



Newsletter 1 Spring Term

8 January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a good break over the festive season.

The year has got off to a great start, with the children working really hard and our first "Children of the Week" of 2016 being celebrated in worship this morning.

Key Stage 2 has already enjoyed a trip to Chipping Norton Theatre to see the pantomime "Robin Hood" and we have more visitors in school next week to help bring a new dimension to the children's learning experiences.

Thank you to all of you who have supported us by making a voluntary contribution to these "extras". The teachers and office staff spend a lot of time organising them and trying to keep costs to a minimum, and we know as educators, how much the children benefit from them. Unfortunately, the school has made a loss on the pantomime visit, at a time when school budgets have been reduced quite significantly. This means that there will be other resources that we will not be able to provide and that we will have to think carefully about whether we go next year.

We do appreciate that December is an expensive time of the year, but we would always be happy to accept payment over a few months if that would help. The pantomime, which covers a large part of the English National Curriculum and provides a great stimulus for debate and writing, has to be booked in June, as so many schools want to experience it. If it would help we could ask for payment then. Please let me know what you think.

Our whole school values feature in our worships every week and we try to bring them into school life as much as we can. We also try to encourage the children to think about the values in their life outside of school too, so I thought it might be useful for you to have a copy of the poster that you will have seen displayed around school, as a reminder of those values. I'm attaching it to this newsletter.

Regards

Debbie McLeod
Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

11 Jan- Year 3 Egyptians Workshop
12 Jan- Year 5 Viking Experience Workshop
28 Jan- Library Van
12 Feb- End of Term 3
22 Feb- Back to School
23 Feb- Year 6 visit to Pizza Express
26 Feb-FoFS Bingo Night
3 March- Library Van
14 March- Year 3/4 Performance
15 March- Year 3/4 Performance
18 March-Sports Relief
19 March-FoFS Easter Egg Hunt
24 March- 10am Years 3/4 Easter Service
24 March- End of Term
11 April- Back to School
14 April- Library Van
2 May- Bank Holiday
9 May- SATs Week
12 May- Library Van
27 May- End of Term 5
6 June- INSET Day
7 June- Back to School
11 June- Summer Fete
16 June- Library Van
24 June- Sports Day
14 July- Library Van- Book Collection Only
14 July- Presentation Evening Year 6
20 July- Leavers' Service and End of Term