



Newsletter 9th February 2024

Dear all,

I can't believe we are half way through the academic year! It was good to see so many parents/carers at our 'Share and Celebrate' on Monday, looking at their child's work and the progress they have made so far. After half term, there will be an opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss any next steps- please book your appointment via the Arbor system.

On Wednesday members of our Governing Body spent the morning in school, talking to children about their learning in subjects across the curriculum, and seeing them in lessons, and talking to staff about how the learning is planned and taught. They had a really positive morning, and commented on how well the children spoke about their work, and how well they behaved across the school.

We finished our term with our House Talent Competition, organised by our House Captains! This is always a fun event and a chance to see some of the talents our children learn and practice out of school too! Congratulations to Dougie and Josh from KS1 with their song/dance combo, and Toby on the drums, who were our eventual winners!

Have a great half term!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a Golden Rules certificate this week; Florence, Georgie, Teddy, Alexa, Harry H.

Congratulations to the following children who received a School Values certificate this week; Elsie V, Bea, Eddie, Enid, Lincoln, Noah, Carter.

Congratulations to the following children who received a Reach for the Stars certificate; Darcie, Josh, Barney, Clara, Justin, Bonnie T-V, Tegan, Alexa.

Friday Choir Club - lunchtimes

After half term, Mrs Curtis and Miss Sanders will be running our school choir on a Friday lunchtime at 12:00. This will be open to all children who want to spend some time enjoying singing!

World Book Day!

It's Roald Dahl themed this year- so get reading his stories and find yourself a character costume to wear on the day!

Sports News

It's been a busy, and successful week for our children!

Cross Country

Sixteen children travelled to Basingstoke to take part in the Basingstoke schools cross country event on Tuesday. There were over 100 children in each of the four races from over 20 schools. All of our children put in a superb effort as they raced around the mile long course. Our Y3/4 girls finished 10/20 with Scarlett finishing an amazing 7th out of 100; our Y3/4 boys finished 13/20 with Jackson our highest placed finisher in 39th; our Y5/6 girls finished 14/21 with Daisy coming home first in a great 26/114; and our Y5/6 boys finished 18/22 with Ben finishing 57/110. Well done to all! Thanks to all the parents who transported the children and cheered them on!



Y3/4 Football

Our Y3/4 football team took part in their league round of the West Berkshire competition. They play together a lot at lunchtime, and the teamwork really shone through in all three of their matches. Barney had very little to do in goal, as the team dominated each match scoring three or four goals and conceding none in each match. Goals were scored by Scarlett, Dylan, Teddy and Jackson. This means the team go through to the finals night in March! Well done to the whole team!



Y1/2 Speed Stacking

Mrs Barraclough accompanied six of our Y1/2 children to Park House to take part in a speed stacking event. This is where the children play lots of different cup stacking games and challenges, collecting as many points as they can! Eddie completed the fastest individual stack of the team, in 7 seconds. The whole team did brilliantly and collected the most points, earning them gold medals! Well done everyone involved!



St Gabriel's Maths Challenge

Four Y5 children went to St Gabriel's this afternoon to take part in their annual maths challenge. In pairs, they completed a whole range of maths puzzles and questions involving shapes, numbers, cards and dice! They all really enjoyed it- and the flapjacks provided afterwards! Neither pair finished in the top three, we'll be sent the full results next term. Well done to all four who were fantastic throughout!



Breakfast Club!

Following previous communications, our new Breakfast Club is launching after half term! It is open from **8am every day**. We hope this enables parents/carers to start their day a little earlier, following recent feedback, and provide children with a great start to their day. Please let Miss Pummell know as soon as possible if you would like to book your child a place - they are going fast and are on a 'first come first served' basis!

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 19 th February	First Day of Term
Tuesday 20 th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st February	Y4/5 Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training
Thursday 22 nd February	Parents Evening
Saturday 2 nd March	FOBS Adult Quiz night @ The Portal Hall!
Monday 26 th February	Art Competition entries in: 'Love'
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day! Roald Dahl themed dress up! 9.00am Parent Liaison Group meeting Y3/4 Rugby Tournament
Saturday 9 th March	Newbury Netball Tournament
Tuesday 12 th March	Cross Country @ Newbury Showground - selected children
Wednesday 13 th March	Y1/2 Cricket event Y5 Young Leaders training afternoon
Thursday 14 th March	Y5/6 Rugby Tournament
Monday 18 th March	Shakespeare Week! Shakespeare Workshop for all children Y1/2 Football event
Tuesday 19 th March	CAPLA workshop for all children Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Finals!!
Monday 25 th March	Y6 Bikeability Art Competition entries in: 'Animals' Share & Celebrate after school
Tuesday 26 th March	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 28 th March	End of Spring Term
Monday 15 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 22 nd April	Art Competition entries in: 'Spring Time'
Thursday 9 th May	9.00am Parent Liaison Group meeting
Monday 20 th May	Art competition entries in: 'Nature'
Friday 24 th May	End of Term
Monday 3 rd June	First Day of Term
Monday 24 th June	Art Competition entries in: 'Water'
Tuesday 23 rd July	2.00pm Y6 Leavers assembly End of Term