



Thursday 8th February 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,

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day. Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world and this year the theme was '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'.

This week, we have been celebrating Safer Internet Day by completing age-appropriate activities in class relating to staying safe online and making the best out of modern technologies - while also being mindful of the potential risks and how to deal with these should they arise. As well as this, this week's Computing lessons have been internet safety focused, with Early Years and KS1 listening and reacting to stories involving characters dealing with technology, while KS2 have been invited to play interactive games which explore the digital world and help build children's confidence while using the internet.



These games and stories, along with other useful information for parents on how best to keep children safe online, can be found on websites such as: www.thinkuknow.co.uk; www.netsmartkids.org and www.childnet.com.

Safer Internet Day provides us with a great opportunity to have a conversation with our children about their online lives as well as provide us with an opportunity to brush up on our own knowledge of all things online with lots of resources and online activities available.

These top tips have been written for parents and carers to help you support your child to stay safe and happy online.

- **Inspire change by modelling how to be safe online**
Just like in their offline lives, children need role models online too. Set clear and fair expectations about how the whole family should use the internet and technology, and demonstrate these yourself.
- **Make a difference by having regular discussions about the online world**
Having regular and open conversations with your child about their use of technology and the internet is the best way to stay up to date, not only with changes in the online world, but also with what they are doing and seeing online.
- **Manage influence by researching the content and games your child enjoys the most**
Giving young people the opportunity to talk about their life online, and enjoying online content together, can be a great way to gain an insight into the content they are viewing.
- **Navigate change by knowing where to go for further support**
If your child needs help, it's important you know where to go for further support. Using the report and block buttons, websites such as 'Report Harmful Content', and other

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safety tools is a great starting point. It can also help to talk to other parents and carers who may have experienced something similar.

On Wednesday we were delighted to invite parents and carers from Reception and Key Stage One to a '*Maths Stay and Play*' session. We hope this provided a snapshot of how we teach maths, even if the session was cut short by an evacuation due to the alarm being unexpectedly activated! Thank you for your patience and understanding while we followed our fire safety procedures and ensured that all visitors, adults and children were accounted for. I hope this didn't cause too many of you to be late for work or other appointments and appreciate your understanding.

We are looking forward to seeing you this afternoon, between 2:45 and 4:00pm, for our Art Exhibition in the school hall. Please come along before or after collecting your child at the end of the day and thank you in advance for your support with this.

I hope you have a wonderful half-term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February, when the children return to school.

Mrs Samantha Dimpleby

Headteacher

Interim Reports and Parents' Evening

Interim Reports will be sent home with your children today, reporting on their achievements and progress at the half way point in the year against the National Curriculum. These also include information about their behaviour and learning attitudes.

We feel it would be beneficial for you to spend some time sharing and discussing this report with your child. There will be an opportunity to discuss any concerns arising from the report or answer any other questions you may have at the forthcoming Parents' Evening in the week beginning 19th February. Please remember that clubs are not running this week.

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: Ethan & Tiger
Year 1: Noah & Baxter
Year 2: Chloe & Harry
Year 3: Georgia & Esmee
Year 4: Maisie & Chloe
Year 5: Eli & Honore
Year 6: Baeleigh & Edward



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Attendance

Well done to 4KF who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.06%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 93.36%.

The average whole school attendance for the academic year so far is 94.69%.

We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home. If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.00am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school.

Accelerated Readers

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

2AA
3AP
4SW
5FG
6CM



FOWS



FOWS are excited to bring back the 5p Class Challenge!

From the **8th February**, each class have been given a plastic bottle to fill with as many 5p coins as they can. The class with the highest total by the end of **Monday 4th March** will win a cash prize of £30 for their class!

Please check your pockets, bags, and down the sides of the sofa for any spare 5p coins and save these to fill the class bottles. Good luck everyone, and thank you again for your continued support!

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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
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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