



# Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent feedback questionnaire. This has been very helpful. It's also always lovely to receive positive praise! We will continue to ensure we do the things we do which are making a positive difference to our children. We have also started to discuss the points raised where we could be doing an even better job. Thank you for these. We will give some further feedback on what we are doing to move forward after the half term break.

On Wednesday, members of our Governing Body spent the day in school looking at the learning across the curriculum. They were really impressed by the children's behaviour and how well they talked about the different subjects they had been learning, and the targets they had been set. They felt the children were well supported emotionally and felt happy and safe in school. They could see the teachers were working hard to deliver well-paced lessons with a range of questions and resources to support the learning. We will continue to ensure every child is demonstrating excellent learning behaviours in all lessons to achieve the very best they can in every area of the curriculum. Thank you to parents who spent time talking to the Governors in the morning, and the Governors, who give their time voluntarily, to provide support and challenge to the leadership team to enable us to deliver the best possible outcomes for your children.

I hope everyone has been able to book a parent/teacher meeting appointment for the week following the half term. These are really important meetings to enable us to work together to do the best for your child. Teachers are always willing to talk to you if you have a question or concern- please don't wait for the parent/teacher meeting. If we know what the issue is, we can begin to address it. Our value of collaboration is really important to us and we want to work with you all in an open and honest way.

Finally, no-one will be without a bedtime story this half term! Falcon class have written, published and recorded some fabulous stories and everyone is able to enjoy them! See the message below in this newsletter and follow the QR code- brilliant work Falcon class!

Have a good half term break!

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Mrs Beulah Letchford  
Headteacher

### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Zac J, Ella G, Enid,

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Maddie, Maci, Harry, Toby D, Lettie, Darcie T.

Congratulations to the following children who have a piece of their learning on this term's **Reach for the Stars** display: Cody, Bonnie S, Jackson, Justin, Seb, Alivia.

### Sports News

#### Cross Country

On Tuesday children from Year 3- Year 6 represented the school in the Basingstoke and Deane schools cross-country event at Down Grange playing fields. There were approximately 150 runners in each race. The track was very muddy- and this got worse during the afternoon! But our children were fantastic! Everyone tried their best and crossed the finishing line having given their all! Stand out individual results were Bea (17<sup>th</sup>) Y3/4 girls, and Scarlett (19<sup>th</sup>) and Sophia (29<sup>th</sup>) Y5/6 girls. Team results as follows: Y3/4 girls 12/15 teams; Y3/4 boys 18/22 teams; Y5/6 girls 8/26 teams; Y5/6 boys 19/25 teams. Well done to all our runners! A huge thank you to all the parents who transported and supported the children!



### Falcon Class News

This term, Falcon class read *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. We then compared it to *The Highway Rat* by Julia Donaldson. The children then had great fun writing

their own versions of this narrative poem. Please scan the QR code to read and listen to their amazing work.



### Staffing News

Mrs Curtis has secured a teaching position in a KS2 class in a large school, giving her the exciting opportunity to further her career. She has been a great asset to the school and we wish her all the very best in her new role. She will be leaving us at Easter. We will communicate with parents of children in Acorn class next term regarding the staffing going forward.

We are looking for a temporary Learning Support Assistant, if this is something you or someone you know may be interested in, please speak with Mrs Letchford or Miss Pummell for more information.

### Key Notices

- **FOBS events** are in the diary! Please take a look and sign up- they would love to hear from anyone who is keen to volunteer in any way! It's non-uniform day on Friday- please note this is not a dressing up event.
- **Sports Kit**- please could all kit used for sports events be washed and returned asap- as we have a lot of events coming up!
- **World Book Day**- as part of our celebrations we want to hold a live Masked Reader event. Does anyone in our community have a dressing up costume with head/mask included? If you do, we'd love to borrow it!
- **Yellow Zig Zag Lines**- please don't stop your car on these to drop your child off at school as they block the visibility of oncoming cars for those crossing the road.
- **Early pick up/absence**- if you are collecting your child during the school day, please let Miss Pummell know and refrain from arriving early to avoid disruptions. If your child is absent, please email or phone the office/leave a voicemail. Messages left with teachers may not always be passed on.

- **Toys-** children should not be bringing in fidget toys/items from home. If it is deemed necessary for a child to have a focus toy, this will be provided by their class teacher. Thank you for support.
- **Pencil cases in Robin-** children do not need pencil cases. All stationary is provided in class.
- **Concrete slabs!** We are going to give our Chickens house a revamp! If anyone has any concrete pathing slabs/breezeblocks that they could spare please let us know!

### Dates for the Diary

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return Netball matches at St Barts- selected children only
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening Netball match @ Kingsclere- selected children only <b>No KS2 Art Club</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Netball match v Ashford Hill- selected children only
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y5/6 Football match v Kingsclere (away) -selected children only
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	PBS/SENCO coffee morning for parents/carers Y5/6 Sports hall athletics finals
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Tag Rugby Festival- selected children only
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day celebrations Reading Café - 8.45am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Cricket Skills event- selected children only
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival- selected children only
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Paralympian visit
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	West Berkshire Cross-Country event- selected children only
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Rugby League match @ Kingsclere
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Liaison Group Meeting FOBS Easter Disco
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Acorn Class trip to Finkley Down Farm
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	FOBS Summer Fair