



Friday 13th October 2023

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 has been another week of exciting learning opportunities across the school this week. On Monday, the children in Year Six set off on their Residential visit to PGL in Liddington. They have enjoyed a range of outdoor and adventurous activities including: raft building, zip lining, fencing, abseiling and Jacob's ladder. I had the pleasure of joining the children and staff team at the beginning of the week and was incredibly proud of their support and encouragement for each other. All of the children approached the different activities with determination and courage, challenging themselves and each other to accomplish personal goals. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow throughout the week.

This visit would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the staff team. I would like to thank Mrs Epps for organising the trip, all the teachers and support staff who went on the residential, and of course the children for being so wonderful – we are very proud of them all!



Those children in Year Six who were unable to attend the residential have also had a week of curriculum enrichment opportunities. This has included designing and cooking muffin pizzas, exploring how to create patterns on materials using tie dye and problem solving and code breaking.

Class teachers are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to Parents' Evenings on Monday 16th October and Wednesday 18th October. Reception, Year One and Year Two meetings will take place in the children's classrooms. All of the Key Stage Two parent meetings will take place in the hall. Please enter the school through the main entrance.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Polite Reminder – Drop off and Collection Safety

Please can I remind parents and carers that children should not be playing in the MUGA or on the play equipment, or riding bikes and scooters on the playgrounds at morning drop off or after school. This is to ensure the safety of our community as the playground is a busy place during these times of day. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance

Well done to 2JW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.72%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 97.49%.

The table below demonstrates how much school children miss if they are absent and it is surprising how this adds up. We are fully aware that the circumstances around Covid and subsequent other illnesses that children have contracted are mainly responsible and unavoidable for the majority of absences. As a school, we aim for positive promotion of good attendance for all.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is....	over 13 years schooling
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years

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 particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Year 1: Riley & Daisy
Year 2: Caleb & Molly
Year 3: Polina & Sebastian
Year 4: Lola & Wren
Year 5: Hugo & Victoria
Year 6: Sitara & Leo



Girl Guiding - Rainbows and Brownies

Please find attached some information about Girl Guiding and how your children can get involved in a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun. They can get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, develop skills and have outdoor adventures, developing self-confidence while building friendships.



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FOWS



Break the Rules Day

FOWS are pleased to announce that Break the Rules Day is back on **Thursday 19th October**. The children are invited to bring in 50p for every rule they want to break. They can pick as many as they like, just choose from the following:

- Non School Uniform (Full)
- Crazy Hair
- Bright Tights/Socks
- Nail Polish
- Temporary Tattoo
- Bring a treat for your break time snack
- Wear Trainers




We can't wait to see which rules you choose to break - will you be brightening up the playground with crazy hair, or enjoying a chocolate filled snack in your favourite outfit?

Please make sure you dress for the weather.



Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, 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.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Tracy Thomas Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor Mr David Shaw	

What can we do even better as a school?

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



Diary Dates

Please find below our autumn term calendar of events for your immediate attention. This will be published on our school website and updated as appropriate over the coming weeks.

Date	Event
Friday 13 th October (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 13 th October	Y6 Secondary Transfer Test Results Released
Monday 16 th October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 18 th October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 18 th October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 19 th October	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Thursday 19 th October	Last day of term for pupils
Friday 20 th October	INSET Day
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October)	
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school
Tuesday 31 st October	Y6 Secondary Application Deadline
Thursday 2 nd November	Outdoor Learning Day
Wednesday 8 th November	Whole School Photographs
Thursday 9 th November (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)
Sunday 12 th November	Remembrance in Winslow
Tuesday 14 th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Disco Year 1 and Year 2 Year 5 and 6 Disco
Thursday 16 th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Reception Disco Year 3 and 4 Disco
wc 13 th November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)
Thursday 16 th November (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 23 rd November	SENDCo Drop in Clinic
Friday 24 th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day
Saturday 25 th November(11:00am – 2:00pm)	FOWS Christmas Fete
wc 4 th December	Christmas Book Week
Monday 4 th December	FOWS Pantomine
Tuesday 5 th December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 6 th December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 6 th December (2:00pm) and Friday 8 th December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Monday 11 th December (6pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church
Tuesday 12 th December (pm) and Wednesday 13 th December (am)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 th December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)	EYFS Stay and Play for Reception Parents – Crafts

Wednesday 13 th December (pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert
Tuesday 19 th December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground
Tuesday 19 th December	Last Day of School for pupils
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Thursday 4 th January 2023	

This Term's Value is:

Respect

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Luke 6:31

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