

# Newsletter

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## Down on the farm!

Despite the rather cold temperatures, Foundation Stage managed a visit to the farm on Wednesday morning. Lenny said, 'We saw sheep and baby lambs that had just been born'. Thanks to Farmer Goffe for allowing our children to enjoy this experience. And thanks too to all our helpers who provided transport.

**No awards this week as these are decided on Fridays and awarded in Friday's celebration assembly.**

## School games crew

Cara, Warren, Elliemay and Oscar B represented our school well at the partnership's School Sport Organising Crew training last Friday afternoon. The aims of the workshop were to develop confidence to lead small groups of peers and younger children, outline skills and qualities which make a good leader and to provide practical support for increasing physical activity through three workshops: personal challenges, Change4Life Clubs and increased competition. We finished the afternoon by planning our next steps on our return to school. Watch this space!

## Message from the Headteacher

Thank you for your understanding and support in rather a challenging week, weather-wise! As you know, I do like to be able to keep the school open if at all possible. However, if I feel that this is going to compromise the safety of staff, pupils or parents in any way, I have to think carefully about whether this is the right decision. Because the conditions this time are so hazardous and the temperatures are so cold, I would be concerned for the safety of families, even if they are walking to school. In addition, whilst the team of staff are incredibly dedicated and willing, I cannot put their safety at risk by there being any expectation to be in school. I hope you understand this position. We do hope to re-open as usual on Monday – please check the home page of the website and your emails for further updates.

We have decided to amend the Daily Mile so that it takes place first thing in the morning, rather than mid-way through the day, as of next week. It will now take place between 9 and 9.15am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, weather permitting. Registration will happen in class as usual at 8.50am.

### Acorns Class Assembly

Don't forget that next Friday at 9.05am it's the Acorns class assembly on the theme of Mother's Day. All mums, dads, grandparents, governors and members of the community are welcome – bring your tissues!

### Fairtrade update

The Fairtrade smoothies we would have been selling at the snack bar today, as part of Fairtrade fortnight, have been postponed until next Friday.

### Junior Choirs

We are looking forward to hearing the choir sing at this event as part of the Chipping Norton Music Festival next Saturday morning (10<sup>th</sup>) at 9am. Please can the children arrive about ten minutes before the event, dressed smartly in school uniform, with their water bottle. We are aware that the audience ticket allocation is only one per child taking part (given out yesterday) but we are also going to put on a practice performance at the end of choir practice on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>. So, please do come along at 3.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> if you would like a preview - the more, the merrier!

### FOMBS film night

The film night this evening is postponed. We will notify you of the new arrangements in due course.

Please note that as the film is rated a 15, it is not suitable for children and is an adult only event. Thank you for your understanding

### Devizes textile company

Please can any recyclable clothing items be brought into school by the end of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, ready for collection next week. Thank you.

### Other Chippy Music Festival events

Please see the separate letters to Willows (will go out Monday) and Oaks (already gone out) classes about both the Speech and drama class on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March respectively. In addition, our recorder players are performing on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We are delighted to once again have so many pupils represented at the festival.

### Y5 Science afternoon

Y5 had a terrific afternoon at Kingham Hill School on Monday, enjoying a range of practical, hands-on Science activities and experiments - get them to tell you more!  
Our children behaved extremely well and were a credit to our school.

### The Button Box

This is the name of the KS2 production that we plan to use this year for all three KS2 classes. Rehearsals will begin once the KS2 SATs are finished in May.