

Newsletter

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Mothers' Day class assembly

How lovely it was to see our Foundation Stage children present a special Mothers' Day assembly this morning. They sang well, spoke clearly and the handing over of the mini bouquets was most touching. Well done to you all, and thank you audience! We hope all our mums feel really spoilt before Mothers' Day itself has even begun!

Message from the Headteacher

I still get occasional requests for parents to take children out of school during term-time. This is frustrating because we know that missing crucial learning opportunities in school impacts on attainment and progress. There are 13 weeks of school holiday every year – please can you ensure that all holidays are taken within these, so that your child's education is not affected. If your child is 5 or over, all holiday requests will be unauthorised. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Next week this column will be put together by George Belcher who was the other winner from the Auction of Promises who gained the position of 'Headteacher of Middle Barton School for one day'. Good luck, George!

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

Acorns Class: Millie Bryan

Chestnuts Class: Lily Bedwell

Sycamores Class: Oily Hinton

Willows Class: Henry Roberts-Gant

Oaks Class: Harley Coggins

Reading star of the week: Harry Cruickshank

Writing star of the week: Olivia Walker

Maths star of the week: Tegan Cox

PE star of the week: Johnny Walsh

Smartest dressed: Harris Ingram

Growth mindset: George Moss

Role-model of the week: Florence Pearce



Cycling proficiency for Y5 pupils

We are pleased to be able to provide this once again for our Y5 pupils, thanks to the expertise and good will of Annie Ashworth and her team of volunteers. Please see the attached letter, if your child is in Y5.

FOMBS bike ride

This Family Bike Ride and BBQ is set to take place on Sunday 2nd April at 10.30am with a barbeque from 12pm. It is in aid of School & Preschool. The start point is Middle Barton School. Please collect sponsors or pay £5 per child or £10 per family (all children must be accompanied by an adult.) You can pay in advance at school reception or at preschool. We look forward to seeing you – please come along and have fun!

Red Nose Day

It was lovely to see the children with all their red items, marking Red Nose Day today. In doing something funny for money, we managed to raise £118.66. Thank you everyone! And thank you, School Council, for organising another successful fundraising event.

Global Learning assembly

This week's Monday morning assembly had a Global Learning theme and marked International Day of Happiness which was on that very day, Monday 20th March! Ask your children to tell you more!

Clubs

There is no recorder club on Wednesday 29th March due to the Schoolympics for Y2/3. In addition, all clubs will end for the spring term on, or the week ending, Friday 31st March. New clubs will begin the week commencing Tuesday 2nd May (Monday is a Bank Holiday) and the children will come home with information about next term's clubs the previous week.

Reminder - Open morning

We welcome all parents into school next Friday (31st) for an open morning - a chance to look at your children's books and work on display between 8.45am and 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you.

Hanging baskets

Ivor Trafford (grandfather of Miss Trafford), who gives so generously to our plant sales, has made a request for any empty hanging baskets so that he can fill them ready for this year's plant sale in the summer term. If you can help, please let the office know. Thank you!

Pianists

Well done to Abigail, Erin and Emily, three Y5 pupils who entered the piano class of the Chipping Norton Music Festival and performed so well last Saturday, with Erin and Emily gaining highly commended certificates for their performances. This was the final class of this year's music festival. We are already looking forward to next year!

Easter holidays

Just a reminder that we will be finishing at the slightly earlier time of 2pm on the last day of term (Friday 7th April) and return to school on Tuesday 25th April after the Easter holidays.

Baked potatoes for lunches

Baked potatoes are available on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes and we are happy for any children across the school to order one on these days, if they so wish.

Opportunities outside school

Is your child interested in drama, dance or Easter taster days of these? Please see the accompanying email sent by the county about opportunities in these areas.

Y2/3 Schoolympics

On Wednesday the Y2/3 children are participating in this partnership event at Chipping Norton Leisure Centre. Just a reminder that they will be returning to the Sports and Social Club about 4pm.

Library

Our library is looking very Easter-like, thanks to our great team of volunteers. Don't forget that it's open after school on Thursdays - do pay us a visit!

Mothering Day service at church

There will be a special Mothers' Day service at Sandford St. Martin Church on Sunday 26th March (this coming Sunday!) at 9.30am - all are welcome!

Healthy snack bar

This is going well and is very popular with the children. Please do send your child in with 50p on Fridays if he/she would like to choose something at breaktime.

Sainsbury's vouchers

Just a reminder that we are collecting these - do bring them into the office and then we can eventually exchange them for play equipment and other resources for our school. Thank you!