



Newsletter 5th January

Dear all,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had good Christmas breaks. The children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn. We have a lot of exciting events happening this term including the Young Voices concert at the O2, sports events, trips and workshops, cricket coaching and a lunchtime cricket club, the house talent show, art competitions, as well as the usual clubs and exciting learning opportunities in the classes. Please encourage your children to make the most of these opportunities they are being offered!

We have noticed a number of children wearing smart watches, or watches with the ability to take photos, since returning to school. This has highlighted potential safeguarding concerns, and therefore we ask that these watches are not brought into school. Thank you for your support with this.

We have opened our annual feedback questionnaire to parents. The link to this is here: <https://forms.gle/kyuxY3h162CbyHyEA>

It's a valuable way to support us in our reflections on what we are doing well, and what we could do further to improve outcomes for all our children, so your time in completing it is greatly appreciated. We will share some of the themes from the results with you in the newsletters and through the PLG.

We look forward to working with you all in 2024!

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Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a Golden Rules certificate this week; Christopher, Isabelle D, Alexa, Amelia B-T, Jackson, Justin.

Congratulations to the following children who received a School Values certificate this week; Nora, Lola, Louie, Pip, Autumn, Ted, Ed T.

Young Voices

Only 10 days to go! There is a rehearsal today and next Friday from 3:15-4:15 in the school hall. It's really important children learn the songs and dance moves so they get the most out of this incredible experience.

Cricket Coaching

On Monday's this term, we have a cricket coach from Berkshire Cricket Foundation coming in to school to lead sessions with each class. They will also be running a club at lunchtime for those who wish to develop their skills further. Children in Acorn, Robin and Falcon classes will need to wear their PE kits (blue school t-shirt, blue shorts, trainers and either a navy blue tracksuit or navy/black under armour) to school. Oak class will change into their PE kits before their lesson in the afternoon, which means they won't be having outdoor learning this term.

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.

Friday 12 th January	3.15-4.15pm Young Voices rehearsals (hall)
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 29 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