

"Growing and Learning Together with God."
Spring Term 1 Value : "Inspired Minds and Wisdom"



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Dear Parents and Carers,



This week it was good to meet with the Full Governing Body to discuss the position and direction of the school. I also attended an interesting BLIP Heads meeting in which we talked about issues pertaining to the progress and development of our schools in the county.

Breakfast Club

After half term Emma will only be running Breakfast Club on Monday and Friday mornings due to other commitments. For the remaining three days of the week I will be covering Breakfast Club, although we are still looking for a volunteer to cover these.

Please note that from that date Breakfast Club will run from 7.45am and NOT 7.30am as it is currently.

If anyone is willing and able to take over Breakfast Club completely, or part thereof, please speak to Val in the office. Do remember that you will be able to bring in with you your own (primary school age) child. We are still looking for an enthusiastic person to join the team!

ParentPay

Thanks to FoFS and their very generous donation Fritwell, over the next few months, will be moving onto ParentPay, a leading online payment service for schools. This will eliminate the need for cash and cheques when paying for trips, events, clubs, Breakfast Club, nursery, swimming etc, as all money can be transferred via ParentPay to our bank account. Everyone will have to sign up to use this system as we will no longer be able to accept cash or cheques but we assure you that it is very user-friendly and will be much easier for all.

Watch this space!

This Week's School Events

Tiddlers and Minnows "Meet the Teacher"

Thank you to those parents who attended the informal meeting held in the Early Years classroom on Monday evening. We hope that everyone was glad to meet the team and discuss any issues they wished to bring up.

Stingrays & Sharks Trip to Sheldonian Theatre

Today the Stingrays and Sharks travelled to Oxford to watch a music concert performed by the Youth Orchestra. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to see a live classical performance; they were very impressed with the ability of the musicians and thoroughly enjoyed her trip.



Class News

This week the *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* have been learning about life in colder climates and writing about their favourite activities to do in the snow. The *Sticklebacks* have been reading 'The Last Wolf' and writing letters to encourage people to look after animals' habitats. The children in *Seahorses* have made wonderful non-fiction books about Australian landmarks and animals. The *Stingrays* class has been looking at the Roman empire and practising their multiplication and division by 10 and 100. The *Sharks* have had a busy week learning all about the life cycle of plants and animals, and developing their historical research skills looking at different sources of evidence and thinking about how reliable they are. They have also started investigating the story of Atlantis and will be finding out if there is any truth in the legend.

Next Week's School Activities

Monday 3rd February

Girls' Football Match vs Eynsham – home

Wednesday 5th February

Whole School Trip to Hindu Temple (nursery closed)

Thursday 6th February

Bloxham Music Day

Thursday 6th February

Year 5 & 6 Hockey Tournament

Friday 7th February

Boys' Football Match vs Bure Park - away

"Child of the Week"

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week :

Minnows

Sticklebacks

Seahorses

Stingrays

Sharks

Oscar M, Perran E and Elliott S

Poppy H and Elexa S

Daniel D and William K

Maddison R and James B

Katie T and Dawson C-M



Health and Well-being in School

As part of our ongoing commitment to our children's emotional well-being, we are pleased to be taking part in a country-wide initiative to support children's mental health in schools. With this in mind, we will be holding a 'Well-being and Resilience' workshop for our Year 6's on the afternoon of Tuesday 28th April, and for the Year 5's on Tuesday 12th May.

STILL WANTED – Stay & Play Volunteer

Our "Stay & Play" on Friday mornings has had to close as our previous volunteer is now working. Stay & Play is held each Friday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am for mothers and carers to meet others with pre-nursery age children, and share a cup of tea while the little ones play. A £1 donation is given towards costs but there is no other work involved. If any of you are able and willing to take on this role, please let the office know.

Fresh Start

If any new parents would like their children to have a school dinner each day, or even just once a week, please contact Fresh Start on support@freshstartcatering.uk or 01869 226675. They will be happy to help by providing you with log in details to their website and menus and you can order from there.



The FoFS Section



The winner of this month's 100 Club draw is no. 21 – **Pauline Blake**.

Congratulations! Prize for this month is £54 – a cheque will be on its way.

There are still plenty of numbers available if you would like to join the Club. Please ask at the school office or a FoFS member for a form.



The tickets for the quiz are selling fast – over half the spaces have already been filled. If you would like to enter a team please complete the form attached to this email and return it to the office or a FoFS member. If you do not have a team but

would still like to join in, let FoFS know and they will find you a team.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We are holding lots of second hand uniform in various sizes and will soon be having a pop-up sale. In the meantime, we are short on some sizes for the older age groups. If you have any uniform you do not require and it is in good, wearable condition, please let us know and drop it off at the school office. If you do require anything urgently please get in contact with Samantha Colley (07444 434408).

I hope that you all have a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

<i>Mon 3rd Feb</i>	Girls' Football Match vs Eynsham – home
<i>Wed 5th Feb</i>	Whole School Trip to Hindu Temple (nursery closed)
<i>Thurs 6th Feb</i>	Bloxham Music Day
<i>Thurs 6th Feb</i>	Year 5 & 6 Hockey Tournament
<i>Fri 7th Feb</i>	Boys' Football Match vs Bure Park – away
<i>Mon 10th Feb</i>	Boys' Football Match vs Marsh Gibbon – home
<i>Tues 11th Feb</i>	Safer Internet Day
<i>Wed 12th Feb</i>	Year 1's to Fewcott House
<i>Fri 14th Feb</i>	Girls' Football Match vs Langford – home
<i>Fri 14th Feb</i>	Start of Half Term
<i>Mon 24th Feb</i>	Back to School
<i>Mon 24th Feb</i>	Girls' Football Match vs Chesterton – home
<i>Thurs 27th Feb</i>	Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament
<i>Fri 28th Feb</i>	Year 6's to Junior Citizens
<i>Fri 28th Feb</i>	Boys' Football Match vs Lawnton – home
<i>Fri 28th Feb</i>	FoFS Quiz Night
<i>Tues 3rd Mar</i>	Reception class Vision Screening
<i>Tues 3rd Mar</i>	Girls' Football Match vs St Mary's – home
<i>Thurs 5th Mar</i>	World Book Day – Little Miss and Mr Men
<i>Fri 6th Mar</i>	Poetry Day – NO CELEBRATION WORSHIP
<i>Tues 10th Mar</i>	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
<i>Wed 11th Mar</i>	Parents' Evening 5.00-7.00pm
<i>Wed 11th Mar</i>	Book Fair arrives for the week
<i>Thurs 12th Mar</i>	Year 1 & 2 Multiskills Festival
<i>Mon 16th – Thurs 19th Mar</i>	Year 5 Bikeability Training
<i>Mon 16th Mar</i>	Boys' Football Match vs Heyford Park – home
<i>Tues 17th Mar</i>	Boys' Football Match vs Southwold – away
<i>Wed 18th Mar</i>	Year 1's to Fewcott House
<i>Mon 23rd Mar</i>	Girls' Football Match vs Launton – home
<i>Sat 28th Mar</i>	FoFS Easter Egg Hunt