



Newsletter 24th January

Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request to get our children into school for an 8:45 start. We've been really impressed and it has made a positive difference to the start of the day- keep up the great work!

Our school librarians and Mrs Curtis have been busy organising our first Book Swap! Thank you to everyone who brought in a book to swap- and to those who have donated a few extra. We hope every child enjoys their new book to read!

Our parent liaison Group met this morning. We discussed attendance and strategies to improve this; online safety information sent to parents; music lessons; PE kit hoodies; School Values; the newsletter format; parking on the zig-zag lines and parent readers. PLG members will feedback on the questions raised to individuals. We also discussed the annual parent questionnaire, which will be sent out before half term. We really value your feedback, and understand that sometimes it's felt that the feedback isn't listened to because it doesn't mean a change happens. Please be assured that we welcome all feedback and do reflect on it, we then use it to help us make the best decisions for our children going forward. Please do take the time to complete the Google survey- it really does help us to make our school even better!

Have a great week!

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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: Bella, Veronica, Gus

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Carter, Natalia, Lincoln, Toby

Sports News

Y5/6 Netball Match

Seven members of our netball squad took part in the West Berkshire Hi-Five tournament on Wednesday. This means there are only five positions played and players rotate after playing half a match. They played three matches against local schools- winning all three and earning Gold medals! Well played Scarlett, Dylan, Lettie, Sophia, Chloe, Eoin and Ella!



Y5/6 Archery

A team of six represented the school at the West Berkshire archery competition. They showed great teamwork, encouraging each other, and increasing skills, scoring some high scores on some of the events. Mrs Laidlaw was very proud of their efforts! Well done Ella, Erica, Emma, Kacper, Georgie and Chloe!



KS2 Cross Country Event

In a PE lesson over the next two weeks, Robin and Falcon classes will be running a cross country event. The fastest runners will be selected for the upcoming competitions- so get practising!

Key Notices

- Please **don't park on the yellow zig-zag lines** outside of the school gate- even to drop off your child- as this blocks the view of oncoming traffic for those using the crossing point.
- **Young Voices-** all children attending are expected to come to the rehearsal. If this isn't possible due to after school commitments, please let the office know. The first rehearsal went well, but the more practice the children can do of the songs and actions at home, the more involved they will be and the more they will take from this amazing experience.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 24 th January	Burghclere Book Swap - Barn after school Young Voices rehearsal - 3.15pm-4.15pm
Thursday 30 th January	Y5/6 Football v Ashford Hill- selected children only
Friday 31 st January	Young Voices rehearsal - 3.15pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 4 th February	Y1/2 Speed Stacking- selected children only
Wednesday 5 th February	PBS Parent Coffee morning in hall - 9.00am-10.30am Young Voices concert @ The O2 Arena
Thursday 6 th February	Y5/6 Speed Stacking- selected children only Y5 St Gabriel's Maths Challenge- selected children only
Tuesday 11 th February	KS2 Cross Country event in Hampshire-selected children only
Wednesday 12 th February	Governor Visit Day
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Children return
Tuesday 25 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 7 th March	Reading Café - 8.45am