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Newsletter 8

Dear Parent/ Carer,

What a wonderful term we have had with so many achievements along the way. The children have shown great determination with their learning and a real excitement about developing new knowledge and skills whilst continuing to work hard on building resilience when things get tricky; we are so proud of each and every one of them. Careers Dress Up day was a wonderful end of term celebration where the children could really reflect on our big question 'Where will our future take us?'. We will also be uploading class videos/ PowerPoints to class pages on the website over the next few days so please keep an eye out for these.

World Values Day evidenced how incredibly kind hearted Gagle Brook children are and there were some lovely, surprise 'Acts of Kindness' led around the school. The children also had a wonderful time at the Autumn Disco and were quick to show off their dance moves! Thank you for all the support given by parents and staff so this event could happen for the children; this is greatly appreciated.

### Achievements at Gagle Brook

Our stars of the week are:



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The children enjoyed sharing their work in our 'We are proud' assembly this morning and were keen to talk about all about their achievements! A huge well done to all! We are also excited to announce that Seagull class were our attendance winners this week with 99.21% and that our winning house is Ash with 197 points. What a wonderful way to end our term! Congratulations everyone!

### Curriculum News

Next term, our big question is: *Hidden behind the picture is...?* The children will come back to school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** to a whole school hook day where they will be investigating and creating a piece of art based on a historical moment. We are planning to enter the world of dinosaurs in Nursery right through to discovering more about Armistice Day in Year 3. The hook day will lead the children in to their termly learning and encourage those enquiring minds to start to question and want to delve deeper into the world of art history. We look forward to sharing this journey of learning with you during the term.

### Dragonflies

Dragonflies, our breakfast and after school wrap around care, is bursting with fun and opportunities ready for your children. If you would like to sign your child up, please use the form that can be collected from the school office, or catch up with Miss Hopkin for further information.

#### Upcoming diary dates...

**1<sup>st</sup> INSET day – school closed to children**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Start of Term Two** - new 'enquiry question' – ***Hidden Behind the Picture is...?***

**Week of the 8<sup>th</sup> November:** Parents Consultation evenings (please book in with your child's teacher)

**12<sup>th</sup>** Children in Need

**15<sup>th</sup>** World Kindness Day at Gagle Brook

**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** Anti-bullying week (wear odd socks to school on the Monday)

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Early Years Communication and Language Workshop 8.45am

**24<sup>th</sup>** Bedtime Hour 5pm-6pm for all children in school (more information to follow)

**26<sup>th</sup>** Open Event at Gagle Brook for new parents 1.30pm-2.30pm

*Further information to follow about events*

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Finally, we will be carrying on with the extra safety measures around school after the half term break to ensure our community remain as well as possible. Staff will continue to wear masks to meet and greet and within shared spaces in school and we will also keep assemblies online for the first few weeks and then we will review further. Regular handwashing and sanitizing has now become a positive norm within our school life which is wonderful.

I apologise for not being able to see all those friendly faces on the gate today as planned but have needed to give myself time to fully recover from being poorly. Please make sure you have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing the children safely back in school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

With best wishes,  
Emily Holloway and the Gagle Brook Team



#### **A message from our Caversfield Parish Clerk**

*All the villagers with decorated houses in Caversfield are looking forward to welcoming you to the village on Sunday 31 October. As the area is likely to be busy, we ask that, to protect you, other visitors and the householders, you wear masks, bring hand sanitiser with you and keep your distance between groups where possible. As usual, the Police, MoD Police and US staff will be working together to help make sure everyone is safe on the night.*

*Parking restrictions will be put in place so, as parking is limited around the village, please walk and avoid driving if at all possible.*

*However, if you do come by car, please respect driveways and the parking restrictions. We have had visitors parking on residents' drives or blocking entrances in the past and we want to make it a happy event for all.*