



Friday 12th January 2024

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,

Happy New Year and welcome to the spring term! With the dark mornings and colder days, we eagerly await the freshness and vibrancy of the spring. This term brings new opportunities for our children and we aim to nurture not just academic excellence but also personal development, fostering a supportive and enriching environment for every child.

The term began last week with exciting and creative energy during our much-anticipated 'January Art Days.' These special days were dedicated to fostering the artistic talents of all children across the school, providing them with opportunities to explore the world of art through various painting pathways from AccessArt.

Each class embarked on a unique artistic journey, resulting in a showcase of diverse artworks spanning different themes, surfaces, and techniques. Our youngest children explored the exciting realm of painting on various surfaces, sparking their curiosity and imagination. While Year One delved into the enchanting world of water colours, bringing their own imaginative visions to life, Year Two were inspired by Henri Rousseau's iconic painting *Surprise*, using paints to capture the spirit of the jungle and unleash their creativity.

Titled '*Cloth, Paint, and Thread*,' Year Three engaged in a multi-dimensional exploration, combining different artistic elements to craft unique and textured masterpieces. Focusing on the theme of "Still Life," Year Four employed painted collage pieces to breathe life into their creations, resulting in captivating and dynamic compositions.

Year Five delved into the world of "Mixed Media," drawing inspiration from the National Gallery's Take One Picture image, *A Courtyard of a House in Delft* by Pieter de Hooch.

With the theme of "Exploring Identity," Year six showcased their artistic prowess through intricate pencil portraits, adorned with colourful, collaged, and painted backgrounds reflecting their individual interests.

We look forward to sharing the kaleidoscope of artwork in a Gallery for all to enjoy later this term. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff for guiding and inspiring our students throughout this artistic journey and Mrs Pool our Art Curriculum Leader. These curriculum opportunities remind us of the boundless potential within each child.

Here's to a wonderful spring term ahead, filled with learning, laughter and memorable experiences.

Thank you for your continued support - have a relaxing weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimpleby

Headteacher



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Uniform Reminders

I would like to thank all our parents who make sure their children arrive at school in the correct school uniform. We are really proud of our school uniform and expect all children to wear it. Below is a reminder of the expectations for all pupils:

- Footwear with uniform should be black or brown practical school shoes. **Trainers or fashion boots are not permitted** as an alternative to school shoes.
- PE uniform is a plain white or navy blue t-shirt with blue or white plain shorts and a navy tracksuit for outdoor PE sessions - **No football strips allowed.**
- Distinctive hairstyles, including tramlines and coloured, dyed hair are not suitable for school.
- If ears are pierced, only one pair of studs may be worn for safety reasons. These should not be worn on PE days, but if they cannot be removed, they must be covered up with tape.
- Make up, including nail varnish, is not permitted in school.
- Long hair should be tied back. Headbands should be plain and simple, in school colours (navy, grey, white and black)

All clothing, including coats and shoes, should and clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for your support with this.

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':

Reception: Eva & Leandra
Year 1: Kiera & Skyla-Rae
Year 2: Cedar & Lily
Year 3: Amelia & Blake
Year 4: Sean-Victor & Evelyn
Year 5: Henry & Billy
Year 6: Jaydon & Abigail



Attendance

Well done to 4KF who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 100%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.05%.

What are the rules around taking children out of school during term time?

We are not able to authorise term time leave for children unless in exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave must be made in writing in advance by the parent or carer to the Headteacher using the school's Leave of Absence form. Holidays, trips abroad to visit relatives and family events do not qualify as exceptional circumstances. If you would like to discuss a term time absence, please speak to a member of the school office or the Headteacher.

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Accelerated Readers

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

2AA
3AP
4KF
5FG
6CM



Rainbows Pre-School and Starting School in September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you can now apply for a school place at [Buckinghamshire School Admissions](#). If you would like a place for child in Reception in September 2024, you must apply for a place, even if your child is at currently attending Rainbows Pre-school.

The application deadline is 15th January 2024 - please do not miss it.

FOWS



It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at the FOWS Meeting this week. The next meeting will be on Monday 26th February @8:00pm at the Bell in Winslow.

FOWS have received some donations of warm winter coats. If your child is in need of a second-hand coat, please contact the FOWS team by emailing fowswinslow@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support

Jazzercise

Did you know Jazzercise use the school hall 3 times per week? And for 2024, Jazzercise are offering our parents and staff a special offer. For a limited time, you can get two months of Jazzercise for only £59. That's two months of euphoric, shake-your-groove-thing, "wow I FEEL the difference" workouts—no strings attached! But hurry, this offer expires Friday 26th January. Contact the school office for more information.

On-line Safety - Is YouTube safe?

The NSPCC have produced this article discussing the risks associated with using YouTube and the safety settings and features that are available depending on how old your child is and what they do on YouTube. You can access the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-on-youtube/>

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Katie Epps or Miss Allen 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 Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Miss Daisy Allen 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 spring 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	Year Group
Tuesday 23 rd January (9:00am-10:00am)	Phonics Information Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
wc Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole School
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Date TBC	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening	Whole School
Tuesday 6 th February (5:00pm-6:00pm)	SATS Information Evening for Parents	Year Six
Wednesday 7 th February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Maths Stay and Play Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Thursday 8 th February	FOWS 5p Challenge Launch	Whole School
Thursday 8 th February	Interim Reports to Parents	Reception – Year six
Friday 9 th February	INSET DAY – school closed to children	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February)		
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school	Whole School
Monday 19 th February (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 21 st February (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening	Reception – Year Six
Tuesday 5 th March (2:00pm)	KS2 Reading Information Session	Year Three – Year Six
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Whole School
Friday 8 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
wc 11 th March	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 13 th March	Group Photographs	Reception and Year Six
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day	Whole School
Tuesday 19 th March – Thursday 21 st March	Woodrow Residential	Year Four
Tuesday 19 th March	Stay and Read Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
wc 25 th March	Bikeability	Year Three
Tuesday 26 th March	Trip to Science Oxford	Year One and Year Two
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 15 th April 2024		

This Term's Value is:

Honesty

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"

Matthew 5:8

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