

Newsletter

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Clubs

This term we are pleased to be offering a range of different clubs including art/craft, board games, athletics, multiskills, drama, languages, choir, Minecraft, recorders, chess, eco, school council and football.

Clubs begin next week (commencing Tuesday 2nd May) and end the week finishing Friday 7th July (unless stated otherwise in correspondence directly from the club leader).

We look forward to welcoming the children.

Message from the Headteacher

It is lovely to see the children again after the Easter holidays, looking refreshed and raring to go! It has been a happy and positive first week back in school at the start of our summer term.

It is good to see our attendance figures rising year on year. Thank you for ensuring that your children come to school regularly and taking this matter so seriously.

So far this academic year our overall attendance rate is 97.08%.

Our first Y5 cycling group got off to a great start this morning, ably led by Annie Ashworth and her team of helpers. We are very pleased to be offering this opportunity once again and we will keep you posted on the group's progress!

Finally, just a reminder that this weekend is a Bank Holiday weekend and therefore school is closed on Monday. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 2nd May.

'WELL DONE!' to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Acorns Class: Brodie Bye

Chestnuts Class: Enya Baxter

Sycamores Class: Afia Osei-Bempong

Willows Class: Warren Stiffle

Oaks Class: Faith Disney

Reading star of the week: Oscar Hague

Writing star of the week: Elliemay Coleman

Maths star of the week: Henry Cox

PE star of the week: Lachie Ingram

Smartest dressed: Nevaeh Harding

Growth mindset: Poppy Redpath

Role-model of the week: George Belcher



Value this term

The value we will be focusing upon this half-term is Enthusiasm. This began with our whole school assembly on Tuesday and involved a discussion about what we are enthusiastic about and who we know who is enthusiastic! Do get your children to tell you more!

Forthcoming dates

Week beg Tue 2nd May: Clubs begin
Thu 4th May: Parent forum, 6.30pm
Fri 5th May: Film night for KS1
Week beg 8th May: Y6 SATs
Fri 12th May: Global Learning day
Wed 17th May: Athletics tournament
Fri 19th May: Cake and plant sale
Wed 24th May: Rugby tournament
Wed 24th May: Parents' evening for Y1-6
Thu 25th May: Break up for half-term
Further information will follow about the above nearer the time.

Class letters and outline plans

Today you should have received an outline plan for your child's learning for this term, as well as a class letter which provides further information about this and reminders about routines and expectations. We hope this is helpful in supporting your child in the term ahead. Please do make an appointment to see your child's teacher, if you need anything clarifying. Thank you.

Coming into school independently

Just a reminder about expectations for arriving at school in the mornings. The gates are unlocked at 8.45am and we would like to encourage all the children between Y1 and Y6 to come into the classroom independently. If your child is in KS2, you are welcome to drop your child at the school gates.

Parent forum

This term our Parent Forum is on Thursday 4th May and is going to focus on Values – both the work that has been done in school to promote this and plans for the future. Please do come along at 6.30pm – all are welcome and refreshments will be available

KS2 production

Please find a letter about the forthcoming production (which affects the whole school) in his/her bookbag. We are delighted to be providing this wonderful opportunity again for the children to perform in a proper theatre and will be aiming for excellence!

Global Learning Day

We are continuing to promote our links with the wider world with a Global Learning Day, timetabled for Friday 12th May. There will be a carousel of activities, organised by Miss Smith, including recycling and junk modelling, being water wise, philosophy, caring for nature, considering our global footprint and growing our own food. The children will be working in mixed age groups. We are happy for the children to come in old warm clothes and appropriate footwear, rather than school uniform on that day. Any recycling materials (boxes, bottles and pots) will be welcomed and appreciated – thank you.

TLC day

We are holding this on Sunday 7th May between 2 and 5pm. Refreshments will be available (and any donations of cakes welcome!) Please let the office know if you are able to attend so that we can assign particular jobs to you. Please see the attached list and bring the relevant tools. Thank you all in advance!

Trainee teacher in Y2

From 2nd May for 8 weeks we will be hosting a student teacher in our Y2 class. Miss Sarah Kleszcz will be working with groups and doing some whole class teaching. She will be closely overseen and supported by Miss Trafford. We look forward to welcoming Miss Kleszcz.

Choir trip to Dorchester Abbey

We are going to be providing the choir children with this lovely opportunity once again, to sing a range of songs in a beautiful setting. A letter will follow to all the children who have signed up for choir this term.

Chipping Norton Literary Festival

Y1-4 inclusive were pleased to welcome an author, John Dougherty, into school yesterday. He talked to the children about his books, sang some songs and was most entertaining. Also, this week on Wednesday afternoon, Jack Lomas, Y5, attended the prize giving ceremony for the poetry competition which was part of the Literary Festival as well. We are delighted to announce that he came first! This is an amazing achievement for him and for our school - every credit to him for his success.

Piano pupils

We are pleased to inform you that Mr Paine has two spaces for piano lessons. If your child is in Y2 upwards and is interested in having lessons, please contact him via the school office.

Ten pieces

Oaks class have received a certificate commending them for the contributions made to a national competition linked to the Ten Pieces work they have been studying in music last term. The composer Kerry Andrews has used their ideas to compose a piece called, 'No place like'. Well done, Oaks class for sharing your musical compositional talents!

Library

Don't forget that our school library is open from 3 until 3.45pm on Thursdays after school. Do pay us a visit!

Photos

Your child should have come home earlier in the week with the class photo taken last term. Please could all orders be in by Wednesday 3rd May. Thank you.

Message from FOMBS

Welcome back and hope you all had a good holiday.
Some FOMBS dates for your diary for the summer term:
Friday 5th May: 5pm-7.15pm - KS1 Film Night: Storks
Friday 19th May: 3-4.30pm - Plant and Cake Sale
Sunday 2nd July: 12-2pm School Fete (not Saturday 1st July as originally stated on the parent planner - apologies for any inconvenience in this change of date)
Please see the poster and newsletter attached for more details on the above forthcoming events.