	Disco - Honours
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### Tidy Ted

Oak class for being so new to the school and keeping their classroom very tidy.