

# Newsletter

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## Dates for the term ahead

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: Choir at retirement service 11am  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: Choir at Young Voices from 12.30pm  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Clubs begin (except Minecraft which begins next week)  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: Swimming gala  
Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Jan: Parent forum, 3.10pm  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan: KS2 film night, 5.45pm  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9.05am: Y2 class assembly  
Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan: Netball tournament  
Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Feb: SATs information session for Y2 and Y6 parents after school  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 8.45-9.05am: Open morning  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Ball skills tournament  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9.05am: Y6 class assembly  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Break up for half-term

## Message from the Headteacher

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to hear their holiday news. It has been a calm, happy and productive couple of days with the children settling quickly back into good work habits and routines.

If you are a parent of a child in FS, Y1, Y2, Y3 or Y4 and your child missed their flu vaccination in school, they can still receive it at a catch-up clinic at Witney Hospital on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 10.00am-12 noon. It is a drop in clinic but if you would like to attend please could you call 01865 901295 so that they have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

Class letters detailing routines and curriculum for the term ahead are being sent home today. We hope this is a helpful way of being able to support your child at home. And of course, if you have any area of expertise to share, we would love to hear from you. Knowledgeable visitors often make for memorable experiences for the children!

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

Acorns Class Values Star: Leà Hobbs

Chestnuts Class Values Star: Lily Reed

Sycamores Class Values Star: Lily Bedwell

Maples Class Values Star: Leo Cubley

Willows Class Values Star: Gabriel Beale

Oaks Class Values Star: Harry Belcher



## Extra Time Science club at Chipping Norton

Just a reminder that if your child is in Y4 or Y5 and has signed up for this, the sessions start on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January for five weeks. We look forward to seeing some budding scientists!

### Clubs

This term we are providing the following clubs:

Choir, eco, booster, revision, School Council, art/craft, multisports, French, recorders, football, Minecraft and chess.

If you haven't already completed the reply slip for clubs for your child, please could you do so as soon as possible in order to secure his/her place at the club. Thank you.

All clubs except Minecraft begin the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January (Minecraft starts next week).

### FOMBS film night

Happy New Year to everyone from FOMBS.

The first event for your diary is the KS2 Film Night:

'Diary of a Wimpy Kid; The Long Haul'.

The date is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 5.45-8.00 p.m.

See the attached flyer for more details.

### Parent Forum

This term our parent forum will be on the topic of Philosophy for Children (P4C) and will be led by Miss Smith.

In order to try and attract more parents we are going to try running the session straight after school rather than in the evening.

So, the session will begin at 3.10pm and will last about an hour. Children are welcome too for some interactive activities! The session will be held in the Y3 classroom but is for parents of all year groups.

### Sheldonian trip

We are delighted to be providing an opportunity for the KS2 children to visit the Sheldonian in Oxford for a classical concert. We ran this event four years ago so are keen to set it up again as none of the current KS2 children will have experienced it. Please see the accompanying letter for further details

### Young Voices Monday!

We are looking forward to this exciting trip on Monday. We will leave school just after lunch (12.30pm) and the concert begins at 7pm, lasting until about 9.15pm. Audience tickets were sent home yesterday. A final practice of the words over the weekend would be much appreciated!

All the choir children going will need a packed tea, plenty to drink and a YV or plain white T-shirt to change into just before we leave.

We are happy to give permission for YV children (and their siblings) to come to school at the later time of 9.45am on Tuesday if they prefer, after the very late night on Monday!

### Reverend Arthur's retirement

We are pleased that the choir will be able to contribute to Reverend Arthur's final service on Sunday. Please can all choir children arrive a few minutes before 11am at Steeple Barton Church, wearing school uniform. The service is expected to last about an hour and the choir will be singing 'Three night riders'. All the children will be going up for a blessing - if you don't wish your child to receive this, please let Mrs Tailby know just before the service - thank you.

### Santa Sleigh

Thank you to all the many volunteers for this postponed event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. We managed to raise £734.32 which is a slight increase on last year's total and the proceeds will be split equally between school and preschool. It was lovely to see lots of excited children's faces!