

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022



*Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Rehearsals and performances are well underway and it was our youngest children in Rainbows and Reception who led the first of our Nativity performances earlier this week. The children demonstrated confidence and enthusiasm and you never would have known it was their first performance to parents.

Key Stage One children performed 'The Big Little Nativity', filling the hall with singing, dancing and energy! I am sure all you were all really proud of your children - thank you for attending and supporting them.

We are all looking forward to the Key Stage Two performances next week and are really pleased to be welcomed back to St Laurence Church for the Year 5 Christingle Service and Year Six Carol Concert. The children have been practising really hard and are keen to share their hard work with you.

Christmas lunch was a big success on Thursday and the children enjoyed a special visit from Father Christmas. Thank you to Fresh Start and all the adults who helped make this happen.

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** we would like to invite all parents and carers to join us for **Carols on the Playground**. FOWS will be selling hot drinks, mince pies and doughnuts from 2:30pm with carols from **2:45pm**. We hope you will be able to join us for a final opportunity for some festive fun before the Christmas break.

Across the school the children have been reading and exploring a selection of Christmas themed books to develop their English skills and linking learning across the curriculum as part of our annual Christmas Book Week. Look out for our Reading Newsletter next week.

On a final note, the weather has turned really cold in the last few days, please make sure that your child is dressed in warm clothes and has a named coat in school for break and lunchtimes.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

*Samantha Dumbleby*  
Headteacher

### Child of the Week

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone brightly:

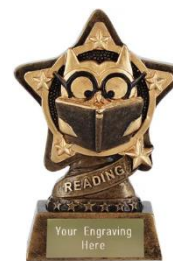
Year 1: Finley & Newman  
Year 2: Molly & Luna  
Year 3: Jake & Luca  
Year 4: William & Maxi  
Year 5: Harry & Ramia  
Year 6: Georgia & Eva



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## Accelerated Readers

The following classes have been awarded the Reading Trophies this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:



<b>2YM</b>
<b>3BB</b>
<b>4SW</b>
<b>5EA</b>
<b>6FH</b>

## Scarlet Fever and Strep A

We are continuing to follow guidance from Buckinghamshire Council and UKHSA to ensure our children can learn and develop in a safe environment. Please continue to be vigilant and look out for symptoms in your child.

### Key messages: Symptoms

Look out for symptoms in your child which include:

- Sore throat
- Fever
- A pink or red rash with a sandpapery feel

If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- ❖ contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- ❖ make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics if prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- ❖ keep your child at home until at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection to others

## Rainbows Pre-School and Starting School in September 2023

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 you can now apply for a school place at [Buckinghamshire School Admissions](#). If you would like a place for child in Reception in September 2023, you must apply for a place, even if your child is at currently attending Rainbows Pre-school.

**The application deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023, please do not miss it.**

## Parking

We have received complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking on the roads surrounding the school. Please park thoughtfully, remembering not to block driveways or roads and parking as far away from the school as possible. It is important that in the event of an emergency, vehicles such as fire engines and ambulances are able to gain access without parked cars blocking entrance routes. Thank you for your support with this.

## Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimpleby, Mrs Tracy Thomas or Mrs Katie Epps via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns. For more safeguarding information please visit our website.

## What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimpleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



## Buckinghamshire's Family Support Service – Money and benefits

Are you worried about finances? Don't know who to turn to?

Buckinghamshire Family Support Service are running drop in sessions for information and signposting at the following places:

**Southcourt Family Centre Plus** Friday 25 November (11.30am to 12.30noon)

**Wing Family Centre** Tuesday 6 December (11.30am to 12.30noon)

**Buckingham Family Centre** Wednesday 14 December (2pm to 4.30pm)

For further information, please contact them on 01296 383293 or see their website <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (pm) and Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (am)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (6:00pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)	EYFS Stay and Play for Reception Parents – Crafts
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December (2:30pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Musical performance at Swan House Care Home
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of School for pupils
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the playground
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET DAY
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	



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