



Newsletter 10th May 2024

Hi all,

This week, our Year 6 children have been taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. They have completed six tests over the week in maths, reading, spelling and punctuation and grammar. The papers are all sent to external markers, and we won't know their results until July, but they have all worked very hard this year and we are very proud of their efforts!

Our Governing body met this week to agree our school budget for the financial year ahead. Times are very challenging for schools financially across the country, but we have continued to set a budget which prioritises your children and the support they need to be the best they can be. We are so grateful to everyone who is able to support any of our fundraising efforts through FOBS, for all those extra opportunities and resources they can provide for your children. There is a prize draw happening next week, and the summer fete plans are coming together well. Funds are also raised through our School Lottery and when shopping online through Easy Fundraising- you can sign up through the FOBS website <https://www.fobs.online/> Thanks also for the lovely books from Amazon which have been landing at our front door- the children are enjoying reading them!

Finally a big thank you to the children, staff and parents who made my 'milestone' birthday on Tuesday so lovely. It was great to see the children enjoying and collaborating so well with the different sports activities they were involved in. We really do have such an amazing school that we should all be proud to be a part of.

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week: Cole, Izzy, Ben, Amelia B-T, Freya, Eoin.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Nelly, Reuben, Eddie, Dylan R, Mimi, Ella R, Teddy.

Sports News

Quad Kids

On Saturday, children from KS2 took part in the West Berkshire School Sports Network Quad Kids event! Each athlete ran a middle distance (400m/600m), a sprint (50m/75m), threw a vortex and completed a standing long-jump. Each time and distance was measured and the better it was the more points were awarded. UK Athletics award different steps

(1-10) and bronze, silver and gold awards, dependent on the number of points achieved by individuals. All of our athletes tried their absolute best in each of the four events—even through the midday heat! It is a huge event with over 120 athletes in each of the four categories. Special mentions must be given to Scarlett, who came 4th out of 136 Y3/4 girls, and achieved the UK athletics bronze standard, Darcey, who came 19th and achieved step 9, Barney who came 23rd in the Y3/4 boys; and Pip, who came 25th, and Ben, who came 29th in the Y5/6 boys, both achieving the bronze standard. Our Y5/6 team came 14th out of 28 schools, and our Y3/4 team came 13th out of 30 schools. **Both our Y3/4 team and our Year 5/6 team won silver medals in the small schools category!** Congratulations to you all! Thanks to the parents who supported the children and helped with the gazebo! All the children represented the school brilliantly!



School Brass Band News

Monday 20th May 2024, Burghclere School Band will be performing at the Corn Exchange in the Showcase Concert organised by Good Vibes Music Academy, part of Newbury Spring Festival. It is an amazing opportunity for the musicians to perform in a concert in a professional, working theatre as well as being part of an international music festival. Please do come and support us and encourage friends and family too! Tickets are on sale now and can be purchase from: <https://cornexchangenew.com/event/good-vibes-music-academy-showcase-performance>

Pets As Therapy Fundraiser

To give a little back for their dedicated support this year, we are holding another 'Guess the name of the Teddy!' Emily and Sassy will be in the playground every morning next week at drop off for you to guess the teddy's name. If you miss them, please visit Miss Pummell in the office to guess the name (please send money in a named envelope). Guesses are £1 each. The draw will take place at the end of the day on Wednesday at the cake sale and the lucky winner will take the teddy home. Baked donations will be very gratefully received but please remember we are a nut free school. Good luck! All proceeds will go directly to Pets As Therapy. Thank you!

Hot Weather and Missing Jumpers!

The weather is getting hotter and children abandon their jumpers on the school playground in an effort to keep cool. They often get forgotten at the end of the playtimes and it's hard to reunite jumpers and cardigans with their owners when they aren't named. This causes frustration for parents and the school. Please label all items of school uniform your child has. We will put unnamed and unclaimed items out on the wooden structure by the bandstand, and anything not taken at the end of each Friday will be donated to FOBS to be sold as second hand uniform. Thanks for your support.

Workshops in June!

We have two exciting whole school workshops coming up in June. On Tuesday 4th, Urban Strides (a dance group seen at the O2 as part of the Young Voices choir) will be running dance workshops for all. On Tuesday 11th June, Coram Education will be running PSHE workshops around key life skills- see separate letter for more information.

End of the day collections

If your child is going home with another family/adult, please let the office know by telephone, voicemail or email, or tell their class teacher at drop off in the morning where possible. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Each newsletter we will publish the dates of events happening during the term. Please be aware these may change and therefore it is important to check them each week. We will highlight changes in red when they first appear. Not every event is relevant to every parent. Look out for further information or letters with more detailed information for the events relevant to you.

Monday 20 th May	Art competition entries in: 'Nature' 3.10pm Share & Celebrate 7.00pm Newbury Spring Festival @ the Corn Exchange - Band
Tuesday 21st May	YR Beale Park Trip - TBC (please see email)
Wednesday 22 nd May	3.15pm-4.00pm KS2 Book club Cake Sale after school for Pets As Therapy (Sassy!)
Thursday 23 rd May	2.45pm Y1 Phonics meeting
Friday 24 th May	End of Term FOBS non-uniform day- donations for prizes please!
Monday 3 rd June	First Day of Term
Tuesday 4th June	Urban Strides dance workshop!!
Thursday 6th June	New to EYFS in 2024 parents meeting @6pm
Saturday 8th June	Newbury Netball Tournament @ St Gabriels- selected children only
Tuesday 11th June	SCARF Life Education workshops
Wednesday 12 th June	Last Netball club session- goodbye to Sue and Caz!

Friday 14 th June	KS1 Quad Kids - selected children
Saturday 15 th June	FOBS Summer Fete
Wednesday 19 th June	3.15pm-4.00pm KS2 Book club
Thursday 20 th June	Parent Liaison Group meeting Y5/6 Girls Cricket Competition- selected children only
Monday 24 th June	Art Competition entries in: 'Water'
Tuesday 25 th June	Y5/6 Kwik Cricket - selected children Travelling Book Fair - under barn each day until Monday after school
Tuesday 2 nd July	Girls Dodgeball - selected children
Thursday 3 rd July	Y5/6 Dodgeball - selected children
Friday 5 th July	Sports Day
Friday 12 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 15 th July	Moving up afternoon Meet the teacher (current YR, 2 & 4) - time TBC
Tuesday 16 th July	KS1 Multi-skills - selected children
Wednesday 17 th July	2.00pm Falcon Class play performance to parents 6.00pm Falcon Class play performance to parents 3.15pm-4.00pm KS2 Book club
Monday 22 nd July	Y6 Leavers party in school
Tuesday 23 rd July	2.00pm Y6 Leavers assembly End of Term