

# Newsletter

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## SATs information sessions

It was great to see so many Y2 and Y6 parents at these meetings yesterday. We hope they were a helpful way to find out how to best support your child in preparation for the SATs in May. Thank you to Miss Bingham and Miss Trafford for preparing and running the sessions.

## Message from the Headteacher

Just a reminder that next Friday we break up for the half-term holiday at 3pm. The children return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Next week is National Mental Health week and we will be marking this in school with an assembly and age appropriate activities in class. We have also sent home in bookbags today a checklist of helpful tips and guidance for parents which we hope you will find useful.

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

Acorns Class Values Star: Stanley Luckett

Chestnuts Class Values Star: Harry Bishop

Sycamores Class Values Star: Joshua Grey

Maples Class Values Star: Hannah Pearce

Willows Class Values Star: Taylor Hogan

Oaks Class Values Star: Faith Disney

Reading star: Xander Thompson

Writing star: Florence Pearce

Maths star: Ollie Wallace

PE star: Jack Hotson

Lunchtime star: Toby Bellinger

Best class attendance: Acorns class (99.05%)

Role-model of the week: Tegan Cox



### Netball tournament

Thank you and well done to Harry B, Charlie, Faith, Maddie P, Ellie, Jess, Harry L, Gabriel, Zac, George, Warren, Sophie, Tash and Emily who took part in the partnership netball tournament on Wednesday afternoon at Chipping Norton School. They came fourth but managed to win the game against the Y7 team! Particular thanks to Maddie P and Ellie who stood in for absent participants at the last minute. And well done to Harry B, Charlie, Jess and Faith who gained sporting champion awards!

### Storytelling afternoon

Middle Barton School are holding a story telling afternoon on Wednesday 21st February from 2pm.

The library will be open for browsing and the ICT suite will host the opening day of the week long Scholastic Book Fair. The World Book Day voucher given to every child can be used against any book (only one voucher may be used per book) at the Fair.

If you would like to read to a group of children during the afternoon, please let your child's class teacher know that you are available. We will have this year's shortlisted books from the Oxfordshire Book Awards to share with the children.

Remember to send your child into school dressed as their favourite book character – and come along in character yourself if you'd like to!

### Radio Oxford Family of the Week

Are you interested in your family appearing on Radio Oxford and taking part in the breakfast show? It can be a great way to raise awareness of a particular cause or fundraising effort. If you think this may be appealing, please contact: amylooise.johnson01@bbc.co.uk

### Y6 class assembly

Just a reminder that Oaks' class assembly is next Friday (9<sup>th</sup> Feb) at 9.05am. Do come along to be transported back to the era of World War 2...

### Year 6 Homework

As requested by parents who attended the SATs talk, after the February half-term break, the children in Year 6 will be getting homework tasks every day. This won't be exhaustive in any way, but will be a good tool for the children in preparation for their SATs and when they move on to secondary school. Thank you for your support and co-operation. Miss Bingham

### Open morning

We hope the open morning this morning was a good opportunity to see your child's work and classroom. Thank you for making the time to come into school.

### Pupil questionnaires

The views of our pupils are very important to us. These pupil questionnaires are carried out annually to ascertain the views of our children about all key issues relating to school. We will of course be acting upon any viable ways suggested to improve our school, including improving the upper KS2 toilets, buying more gluesticks, incorporating more practical Science, continuing to promote anti-bullying and continuing with the art/craft club. For a full version of the results, go to the home page of the website.

### Pokemon cards

Please could these be saved for home use, rather than brought into school. It can cause issues when the children want to swap cards or lose them. Thank you for your understanding.