

Newsletter 3 Spring Term



9th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term already! Hopefully the weather will have improved by the time we return to school and Spring will be on its way.

Year 1/2 Multiskills Festival

Last week, all the Year 1 and 2 children attended a Multi-skills festival at Bicester Sports Centre. A group of Year 5 children were trained up to lead the activities and to demonstrate and encourage the younger children throughout the morning. It was wonderful to see all the children enjoying themselves and feeling so enthusiastic about movement and being active. They had smiles on their faces all morning and their behaviour was outstanding. The older children developed their leadership skills, working with children from our school and other primary schools in the partnership. The secondary school teacher, who organised it, commented on how impressed she was with the Year 5 children's confidence at leading the activities. Well done Fritwell, you were a credit to the school.

Year 6 Football Matches



On Friday the 26th January the boys played their first football match against Bure Park and were thrilled to win the game 4-2. They all played enthusiastically and showed good team spirit throughout the match.

On Tuesday afternoon this week both girls' and boys' teams played away at King's Meadow School. Our girls displayed fantastic resilience and self-belief, growing in

confidence and skill as the match progressed. The boys secured a second win and the referee complimented all the boys on their play and singled some out for showing excellent sportsmanship! Well done Fritwell! Thanks as always to the parents for their support.



<u>Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Festival - Report from Maisie Varney</u>

"On Wednesday the 7th February eleven children from Year 5/6 took part in Bicester's Sportshall Athletics. Some of the activities were....

- Chest push
- Bean bag throw
- Short distance spring
- Long jump
- Speed bounce

We all had an amazing time and enjoyed the whole afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Churchill, Mrs Weaver, and all the parents for transporting us to and from the event; we really do appreciate it."

Half Term Hubs

Please see attached a flyer regarding half term activities for children.

Footsteps Child Pedestrian Road Safety Scheme



Footsteps is Oxfordshire County Council's road safety scheme, which enables children to learn to take responsibility and make decisions under the supervision of an adult when on the road. The Foundation and Year 1 and 2 children will have already brought home a leaflet in their bags, outlining the basic rules and road safety skills which we all need to know about. Parents are also encouraged to ask questions and discuss road safety

awareness. If there are any parents requiring more practical help, Footsteps offers a session which involves a 10 minute talk followed by a roadside demonstration with the parents and their children; there are 12 places available and if anyone is interested in attending this 45-minute workshop, please contact the office. Attached is a Footsteps Guide for all parents to read.

School Calendar

The calendar for 2018/2019 and the updated Homework Policy have now been uploaded on the website for your information.

A Reminder from Fresh Start

Please note that the deadline for ordering meals for the first week of next term (19th February) is <u>Tuesday 13th February</u>. Orders which are not made by this date will not go through for the beginning of term and your child will have to bring a packed lunch to school.

A Couple of Things

There have been a number of dentist appointments taking place during school hours. Please could I ask all parents/carers not to take their child out of school for a dental appointment unless it is an absolute emergency. Appointments should be out of hours or in the holidays, as children are missing vital learning. We appreciate your support in this.

And finally, can we ask you to make sure that the deadline is met when we request permission slips and/or contributions for a trip, or we will have to start cancelling trips. At the moment the organisation of a trip involves a lot of phone calls chasing parents, and this is after two or three reminders have already been sent out. If you are unable to print or your child has lost a paper copy, please do ask for another in the office.

I wish you all a safe and happy half term break!

Kind regards,

Debbie McLeod

Headteacher



SCHOOL DIARY

Fri 9th Feb - Start of Half Term

Mon 19th Feb - Back to School

Tues 20th Feb - Sticklebacks Trip to Sulgrave Manor

Wed 21st Feb - Netball Tournament

Mon 26th Feb - Picture Book Week

Thurs 1st Mar - World Book Day

Fri 2nd Mar - Girls Football Match (Year 6) - home

Fri 2nd Mar - FoFS Quiz Night

Tues 6th Mar - Parents' Evening

Wed 7th Mar - Year 5/6 Hockey Festival

Thurs 8th Mar - Parents' Evening

Tues 13th Mar - Boys Football Match (Year 6) - home

Wed 13th Mar - Year 3/4 Girls Focus Festival

Fri 16th Mar - Boys Football Match (Year 6) - home

Sat 24th Mar - FoFS Easter Egg Hunt

Wed 28th Mar - Year 4/5 Easter Service

Wed 28th Mar - Girls Football Match (Year 6) - home

Thurs 29th Mar - Start of Easter Holidays

Mon 16th Apr - Back to School

Wed 2nd May - Year 3/4 Tennis Tournament

Mon 14th May - Year 6 SATS Week

Wed 23rd May - Year 5/6 Cricket Festival

Fri 25th May - Start of Half Term

Mon 4th Jun - Back to School

Wed 6th Jun - Primary PE Day

Wed 13th Jun - KS2 Quad Kids

Thurs 21st Jun - Music Concert

Fri 29th Jun - Sports Day

Tues 3rd Jul - Reserve Sports Day

Thurs 12th Jul - Stingrays & Sharks Performance

Wed 25th Jul - Leavers' Service 10am