

# Pixies news



**“Honesty is always the best policy”  
True or False?**



## Value of the month

When talking about **Honesty** this month, we asked the children the question above and it threw up some interesting answers. The children generally felt honesty was very important, such as returning something valuable to someone who had lost a possession or talking to parents about a sibling who had lied. However, when asked about owning up to their own mistakes, the children gave a much more mixed response and many admitted they weren't honest because they were worried about getting into trouble – food for thought! I gave the children eight reasons why I believe honesty is the best policy and some children re-evaluated their thoughts, though still felt it would be difficult to be honest when considering someone's feelings (e.g. Do you like my new hair cut?) Our value of the month for November is **Self-Worth**.

**Martin Smith, Headteacher**

## The Grand Opening!

On Friday 6th October, we formally opened the new school building. We were joined by all the children in the school and FOPHS members past and present who helped raise £16,000 towards the building (we have recently heard that we can claim the VAT back on this so good news for the FOPHS coffers). It was an honour to invite Claire Snell to cut the ribbon after chairing the FOPHS team for the last few years and school council were on hand to help serve cakes and drinks.

As I write now, the building is already being used to provide some additional intervention work and will serve a myriad of purposes for many years to come.



Sorry we weren't able to open this up to everyone but space was tight. We will have an open day on Thursday 9th Nov from 3.15 - 3.45pm for anyone who would like to pop into the building and have a look around. Some of the furniture has arrived and we hope to have more soon.

## Upcoming events

- Wed 1st Nov**  
Parent Tour for Prospective Parents
- Sun 5th Nov**  
FOPHS Fireworks
- Mon 6th Nov**  
Hope for Children Assembly
- Mon 6th Nov**  
Start of Governor Link visits to classes
- Thurs 9th Nov | 3.15-3.45pm**  
New Building Open Day
- Mon 13th Nov**  
Start of Anti-Bullying Week
- Mon 13th Nov | 7pm**  
Governor Resources Committee
- Thurs 16th Nov | 9.15am**  
Year 3 Class Assembly
- Fri 17th Nov**  
Children in Need
- Thurs 23rd Nov | 9.15am**  
Year 4 Class Assembly
- Mon 27th Nov**  
Start of Autumn Term  
Assessment Week
- Mon 27th Nov | 3.30pm**  
School Improvement  
Governor Committee

## Thank you

Hope for Children raised £358 through our non-uniform day and sale of the school magazine over last year. This will be doubled by the government to £716.

### Well done everyone!

We will be having an assembly on Hope for Children on Monday 6th November so the children can understand better how the charity supports children around the world.

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**We love to learn  
and learn to love!**



## Introductions

In the last edition of the newsletter, I was sad to announce that Mrs Bhandal is leaving us in December due to long term health issues. However, I am delighted to inform you **Mrs Packard** will be joining us from January onwards to assume the role of PPA teacher on a permanent contract and will be working across several classes. Mrs Packard brings a great deal of experience to the role and I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming her to the school.



Equally so, I am also please to introduce you to **Mrs Finch** who will be working with our Year 4 class on a permanent part-time basis as Mrs Rahilly adjusts her working week to co-ordinate with family life. Both of our new teachers taught fantastic lessons at interview which won approval from the children and we are excited to welcome them both to our school family.

## Parking

This is sadly a very regular news item note. It's fair to say that most parents are considerate of our local residents and park/drive considerably around the area. However, we have had more letters, emails and phone calls about this issue than we have ever had this term.

We want to build community with our local residents and show them we mean what we say in our values policy. Parking across a driveway (which happened at the recent consultation meetings) does not reflect this. Please can I implore you to park and drive sensibly around the area. In the meantime, I have asked the local residents to take photographs of offenders and I will follow up with individuals.

## World Record

Sadly, our application to set a world record for the fastest and safest fire alarm exit in a Primary School was rejected. We are still really keen to set a world record as a school and would like to attempt something all our children can take part in. I'm going to add this back on the school council agenda for later in the academic year so we can talk about some new ideas. In the meantime, if you have any good ideas then please do share them. We would also be keen to hear from anyone who has applied for a record before as it appears that the application process needs to tick certain boxes and the cost of support on an application is hugely expensive and therefore prohibitive.

## Parent Forum

The first parent forum of this academic year met in mid-October and it was great to welcome several new members. We discussed future agenda items and also future workshops. We don't have any class representation in years 2 - 5 so if you would like to be involved then do let the office know. I'm sure parents who have attended the forum in the past would share that these valuable meetings do have an impact over direction of the school. In the meantime, the minutes of the most recent (and previous meetings) are on our school website.

## Reminder

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a tie and a school jumper. As the weather is going to be turning colder soon, children should also have a coat, even if they come to school by car.

## Stars of the week



### Week of 06/10/17

Reception: **Lucy Curtain**  
Year 1: **Keaton Gosden**  
Year 2: **Charlie Brown**  
Year 3: **Phoebe Hammond**  
Year 4: **Ellena Curtain**  
Year 5: **Francesca Goates-Smith**  
Year 6: **Charlie Holland**

### Week of 13/10/17

Reception: **Oscar Giles**  
Year 1: **Ralph Giles**  
Year 2: **Lexi Hyland**  
Year 3: **Harry Fidler**  
Year 4: **Jayden Eyles**  
Year 5: **Sofia Milligan**  
Year 6: **Teddy Hook**

### Week of 20/10/17

Reception: **Taylor Kaill**  
Year 1: **Geet Patel**  
Year 2: **Whole Class**  
Year 3: **Alexander Arnett**  
Year 4: **Ava-Lee Sarosh-White**  
Year 5: **Zack Broadbent**  
Year 6: **Milana McNulty**

Coming soon...

**FOPHS SCHOOL DISCO & NON-UNIFORM DAY**

(bottle for the tombola)

**Friday 1st December**

**Well done**  
to everyone!