



Newsletter 12th January

Dear all,

Another busy and varied week! Acorn class had a talk from Dr Thompson as part of their learning about people who help us; Oak class have been learning the story of Mr Gumpy's Motor Car; Robin class had an exciting demonstration of the digestive cycle; and Falcon class have been doing some drama work on A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Thank you to those who have taken the time to complete our annual parent survey. The closing date for this is Wednesday 17th January. This is the link to it: <https://forms.gle/kyuxY3h162CbyHyEA> The Parent Liaison Group will be discussing some of the themes from the survey, as well as our draft Anti-Bullying policy, (a copy of this has been sent with the newsletter) at the meeting on Thursday next week. Please do send any comments or questions around these, or other topics, to your class representatives.

Finally, we would love to increase the number of parent volunteers we have in school to listen to children read. Reading aloud regularly really helps to improve the fluency and prosody of children's reading. We'd particularly like some volunteers on a Thursday or Friday to listen to our younger children. Even if you could spare 10 minutes at the start of the day to listen to just one child read aloud, it could make a huge difference to them.

Have a great week!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a Golden Rules certificate this week; Dylan R, Teegan, Phoebe, Albie, Bella, Veronica.

Congratulations to the following children who received a School Values certificate this week; Daisy, Molly, Bonnie T-V, Jacob, Bea, Florence, Shayla.

Young Voices

Our final rehearsal is this afternoon before the big performance at the O2 arena on Monday! Children need to bring enough food and drink to sustain them for the day, and a YV or plain white t-shirt to wear for the performance. We'll share some photos and snippets of the songs on our school X account @BurghclerePri

Letters and Payments

Please help us by responding to letters for sports activities and trips, and making payments, in good time. It takes additional admin time to send out reminder texts and

ring parents to ask whether their child is taking part in an event. It also means we have little time to find others who can take their place. It is also essential that After School Club fees are paid prior to your child attending. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Year R places for 2024

Don't forget the closing date for school places for September 2024 closes on Monday 15th January!

Food Allergies

We have a number of children in school with severe food allergies. A gentle reminder, please do not send your child to school with any snacks or food items containing nuts.

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 15 th January	Young Voices - Robin & Falcon Class
Thursday 18 th January	9.00am Parent Liaison Group meeting
Monday 22 nd January	Art Competition entries in: 'Winter'
Tuesday 23 rd January	1.00-3.00pm Y5/6 Athletics @ The Clere - selected children 4.00-5.30pm Netball @ Park House - selected children
Wednesday 24 th January	No Netball club
Thursday 25 th January	4.00-5.00pm KS2 Archery @ Park House - selected children
Friday 26 th January	Y4 Maths Challenge @ St Gabriels - selected children
Thursday 1 st February	Y1/2 trip to Milestones Museum 4.00pm KS2 Speed stacking @ Park House - selected children
Monday 5 th February	4.00pm Y3/4 Football @ Park House - selected children Share & Celebrate after school
Tuesday 6 th February	1.00pm Cross Country @ Down Grange - selected children 4.00pm KS1 Speed stacking @ Park House - selected children
Friday 9 th February	Y5 Maths Challenge @ St Gabriels - selected children House Talent Show End of Term
Sunday 18 th February	FOBS 10K Sponsored fun run!
Monday 19 th February	First Day of Term
Tuesday 20 th February	Parents Evening

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! 9.00am Parent Liaison Group meeting
Tuesday 12 th March	Cross Country @ Newbury Showground - selected children
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