



Newsletter

25th April 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. The children have come back refreshed and have started their new learning journeys very positively. In our celebration assembly today I was really impressed with the vocabulary and knowledge the children demonstrated when talking about their learning.

This week Mrs Field and I have hosted teachers from Sweden and America who we met through our JDO project. Miss Clipfel is well known to the children in Falcon class as they have been working collaboratively with the children in her class throughout the year on different projects and talking to the children in Google meets. Falcon class were very excited to meet her, and her mum, Mrs Clipfel (also a teacher), and Mrs Svenning, the principal of a secondary school in Sweden. Miss Clipfel brought letters her children had written to their partners, and some gifts from Boston, and also a book her class had written. She then worked with Falcon class to produce a book to take back to America.

The whole school listened to Miss Clipfel and Mrs Svenning talk about their schools and their countries in an assembly- we even learnt some Swedish phrases! On our INSET day they led some training on using technology in the classroom, which staff have already started to use in their lessons.

Mrs Field and I spent a lot of time talking with them about the different aspects of education across the three countries. We've learnt a lot and have got some great ideas to reflect on. The opportunities provided by this connection are incredible, most of all for our children, who are using technology to collaborate on learning projects and communicate with children across the world- these are skills which will be useful throughout their lives.

We're very excited to have two new spaces in our outside environment for children to enjoy. We still have some additional resources to purchase to set them up fully, but they already look great and are being used by the children. A HUGE thank you to FOBS and all the parents involved in creating these- particularly those who spent a hot Saturday at the start of the holidays doing a lot of construction work! We'll share some photos when they are completed!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in celebration assembly today; Elsie F, Bella, Carson, Elliot.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in celebration assembly today; Lily Wr, George, Justin, Izzy O.

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected as our **School Values Champions** this term:

Collaboration: Scarlett

Determination: Josie

Curiosity: Maddie

Respect: Enid

Responsibility: Ella L

Congratulations to the following children who had a piece of their work selected to be displayed on our **Reach for the Stars** board this term: Nora, Bea, Elsie V, Tamara, Eleanor, Darcey S, Lily Wr.

Talent show

1st Shayla

2nd Nina

3rd Ella R

FOBS Easter Raffle

1st Elsie & Izzy O

2nd Elliot

3rd Carter

4th Austin

Key Notices

- **Mobile Phones in School-** if there is a reason your child might need to bring a mobile phone into school (for example they are staying with their other parent) please inform the school in writing. The child should then hand their phone to the school office on the days they bring it into school. No mobile phones should be brought into school without written permission and kept in a child's bag.
- **Science Curriculum Week-** If you have a science based career and would like to come into school and do something with the children during our science week in May, we'd love to hear from you!

- **School Uniform-** Please ensure your child has the correct uniform, including PE kit, to wear in school; long hair should be tied back and the only jewellery that can be worn are small stud ear-rings. Children shouldn't be wearing nail varnish, and shirts should be tucked in. Your support in enabling children to look smart at the start of each day, makes everyone's lives easier- and sets us all up for a positive day of learning! Second hand uniform is available from FOBS- they would love some donations from our growing older children!
- **Lateness-** a gentle reminder that the classroom doors open at 8:40 and lessons begin at 8:45. It helps your child to feel settled if they are in school on time, and doesn't disrupt the learning of others. Thank you for your support.

Dates for the Diary

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| Thursday 1 st May | Robin Class trip to Ufton Court |
| Monday 5 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 6 th May | Y3/4 cricket festival - selected children only |
| Thursday 8 th May | Y3/4 tri-golf - selected children only |
| Monday 12 th May - Thursday 15 th May | Year 6 SAT's |
| Monday 19 th May- Friday 23 rd May | Science Curriculum Week |
| Wednesday 21 st May | PBS Parent Workshop - 5.30pm-7.00pm see email for details |
| Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May | Half Term |
| Monday 2 nd June | Class Photos - full school uniform please |
| Saturday 7 th June | KS2 Quad Kids event- selected children only FOBS Summer Fair |
| Tuesday 24 th June - Monday 30 th June | Book Fair after school |
| Wednesday 25 th June | Robin Class trip to Ramsbury Estate |
| Friday 27 th June | Sports Day |
| Saturday 28 th June | Newbury Netball Tournament- selected children only |
| Friday 4 th July | RESERVE Sports Day |
| Saturday 5 th July | FOBS Summer Fair |
| Thursday 17 th July | Falcon Class play to parents - approx. 1.30pm & 6.00pm (tbc) |
| Monday 21 st July | Year 6 Leavers' Party after school |
| Tuesday 22 nd July | Last day of term |